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Political debate shows ugly face

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JERUSALEM — As Israeli and Palestinian negotiators edge closer to agreements on expanding autonomy to the West Bank, Israel's political leaders have been warned that they themselves may be in danger.

Two leading newspapers reported last week that the government is treating seriously threats to both Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

Yediot Aharanot reported that personal protection has been stepped up for Rabin and Peres, while *Ha'aretz* quoted Police Minister Moshe Shahal as saying he had reliable information on far-right activists intending to attack cabinet ministers.

The government has approached leaders on the right in an effort to stem the escalation of heated rhetoric, media reports said, but details of those talks remained sketchy.

Included in talks with Rabin and Peres was opposition Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu, who refused to divulge the content of the meetings.

But Netanyahu appealed for tolerance toward the government and by the government.

He argued that he "never needed any special security alerts to oppose labelling Rabin a 'traitor' or a 'murderer.'

"For months, I have strenuously condemned such epithets and I continue to do so. Voicing legitimate opposition to the government's policies should continue vigorously, but within the limits of the law."

But, he continued, "Rabin must cease his ongoing incitement against what he calls the right. He must learn to accept the democratic rules of the game, within which opposition to his policies is not tantamount to treason, subversion or collusion with the enemy.

"As for the sanctimonious left, I wish only to ask why it kept so silent when for months, demonstrators dogged the late prime minister Menachem Begin, calling him a murderer."

Not everyone was moved by the reports of threats to Labor politicians.

Former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir said the concern over the safety of Rabin and Peres is "a transparent manoeuvre, a provocation and an attempt by the government to incite the public against the opposition.

"There are no facts to back these so-called news reports of threats against the prime minister. This is all an attempt to divert attention from this government's failed and disastrous policies," Shamir said in a statement.

"But this attempt is dangerous because it may plant precisely such ideas in some demented mind. There are crazies everywhere, and when one of them sought to assassinate Ronald Reagan, no one claimed that the Democratic Party in the United States was behind it. For this government, however, no matter what happens, it's the Likud's doing."

WELCOME TO THE ARMY
President Ezer Weizman extends a hand of welcome and greeting to new recruits into the Israel Defence Forces. *[Isranet photo]*

'Call us if you need help'

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — While Michal Raveh lay in a hospital bed recovering from injuries received in the recent bus bombing in Jerusalem, she was visited by a stranger who slipped a card in her hand.

"Call us if you need help," it read and was signed AVNET.

Hundreds of Israelis have received similar cards in the last year and a half ever since a rabbi in Gush Katif decided to establish an organization to help the growing number of victims of terrorist attacks and their families.

AVNET, an acronym for the Hebrew phrase *Avi Nifga'ay Terror* (the father of victims of terror), is a non-profit association set up by Rabbi Yosef El-Nekave.

"The name is inspired by a passage in the book of psalms that praises him who is a father to orphans and widows," explains Rabbi El-Nekave, who is the rabbi of Gush Katif, the bloc of Jewish settlements in the Gaza Strip.

The group is not political, he is quick to point out. (The organization is not to be confused with Victims of Terror, a right-wing movement that coordinates anti-government protests.) Instead AVNET is involved in the personal plight of victims: helping a widow make a bar mitzvah for her son, inviting her to spend a holiday at a kibbutz or organizing a summer camp for her children.

In this respect, AVNET strives to supplement the assistance that the state provides to families of terror victims, (which includes coverage of hospital bills, living allowances, professional retraining and referrals to psychologists and social workers.)

Feature

"The state offers financial help. But that's not enough," says Esther Pechina, whose husband remains physically handicapped and brain damaged after a terrorist attack in Gush Katif three years ago.

"We need more than a cheque in the mail," explains Sylvia Dahari, another widow from Gush Katif, who was instrumental in establishing AVNET. Dahari was left to raise six children on her own after her husband, Avigdor, was killed by a terrorist near their home in 1989. For years, Dahari dealt with her pain privately, until she happened to meet several other widows spending Chanukah at a hotel in Gush Katif. They had all been invited there by the hotel manager and his family.

"It was the first time since my loss that anyone had bothered to invite me to spend a holiday with them," recalls Dahari. After attending a Torah lesson at the hotel given by Rabbi El-Nekave, Dahari approached the rabbi and asked him whether he was doing anything to ease the plight of the community's widows and orphans, many of them the families of men who had been killed by terrorists. The rabbi called her the next morning.

"He said he was so disturbed by our conversation that he couldn't sleep all night," she recalls.

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Shul Site Defaced

VANCOUVER — The site of a proposed new building for Har El Congregation in North Vancouver was defaced by vandals on August 25. The words "Juden Raus," and a huge swastika were painted on a hoarding surrounding the property.

Canadian Jewish Congress Pacific region chair Michael Elterman called on the Vancouver police department to "take swift action in investigating and apprehending the perpetrators."

ISRAEL

IDF Soldier Killed

JERUSALEM — An Israel Defence Force soldier was killed in an accident during an exercise along the northern border on August 27, the army reported.

Sgt. Dotan Barak, 20, was killed when an army vehicle slid down an embankment and hit him.

The army is investigating.

Gay Appeal Denied

JERUSALEM — A Defence Ministry appeals committee last week turned down a gay man's claim that as a long-term companion of an army colonel, he was entitled to the same benefits the army extends to spouses of deceased soldiers.

Adir Steiner, 28, had asked to be eligible for the benefits, after his partner of eight years, Col. Doron Maisel, a senior army doctor, died of cancer in 1991.

The committee ruled that army regulations never intended to grant benefits to partners of the same sex.

Editor Charged

JERUSALEM — The editor-in-chief of the Israeli daily *Ma'ariv* and its chief of security were indicted last month on charges of illegal wiretapping and interfering with a police investigation.

A date for the hearings of editor Ofer Nimrodi and security chief David Ronen will be determined soon.

The charges state Nimrodi hired private detectives to wiretap telephones and fax machines of senior editorial executives at a competing newspaper, *Yediot Achronot*.

Nimrodi was also charged with ordering wiretaps on the telephones of his own employees.

Activists Expelled

TEL AVIV — Israel last week expelled 10 Greenpeace activists after they staged anti-nuclear protests outside the French and Chinese embassies in Tel Aviv.

The protesters — all foreign — chained themselves to fences and scaffolding, spray-painted anti-nuclear slogans and tried to block embassy entrances in demonstrations against the two countries' nuclear testing.

The 10, including two Americans, were briefly detained and then returned to the Greenpeace ship *Altar* anchored off the Israeli coast, said police spokesperson Eric Bar-Chen.

Three Israeli protesters were also detained and released on bail, he said. The foreign protesters were told not to return to Israel, but the ship was allowed to remain in Israeli waters, he said.

Rabbis Support Peace

JERUSALEM — A delegation of six New York rabbis arrived in Jerusalem last week for three days of meetings intended to show government officials that Americans support the peace process.

"They are coming to Israel to break the image of American Jews as extremists," said an official at Israel's consulate in New York, which organized the trip.

The delegation represents the New York Board of Rabbis. With 800 members, the board is one of the largest rabbinic organizations in the United States, and has Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist rabbis as members.

"While we are appalled by the bloody killings of Jews on buses or streets, we still believe the mainstream voice of American Jewry supports the peace process," the rabbis said in a statement.

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WORLD

Graves Defaced

PRAGUE — Vandals last month daubed 11 gravestones with swastikas and the letters "SS" in the Jewish cemetery of Klatovy in western Bohemia, according to the World Jewish Congress (WJC).

No arrests have been made by Czech Republic police in connection with the incident, thought to have occurred between August 7 and 13.

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Rabbis disagree over Mideast peace process

"Sense of confusion permeates"

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A memorial service for Israeli terror victims took on a political tone last week when two Orthodox rabbis offered divergent interpretations on the issue of relinquishing part of the land of Israel.

The disagreement came unexpectedly, when Rabbi Mark Dratch rose to his feet and addressed several hundred people in the sanctuary at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, where he is spiritual leader.

He spoke immediately after Rabbi Moshe Stern, president of the Vaad Harabonim (Orthodox Council), offered a Torah interpretation that suggested the land of Israel must always remain under Jewish control.

Though he was not scheduled to address the memorial service, Rabbi Dratch said he felt obliged to make some remarks.

Rabbi Dratch went on to cite a number of rabbis who argue that land can be relinquished in return for peace.

In his keynote remarks, Rabbi Stern had dismissed suggestions that peace will result from the transfer of land to the Palestinians and the improvement of their economic condition.

Citing Ramban's commentary on a Torah passage, Rabbi Stern said the land of Israel "will never accept our enemies ... They may live there, but it will be in a desert, in an unproductive strip of land.

"Vaad does not have official position"

"The Torah message is that Eretz Yisrael was meant to be forever in the hands of the Jewish people. It was never meant for others," Rabbi Stern concluded.

Rabbi Stern expressed "grief and shock at the deaths of innocent Jews killed on the buses on the way to work" and for the hundreds of others killed or maimed by terrorists.

"A sense of confusion permeates the Jewish community, even those who support the treaties and negotiations. We are confused that a Jewish government is prepared to abandon 140,000 of its brothers and sisters," he said in reference to Jews living in Judea and Samaria (the West Bank).

We are confused that the government would send police out to beat peaceful demonstrators."

Rabbi Dratch later told *The CJN* the "Vaad Harabonim does not have an official position" on the peace talks.

He said the evening should have been dedicated to prayer only, adding that some rabbis would disagree with the views expressed by Rabbi Stern.

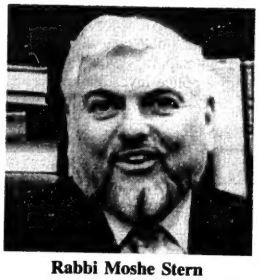
In an interview, the memorial's chair, Kurt Rothschild, said he did not view Rabbi Stern's comments as inappropriate. "[His] remarks were not political in nature. They're an interpretation of what the Torah considers the law in regards to Eretz Yisrael.

"In my opinion, it was a religious discussion and not a matter of political activism," Rothschild, chair of the World Mizrachi Organization, said.

The memorial program was jointly sponsored by the Vaad Harabonim and the Mizrachi Organization of Canada.

Prior to the memorial service, a Canadian supporter of Women in Green, a group opposed to the transfer of land, handed out a two-sided sheet in the shul's lobby that criticized the upcoming Israel/PLO agreement to withdraw from West Bank territory.

It also blamed the government for a violent crackdown on peaceful protestors from the "Nationalist Camp."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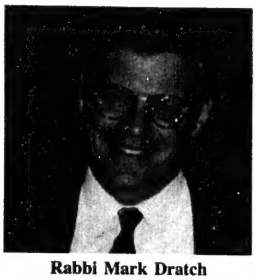
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Shul to fete Bitterman

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For the past 18 years, Morris Bitterman's life has been interwoven with that of Beth Tikvah Congregation. Next week the synagogue will fete him on his retirement.

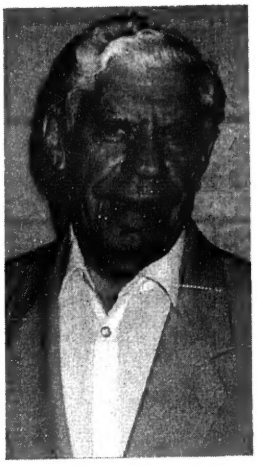
As ritual director for the past 18 years, Bitterman would open the synagogue doors at 7 a.m., lead daily services, give divrei Torah, teach bar and bat mitzvah lessons and participate in life cycle events such as weddings and baby namings.

In the past decade, he began lecturing about his experiences during and after the Holocaust, when he tried to immigrate to Palestine in 1947 on board the ill-fated *Exodus*. Although he was forced to return to Europe, along with about 5,000 other passengers, he returned to fight in Israel's War of Independence.

A quiet-spoken man with thick white hair and a gentle manner, Bitterman decided to speak out because "no one lives forever. This should not be forgotten. As long as we remember, Holocaust deniers haven't got a chance."

Born in 1926 in Kroscienko, a Polish resort town, Bitterman celebrated his bar mitzvah a mere six months before war broke out in 1939.

The pre-war Jewish community in Kroscienko consisted of about 60 families, all of whom were religious, Bitterman said. His family owned a knitting mill and a restaurant catering to Jewish vacationers. One of 10 children, Bitterman attended Jewish school after his day at public school.



Morris Bitterman

Along with an older brother, he was sent to a work camp at the age of 16. He had lied about his age and was put to work building roads. "I passed the first test," he said.

His brother took ill and was hospitalized, never to be seen again. The rest of the family perished at Treblinka. Bitterman was moved through seven camps before the war was over.

Alone after liberation, he studied English, Hebrew and German, then joined a "kibbutz" in Germany to prepare for aliyah.

In 1947, he left for Palestine on the *Exodus*, an overcrowded wooden vessel that was attacked by British war ships just outside Haifa. Eventually the passengers were taken to detention camps in Hamburg, Germany.

Bitterman finally reached his destination in time to see Israel become a state. He spent 1½ years in the army.

"I happened to be taken to the Palmach, and I went to the front lines," he recalls. "It was a good feeling to be in the army in Israel."

Bitterman came to Canada in 1952 to visit a cousin, and ended up staying. He and his wife Frances were married in 1956 and had two sons. Their happy marriage ended with her death from cancer in 1990.

Bitterman, who had had experience teaching teenage orphans on the kibbutz in Germany, was certified as a Hebrew teacher at Toronto's Midrasha l'Morim. Prior to joining Beth Tikvah, he worked as a Hebrew teacher in Hamilton.

Now that he is retired, he continues to share his Jewish knowledge with a small number of students.

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We omitted to identify the photographer of the picture that accompanied the article about the Rose family reunion in last week's issue. The photographer was Barry Shainbaum. *CJN* apologizes.

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Batsheva Dance Company celebrates 30th anniversary

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The internationally renowned Batsheva Dance Company of Israel is celebrating its 30th anniversary.

The troupe, established in 1964 by Baroness Batsheva de Rothschild, will appear Sept. 14 at the Bluma Appel Theatre, St. Lawrence Centre of the Arts, under auspices of the Canada-Israel Cultural Fundation.

Dancer-choreographer Martha Graham, who worked personally with the company, was its most pervasive influence, amd with the appointment of 43-year-old Israeli-born choreographer Ohad Naharin as artisic director, the Batsheva Dance Company has soared to the forefront of contemporary dance. It has also benefited from the influx of professional Russian dancers.

Helping to launch the Canadian celebration of Jerusalem 3000, the company will also appear in Montreal at Place des Arts Sept. 19 and the National Arts Centre in Ottawa Sept. 21.

The performance in Toronto will be followed by a reception sponsored by the Ford Motor Company of Canada. Tickets for the concert are $100 and a tax-deductible receipt for the allowable amount will be issued.

The Canada-Israel Cultural Foundation encourages and supports the peforming and visual arts in Israel.

In 1990, Batsheva entered a new era under Naharin, who assembled a group of compelling dancers with international flavor and a strong individual style.

Batsheva is now a focal meeting point for artists of all disciplines. Lighting, set and costume designers, composers and filmmakers have all found a haven for unique collaborations. More than 130,000 people around the world see the Company's distinctly unique and daring repertory every year.

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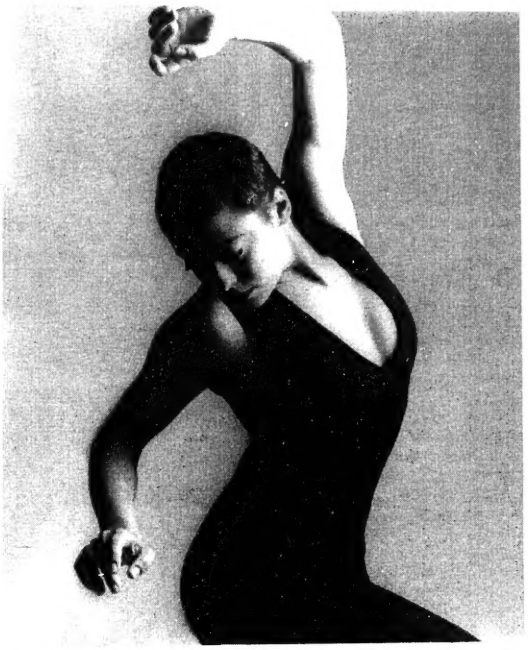


Israel's Batsheva Dance Company comes to Canada this month. [Gadi Dagon Photo]

Getting ahead in Hollywood

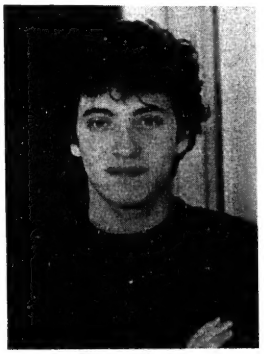
By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to the CJN

TORONTO — At 31, former Torontonian Larry Guterman is taking Hollywood by storm.

Having just completed the master's program in film at the University of Southern California (USC), Guterman has already written an episode for the American television series, *Tales From the Crypt*. Both Paramount and TriStar have hired him to write feature films and his name is under consideration at 20th Century Fox.

As part of the USC master's program, Guterman wrote and directed *Headless!*, a 35-minute black comedy that tells the story of an elderly couple in the Arizona desert who sell mail-order shrunken heads. The film was shown to the filmmaker's family, friends and professional associates recently during two private screenings at a downtown Toronto sound studio.

Although *Headless!* has the look of a slick production costing $500,000 or more, it actually cost only $55,000 to make, since most of those who participated in production, including actor Eddie Albert, worked for free. Guterman says he was able to get a script to Albert, who volunteered himself for a part.



Larry Guterman

"There are so many talented people to choose from in Los Angeles and they are willing to work for free because they don't know what will come out of it," says Guterman, who showed would-be participants a film prospectus that included a glowing letter of reference from American film director Robert Zemeckis (*Forrest Gump, Back to the Future, Roger Rabbit*).

Headless! is a remarkable cinematic debut by a promising artist who shows a keen understanding and control of the medium. His parents, Monty and Blema Mazin of North York, recall that Larry was interested in film even as a child.

Having earned an undergraduate degree in physics from Harvard, Guterman also studied film animation at Sheridan College in Toronto. He credits his years of Hebrew day school in Toronto with helping him survive and flourish in the topsy-turvy world of Los Angeles. (Another former Hebrew day school student in Toronto, Andrew Eisen, worked on Guterman's film as editor and associate producer.)

"Hebrew school gives you a foot in both camps," Guterman says. "It instils strong family and educational values in you that allow you to look at the world with a certain anchored perspective. And it puts you in an environment with a lot of very creative people who strive to excel."

The grandson of a rabbi, Guterman recently became a member of the American Screenwriters Guild.

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Couple celebrates their 60th

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "That's my girlfriend," says perennial kibbitzer Morris Kornbloom, indicating his wife Billie.

The Kornblooms were married on Sept. 8, 1935, in a small shul on Manning Avenue. Morris was 20 and Billie was 21.

Every year he buys her a box of chocolates on the anniversary of the day they met. As a teenager, Toronto-born Billie Shatz sold pop and cigarettes from a cart at 179 John St., and Morris, a young immigrant from Chmelnik, Poland, worked upstairs at Perfect Leather making leather jackets.

"He bought more Cokes than anybody else," recalls Billie fondly.

"Why did I marry her? She gave me credit," deadpans Morris.

"Now the truth comes out," Billie laughs.

Kibbitzing aside, the secret to a happy marriage is remembering that it's a fifty-fifty proposition, says Morris. "We tried to help each other. We had disagreements, but when one was mad, the other kept quiet. The next day, we sat down and talked it over."

According to Billie, the secret is "just love. That's the main thing."

Their courtship had its ups and downs. Morris' parents were against him marrying before his older sister, but after two years he summoned his courage and told them that he was going to get married.

The young couple moved in with Billie's mother on D'Arcy Street and lived there until after the arrival of their three children, Maxine (Lieberman) Judy (Taub) and Allan. The family of five moved into a new house in North York and became charter members of Adath Israel Congregation.

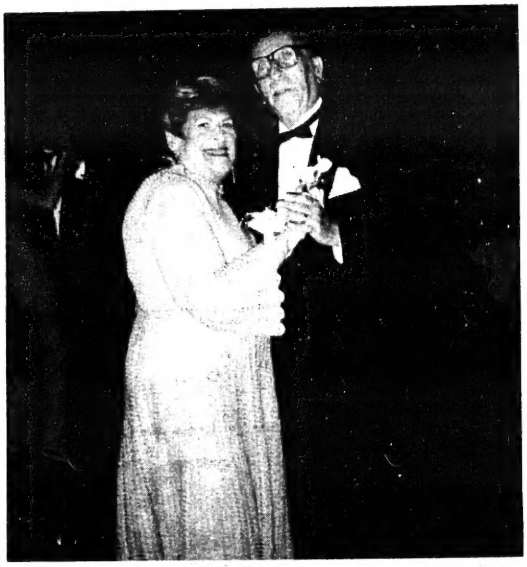
Morris spent time organizing B'nai Brith Canada's Wilson Heights lodge, and Billie was involved with B'nai Brith Women, becoming their top fundraiser in 1972.

When the children were grown, Billie worked with Morris at J & M Sport Shop, the retail store he bought in the late 1950s.

"They're a really warm, devoted couple," says Maxine.

Their family — which has grown to include 10 grandchildren, and one great-grandchild, with two more on the way — has planned a party to celebrate their 60th anniversary.

Morris and Billie Kornbloom — then and now.



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Limelight falls on Friedman as honoree at ORT gala

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Helen Friedman has tried to keep a low profile.

But she will be in the limelight on Sept. 14, as the honoree at ORT's 21st Golden Circle Gala Luncheon at the home of Judy and Sheldon Godfrey.

The money raised will provide scholarships at the ORT School of Engineering in Jerusalem.

Guest speaker Sylvia Ostry is the chair of the Centre for International Studies at the University of Toronto, chancellor of the University of Waterloo and chair of the National Council of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs.

Helen Friedman

Commitment, dedication

"Helen defines the word commitment and dedication in our Jewish community," says Ruth Druxerman, co-chair of the 1995 luncheon with Libby Zimmerman.

Friedman says she learned tzedakah and commitment from her parents, Rose and Israel (Srule) Weinberg, who were active in the Ostrovtzer Synagogue on Cecil Street and in Jewish education.

Friedman met her husband, Jack, when she was 16. She had been accepted into a nursing school in New Jersey, but says, "I became a homemaker instead ... I did what everyone else did in those days."

She became a volunteer at the National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section, and then organized fundraising events such as a lecture series at the Royal Ontario Museum, a furniture auction, concerts, house tours and bus trips.

She has been involved with State of Israel Bonds, Tel Aviv University, Mount Sinai Hospital, Hadassah-WIZO as well as ORT. She generously opens her home for many fundraising events.

Friedman is concerned about volunteerism. "We have lost many women volunteers, women who are now in the work force ... It is hard to impart to the younger people the dedication to volunteerism of our generation. We did it as a profession," she says.

The Friedmans are members of the Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. They have four children, Ira Michael, Susan, Karen and Deborah, and eight grandchildren.

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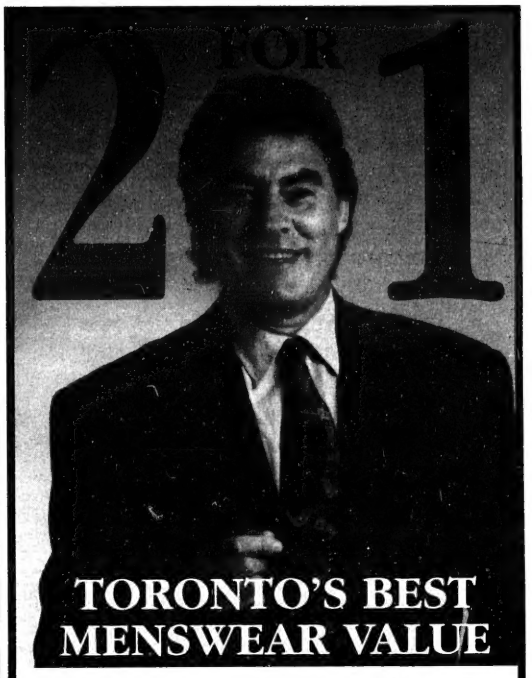

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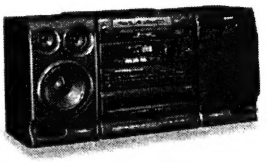

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Importance of example

There were disturbing reports last week in at least two Israeli newspapers, *Yediot Aharonot* and *Ha'aretz*, that the police had received reliable intelligence warnings about possible attacks on the lives of prominent cabinet ministers, most notably Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres. As a result of this information, they recommended that security be tightened for Rabin and Peres.

Inasmuch as the information was made public by Minister of Police Moshe Shahal, we can only assume he was being forthright. However, he brought forward no further details. In fact, the accounts in the papers were sketchy and somewhat contradictory.

The report in *Yediot Aharanot* emphasized that the main fear on the part of security forces related to the possibility that an unstable individual would succumb to overwhelming anger and frustration, and violently direct an uncontrollable rage at government officials.

The report in *Ha'aretz*, on the other hand, strongly suggested that the government had obtained hard evidence of a plan by members of the far right fringe to harm political leaders.

Despite the inconsistencies in the two stories, the news is alarming. For there are precedents in Jewish history, unfortunately, of violence by one Jew against another. The most recent example was the death in 1982 of Emil Grunzweig, a Peace Now supporter, at the hands of Yoni Avrushmi, a supporter of the far political right.

It is a severe understatement to write that the peace process is evoking strong emotions and straining relations among the Jewish people. The rhetoric on both sides of the debate has often been intemperate and inflammatory. But the language of the debate, if not its temper and mood, must now be returned to the moderate middle. There must be no demonization of individuals or personalization of larger issues, lest it lead to tragedy and grief.

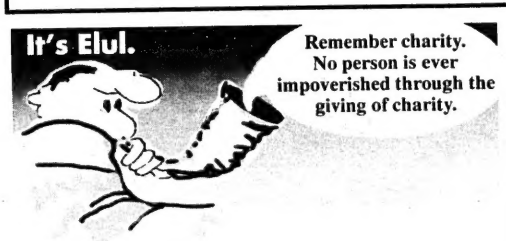
To his credit, Benjamim Netanyahu, the leader of the Opposition, has publicly condemned the use of extremist and extreme language against the proponents of the peace process. Other leaders, such as President Ezer Weizman, have also been approached to speak out against extremism. And they too have done so.

In addition to sound political judgment, the hour also demands sound political example. Example is one of the key responsibilities of public leadership. It is one of the ways to best ensure the safety of the body politic and the guardianship of the democratic process .

In Quebec, enumerate

In this issue of The CJN, staff reporter David Lazarus writes about the Jewish community of Quebec. He has written an excellent, upbeat essay which dwells honestly on the past and looks realistically and optimistically to the future. How ironic that this issue should fall during the six-day period from Sept. 5 to 10 inclusive, which the government of Quebec has set aside for the enumeration of voters on a permanent voters list. This list will also be used in the referendum that rumors have pegged for Oct. 30.

To be eligible to vote in the referendum, Quebecers must be enumerated. It is thus our duty to remind all eligible Quebecers, whether inside or outside the province, to register for the vote. More important, though, than our duty to inform, is the voters' duty to vote. But first one must be enumerated.



Zaidy's Kol Shofar Illustrated By Edward Dunbar

Dry Bones

SOME DAY, WHEN THE ISLAMIC FUNDAMENTALISTS TAKE OVER HERE IN IRAQ...
WHEN OUR WOMEN WILL BE SHROUDED IN BLACK, AND THIEVES WILL HAVE THEIR HANDS CUT OFF...
WE'LL LOOK BACK AT THIS TIME OF SADDAM'S CRUEL DICTATORSHIP AND WE WILL SAY...
THOSE WERE THE GOOD OLD DAYS.

Sokoloff loved and served Israel

Together with all the friends of Yiddish in our Jewish community, we mourn the passing of Julius Sokoloff. He was an intellectual blessed with a sense of humor, a man of high integrity with unique abilities, who gained the love and respect of all segments of our Jewish community regardless of political differences. His priority in life was the State of Israel. He grew up in the youth organization of the Zionist Movement — Dror Habonim. Already as a very young man he served in the *Bricha*, an illegal Israeli group that was instrumental in helping the survivors of the Shoah to immigrate to Israel, which was ruled by England at that time.

In Toronto, Sokoloff was elected many times to the highest office of the United Zionist Movement. Thanks to his unusual abilities, in all the organizations in which he served, people looked up to him, to his wisdom in solving the most complicated problems of our times, especially in regard to Israel, the land that he loved so much. Deeply concerned about Jewish education, he was one of a few dreamers that brought to life the unique Bialik School that serves hundreds of Jewish children, teaching them the great values of Judaism.

A great admirer of Yiddish literature and the Yiddish language, he successfully fought to bring Yiddish classes into Bialik School. For the same reason, as a lover of Yiddish, he joined the Yiddish Culture Group in the Bernard Betel Centre, which he chaired. Under his leadership for the last six years, the number of participants has doubled.

There is no substitute for people like Julius Sokoloff. He will be greatly missed by all of us.

Yiddish Culture Group in the
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Helen Helfant
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Leah Posluns theatre as it once was

It was with enormous sadness that I read your classified announcement "Beautiful Theatre Available" (August 24 issue), which referred to the Leah Posluns Theatre in North York.

I had the privilege of performing at the Leah Posluns during its inaugural season in 1977, under the direction of Reva Stern. As an audience member, I experienced several excellent productions there.

The Leah Posluns is unquestionably one of the finest theatrical spaces in Metropolitan Toronto. To see such a worthwhile and promising facility reduced to a tiny classified ad is indeed heartbreaking.

Bill S. Tepper
Toronto

Religious leaders fail to speak out

Recent reports in the press indicated that the Rwandan genocide included at worst the active involvement of churches and at best a passivity in the face of monstrous inhuman behaviour. This is only one of many recent incidents which bring into question the abrogation of the responsibility of religious leaders and the fact that they are silenced for political and other unacceptable reasons. Witness the ethnic cleansing in the former Yugoslavia. While there is the occasional outcry, there should be universal condemnation from church leaders.

When a Polish priest utters vile anti-Semitic remarks in the presence of the Polish president, not only is there a failure to criticize him, but there is absolute silence from the Pope. When terrorists blow up innocent Israeli civilians in buses, there is nary a comment from Muslim religious leaders, perhaps for fear of political repercussions. Is all of this evidence of a waning of the power and authority of religion or is it merely an indication that the words of religious leaders would have little or no impact because the perpetrators of ethnic cleansing, racial slaughter and murderous terrorism operate under a code devoid of moral censure?

If religious leaders do not speak out is it any wonder that political leaders are content with mere posturing, empty words of remorse and little or no effort to seriously check and challenge crimes against humanity wherever they occur? It is sad and depressing that moral bankruptcy has infected not only our political leaders but those to whom we look for divine and spiritual guidance.

Bert Raphael
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Searching for mother's friend

I am trying to locate a long-lost friend of my mother, Shlomo Shteinmetz (in Czechoslovakia known as Slomik). We were told recently there is the chance that he is presently living in either the Toronto or Montreal area.

My mother's name is Esther Fleishman and the last time she saw him was in 1946 in a DP Camp in Traunstein, near Salzberg. He was with his father at the time.

He should be in his mid to late 60s.

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Do you know Fred and Erica Ileo?

In spite of the fact that 50 years have passed since World War II, family loss and dispersal are still problems facing some of us.

My family originated in Przemysl, Eastern Poland. During the war, my aunt Antonina Bien (later Ileo), one of 12 siblings, lived in France, and later emigrated to Canada with her two children, Freddy and Erica.

Following the death of my aunt, I lost contact with my cousins. Maybe somebody could help me to find Fred Ileo, a musician, and Erica. Their last address was 114 York Rd., Beaconsfield, Que.

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Perspectives

'Bilingual, resilient and vibrant'

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

While Canada's politicians may continue to squabble over the pros and cons of recognizing Quebec as a "distinct" society, for the province's venerable Jewish community, seeing itself as distinct has pretty much been a case of stating the obvious.

It's a uniqueness that can't be gauged by numbers alone. Unlike other communities in Canada, 20 per cent of the Jewish population of 101,000 is Sephardi. And the intermarriage rate is among the lowest in the Diaspora — about six per cent.

For Quebec Jewry, distinctiveness has also been expressed through the fact that it has spent 236 years adapting to a largely French-Catholic culture while managing to successfully preserve its religious and cultural heritage and integrate fully into the life of the province.

In fact, it may very well have been the Catholic Church's past omnipresent and at times oppressive influence — combined with a spurt of nationalist and Church-inspired anti-Semitism during the 1930s — that spurred the Jewish community into developing one of the most well-organized, elaborate, structured and self-protective networks of religious and social insitutions in the Diaspora.

The Quebec Jewish community has faced and continues to face enormous challenges, *The CJN* was told during a series of interviews, including an aging population, a high proportion of poor, the need to preserve a stable financial base, political uncertainty and maintaining the vitality of the Jewish day school system and health care institutions.

But it is also a community invariably characterized as bilingual, resilient and vibrant.

The community, they said, remains among North America's most strongly traditionalist and cohesive; and it is starting to see the light at the end of the tunnel, following more than 20 years of perceptible decline due to demographic shifts.

The loss of population experienced over that period — in no small part due to the departure of young people — has been recouped by a new generation of immigrants, many of them Russian, by a burgeoning chassidic population and by former Quebecers moving back to the province.

A widely held view is that, while in the immediate future the number of elderly will continue to increase, the Jewish community, through the natural process of attrition and the continuing influx of immigrants, will rejuvenate.

The next generation will integrate fully into the community and contribute to it, just as generations of immigrants did before.

"There has been a sense of angst," suggests Jim Torczyner, co-author of an exhaustive demographic survey of the Quebec Jewish community based on the 1991 Canadian census.

"But the Jewish community here, like Jewish communities throughout history, has shown enormous resilience.

"They change over time in their demography and aspirations, but they survive, adapt and endure."

The Quebec Jewish community, now situated almost exclusively in Montreal, has endured since 1759, the year of the British conquest of New France.

Among the conquerors was Aaron Hart, a British soldier and the most prominent of Quebec's founding Jewish settlers, who lived in Trois Rivieres.

Other founding families, also British Jews said to be of Spanish-Portuguese extraction (although there is a debate over whether Hart and other founding families were Sephardim, as is widely held, or Ashkenazim) included the Davids, Franks, Josephs, Judahs and Solomons, who lived in Montreal.

Quebec Jews, however, did not win their civil rights until 1832, 20 years after one of Hart's son, Ezekiel,. elected twice as a deputy for Trois Rivieres to the Quebec legislature, was denied the right to take his seat because he was Jewish.

Montreal quickly became the centre of Jewish community life.

Canada's oldest still existing congregation is the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, founded as the Shearit Israel in the 1840s, when the community numbered just over 100. It was led by community leader Abraham de Sola for 35 years.

The second half of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th saw waves of Ashkenazi immigrants from Germany, Poland, Russia and Romania. Fleeing persecution, they swept into the city and raised the Jewish population by thousands. The first Ashkenzazi synagogue in Montreal was the Shaar Hashomayim.

During the 1900s and 1910s, the Jewish population topped 10,000 and the community began to develop in earnest its vast network of religious, social, educational, charitable and political institutions. The most prominent of the latter was the Canadian Jewish Congress, established in 1919.

The last large waves of immigrants were comprised of thousands of Holocaust survivors (still the highest proportion on the continent) in the late 1940s and thousands of Sephardi Jews from North Africa, who arrived in Montreal in the early 1960s.

The once-vibrant Quebec City Jewish community, while still maintaining a synagogue, has dwindled to a handful of families. A small Jewish community in Sherbrooke was forced to close its synagogue a decade ago.

Ste. Agathe, in the Laurentian mountains about an hour's drive north of Montreal, has a flourishing synagogue, many of its members Montrealers with country homes.

It is now estimated that no more than 2,000 Quebec Jews live outside the Montreal area.

According to Torczyner's study and a subsequent five-part study prepared by the FEDERATION CJA community planning department demographer Charles Shahar, both based on the 1991 census, the Montreal Jewish community has its work cut out for it on several fronts.

Over one-third of the community was not born in Montreal. One-quarter is over age 65. Since the population base is larger than previously thought, the proportion of children receiving some form of Jewish education is 55 per cent, not 70 per cent, as previously thought, and provincial funding to Jewish schools has been declining over time while the demand for community "scholarship" funding has increased.

As well, the community will be getting older (especially in the 75-plus age group) before it gets younger again. Twenty-thousand Montreal Jews are poor, with one-quarter of them relying on community agencies for support. Single parent families have risen by 29 per cent over the last decade. Key productive age groups make up a smaller proportion of the Jewish community than in the general population. Interdating is thought to be up.

And with all this, the annual FEDERATION CJA campaign has been essentially flat over the last several years. To find enough funds for priority areas, 53 cents of every campaign-donated dollar (compared to the majority of each dollar going to Israel in the past) now stays in Montreal, while many agencies have had their budgets pared.

Maxyne Finkelstein, FEDERATION CJA's director of community planning, said despite these challenges, the community has the situation in hand and has every reason to believe it will continue to flourish.

"I think the people of Montreal feel very secure and good," she said. "There are concerns, but it has tremendous potential.

"I think the psychology of people moving away has moved behind us."

The demand for Jewish educuation, she said, is on the rise and Jewish health care insitutions have remained "intact."

Groups like ProMontreal and YAD are keeping the younger generation living and working in Montreal, while immigrants will comprise a future source of fully bilingual, younger and fully productive members.

The federation, she said, is also becoming more bilingual and "user-friendly" for francophone Jews.

Sephardi Jews are becoming more involved in federation power structures and its agencies, said community-planning assistant director Daniel Amar.

Some Sephardi leaders see this as part of a deliberate integration campaign that could lead to the dismantling of thriving, autonomous Sephardi institutions, but Amar said, "It is not a question of integrating, but of being able to work more closely with the Sephardi community."

Torczyner believes the community will bounce back, but he also believes that if not for the number of Jewish immigrants coming to Montreal (one in seven Montreal Jews arrived between 1971 and 1991), the community "would be in serious decline."

One of his main concerns is the fact that 39 per cent of Montreal Jews are not in the labor force, compared to 33 per cent of the general population.

He is also worried that if the government erodes the social safety net, the burden will fall more than ever on the community to pick up the slack.

On the plus side, Torczyner is heartened by the continued "high level of identification and economic success in Quebec."

Still, Montreal is no longer the centre of Jewish life in Canada. "The power," Torczyner said, "is shifting to Toronto."

Morton Weinfeld, a sociologist at McGill University, said the Montreal Jewish community remains "as vibrant and culturally diverse as any in North America, its insitutions particularly strong."

He is impressed by the "robustness" of its Orthodox segment, adding that the demographic changes "are mitigated by high levels of Jewish commitment that remain a living legacy of strong Jewish investment."

Waiting for election results opposite *The Canadian Jewish Eagle* newspaper offices, 1950, on St. Lawrence Blvd. [Photo courtesy of Canadian Jewish Congrss National Archives]

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Main Jewish centre	Montreal
Number of synagogues	35
Number of day schools	22 campuses
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Kosher restaurants	17

Opinions

Affirmative action in Israel

A significant amendment to Israel's Public Sector Employment Law recently passed by the Knesset went largely unnoticed. Political and security preoccupations overshadowed the debate on an affirmative action provision in favor of women employees in the civil service. The amendment is aimed at correcting the underrepresentation of women in senior positions (assistant deputy minister and up, in Canadian terms) in government ministries and government-owned corporations. The law now gives preference to members of the gender that is underrepresented at those levels in the public sector.

By Shira Herzog

In North America, affirmative action — or employment equity — is not a new concept, and it is highly controversial. In their best interpretation and implementation, these programs are intended to redress an imbalance in the representation of groups who are theoretically equal, but who in practice experience discrimination. At their worst, they perpetuate the image of the preferred groups as inferior and the impression that hiring and promotions are offered on the basis of gender or ethnicity rather than merit. Nevertheless, in the United States, affirmative action programs for women and minorities have transformed the landscape in academe and several professions.

While in the United States and Canada legislated affirmative action programs are on the wane, in Israel the trend is strengthening. Last year, over 40 new civil service positions were targeted for members of the country's Arab minority.

In 1993, the Knesset passed an amendment to the law governing boards of directors of government corporations. That amendment required cabinet ministers appointing directors to such boards to give preference to women candidates "until such time" as women are appropriately represented. One year later, there were still only 52 women directors on government-appointed boards (six per cent of all directors).

Nevertheless, the law has already had some unusual ramifications. Responding to an appeal from the Israel Women's Network, the High Court of Justice recently overruled the appointments of three male directors to the boards of the Port Authority and the Israel Refineries, on the grounds that the finance and energy ministers, who had made the appointments, had not sought out qualified women for these positions. The issue was not the qualifications of the proposed male candidates, but rather their gender.

The more recent legislation has its critics and supporters among both women and men. Few argue with the facts. Women have been underrepresented at the senior levels of the political, governmental and professional domains — not because there aren't qualified women, but because the Israeli "old boys' network" remains powerful in a society in which the fault lines around the issue of women and their role are different from ours.

Historically in the Israeli society at war, women were the support for the men on the front lines. To this day, the military hierarchy is a source of candidates for senior civilian posts; and the military hierarchy is dominated by men. In addition, many of Israel's early immigrants came from patriarchal societies in which women did not participate in public life. The same is true of the ultra-Orthodox community, where the leadership is largely male. The early party machineries were run primarily by and for men, and only the recent democratization of internal party elections has opened the way for greater participation by women. In short, the Israeli "glass ceiling," impenetrable to women, has been much lower than in North America.

The debate, therefore, is less about the ends and more about the appropriate means for achieving them. There are those who agree with the intent of the law, but believe that a legislated outcome to a one-on-one competition for a given position is unfair and in its own way, discriminatory. Others argue that such measures are justified on a temporary basis to correct a systemic problem and that in any case, the women in question have to be qualified candidates for the positions offered.

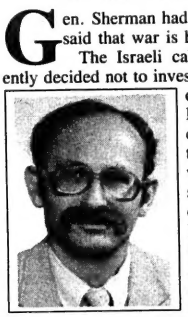
It isn't surprising that Israelis have turned to the law for resolution of these issues. Israel is a highly litigious society and the Supreme Court, acting as the High Court of Justice, can be petitioned by any citizen on just about any issue of law.

Social change is slow in Israel, and a sudden, unforeseen crisis can quickly erase the incremental progress required to change social norms and practices. Legislation is a "quick fix" that may be problematic but is also enforceable. It is not a comprehensive answer to a complex, evolving social phenomenon, but it may set new benchmarks for other areas of life and commerce in Israel. These amendments should be reexamined in future and amended again if no longer required. The preferred option is clearly voluntary action to reach the desired changes on behalf of women.

Appropriate to inquire

Gen. Sherman had it right when he said that war is hell.

The Israeli cabinet has apparently decided not to investigate allegations of murder of Egyptian PoWs committed during the 1956 and 1967 wars by Israeli soldiers and publicized in the Israeli and international media. Israel's 20-year statute of limitations seems to preclude prosecutions in any case. While sympathizing with the cabinet's reasoning, one can still argue that some form of inquiry, even without the possibility of prosecutions, should be held.



By Morton Weinfeld

The issue is an emotional one. Many Jews and supporters of Israel have idealized the IDF as different from "typical" armies. The doctrine of *tohar ha'neshek*, or purity of arms, reflected the influence of moral considerations on army behavior. The book *Siah Lochamim*, written after the 1967 war revealed the sensitive reflections of Israeli soldiers. The fact that Israel's was a citizen army also added to its reputation for civility and moderation.

At the same time, students of military history have long known that in war, even the "good guys" will violate the moral norms of warfare. The atrocities of the Axis powers in Europe and the Pacific during World War II are without parallel in human history. But the bombings of Dresden and Nagasaki, the murder and mistreatment of German PoWs by Soviet and other Allied forces after the war and the post-liberation murders of Nazi collaborators by vigilantes and various underground forces are examples of similar violations, though on a far smaller scale.

My late father, *alav hashalom*, a Holocaust survivor, told me of stories of partisan groups fighting behind German lines in occupied Poland in advance of the Red Army. On occasion, they would capture German soldiers and after interrogation would murder them. As fast moving guerrilla bands, they could neither take the chance of releasing them back to their units nor take them along as they sought to evade their German pursuers. This was the same rationale offered by Israel's Gen. Biron, who admitted to the murder of Egyptian PoWs in 1956.

What is surprising is not that individual Israeli soldiers have committed criminal acts. It is that such acts have been relatively rare, given the searing pressures of Israel's nearly 50-year struggle for survival. The killing of a Somali by Canadian forces on a peacekeeping mission, in conditions of far less threat or tension than those faced by Israelis in war or on duty in the territories, makes the Israeli record all the more impressive. The official Canadian inquiry is continuing.

What attests to the moral standing of an army or government is how they react *after* a violation comes to light. Several years ago, I systematically compared Israel's response to the Sabra and Shatilla massacres with that of the American government to the massacre of My Lai. We should note that the former atrocity was carried out by Lebanese Christian units, with, at worst, possible negligence by the nearby Israeli forces. The My Lai massacre was carried out directly by American forces in Vietnam. I felt that the thorough investigation in Israel compared very favorably with that undertaken by the Americans and enhanced Israel's moral stature.

What makes this issue difficult is that it arises as Israel finds itself literally at war with Hamas and Hamas supporters. The recent terrorist bombings of Israeli buses, with so many dead and wounded, focuses Israelis on the dangers associated with the peace process, not on possible misdeeds of some three and four decades past.

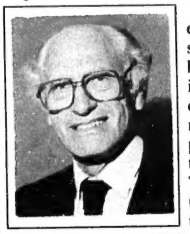
Israel has a duty to protect its citizens against terrorist savagery. The terrorist groups opposing Israel do not act according to the Geneva Convention and fighting them is no task for the faint of heart. Recently, the Israeli government has permitted the use of specific forms of pressure — what some might call torture — in the interrogation of terrorist suspects. There is little choice, though one hopes that the application of this policy is appropriately monitored.

The Israeli cabinet is understandably reluctant to open an old can of worms, while citizens mourn the loss of innocent victims of Arab terror. But perhaps when passions have cooled, there may be value in holding some form of inquiry into the allegations which have emerged concerning Egyptian PoWs. The objective need not be prosecutions or laying of blame. It is important to set the record straight based on the best evidence, and study the cases to see what might be learned from them for the future.

Of course there is a risk that such an investigation would provide ammunition for Israel's enemies. But those enemies will not become Israel's friends if no inquiry is held. Some type of inquiry would represent the proper response befitting Israel's moral heritage and the fact that so many of us hold the Israeli army in much deserved high esteem.

Monumental politics

Some weeks ago I noted in a column that while Holocaust museums have multiplied in the world, not a single major memorial exists in Germany.



By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

The reason is easy to understand: Germans have had no driving desire to be constantly reminded of what a previous generation had done. They did not deny that the Shoah took place — on the contrary, they are the only country in which such denial is a crime. That is why Ernst Zundel and company can't operate in their homeland, but go elsewhere to peddle their wares.

I was unaware at the time that plans were going ahead for a major memorial in Berlin and that a design competition was underway. Since then, on June 28, an agreement was reached by the city of Berlin, the federal administration and an organization of supporters of a memorial project, on which of the two final designs under consideration should be realized. In mid-March the jury responsible for selecting the design had narrowed the field from 528 competitors to two, and all the designs had been on public view. The proposal chosen by a committee of Berlin artists was created by another group of artists from Berlin led by the painter Christine Jacob-Marks. It consists of a monumental four-sided cement slab which measures no fewer than 109 yards in length, with a height of about 36 feet at its peak. All the known names of the millions of Jewish victims of Nazism will be engraved upon it.

The cost of the creation of the memorial will be some $25 million (US), plus the worth of the real estate, which was contributed by the federal government, estimated to have a value of about $40 million. But no sooner was the project approved and publicized than renewed controversy began.

To begin with, there were those who asserted that incising millions of names on the slab was a project without end.

Even those who had strongly supported the creation of a memorial were not sure that the extraordinary monumental dimensions were artistically attractive

There was also an objection from groups of Sinte and Roma (commonly known as Gypsies), who felt that they were excluded from an exclusively Jewish memorial. Others said that the slaughtering of homosexuals also needed to be recalled.

Last but not least, one also hears opponents who say that the whole thing has not been thought through.

The renewed discussion of the project may lead to its never being realized altogether. Even the Berlin Jewish community was divided on the matter.

All this has moved the whole matter into the area of politics. Many Germans no longer want to know about the Nazis and want to get on with their own lives. Others favor the monument and feel that somehow it will end once and for all the discussion of the Holocaust.

I have no idea where all of this will go. One thing is clear: whenever we touch the Shoah, it reveals itself as something that can be neither fully nor visibly expressed. So it is not surprising that when the Germans themselves tackle this darkest chapter of their history, ordinary procedures may fail them. This is not just another artists' competition for some building project; it is an attempt to recapture the indescribable.

Personally, the idea of inscribing all the names on the slab appeals to me. It is one way of telling them they are not forgotten.

The Kirshner File

Specter's presidential chances are slim

A Jewish president in America?

The prospects seem slim, despite a Gallup poll suggesting that 89 per cent of the electorate would vote for one.

By Sheldon Kirshner

The figure was 62 per cent when the American Jewish Committee conducted a similar survey in 1958. American voters thus seem more tolerant and open-minded than in the past. Nevertheless, Arlen Specter's chances of winning the presidency, let alone the Republican party's presidential nomination in 1996, are practically non-existent.

Specter — the first Jew to make a serious attempt to win that glittering prize — exudes confidence that he can prevail. "I think America is ready for a Jewish president," he told the *Washington Jewish Week* recently. "If it isn't, it should be."

In theory, Specter, who has been in the U.S. Senate since 1980, is right. The status of Jews in American society is far better today than before World War II, when overt manifestations of anti-Semitism were all too common in employment, housing, clubs and universities.

Be that as it may, Specter, 65, faces an uphill struggle as he battles for hearts and minds in a nation still riven by race and ethnicity. He is the dark horse candidate par excellence.

First, Specter lags far behind the main contenders — heavyweights like Bob Dole, Phil Gramm, Pete Wilson and Lamar Alexander — in terms of popularity and fund-raising.

Second, Specter's religion remains a factor. Even his chief strategist, a Washington lobbyist named Roger Stone, concedes that "there are a number of people who question whether a Jew can be president." In fact, Specter has received hate letters and two physical threats.

Third, geography is against him. Historically, the only Pennsylvanian who made it to the White House was James Buchanan (1857-1861).

Fourth, Specter is a moderate in a party which has grown increasingly conservative, if not reactionary, under the influence of the Christian Coalition and Newt Gingrich, the speaker of the House of Representatives. Specter, for example, is pro-choice on abortion, a position which is anathema to most Republicans.

Fifth, although he is widely respected for his intellect, he has an abrasive personality, a distinct disadvantage in a telegenic era.

These drawbacks, however, have not deterred Specter, who has tasted defeat more than once. He was defeated in four consecutive elections before he was finally elected to the Senate. He also lost a primary for mayor of Philadelphia and an election for governor.

Specter, the son of an immigrant from Ukraine, is running because he is convinced he can provide the kind of leadership and ideas the United States sorely needs as it enters a new millenium.

But it is highly doubtful whether the power brokers in the Republican party, or the voters in the country, will jump on his bandwagon.

Specter's candidacy, therefore, is nothing more than a footnote in history.

Srebrnik's book recalls Communist victory

In 1945, just months after the Allied victory in Europe, Phil Piratin, a Communist stalwart, won a seat in the British parliament. He represented the Mile End division of Stepney, an East London riding inhabited mainly by working-class Jews of East European origin.

One of two Communists who swept into the House of Commons that year, Piratin's victory was not entirely surprising. Indeed, it was the culmination of a concerted campaign to win the hearts and minds of Mile End's electorate.

Piratin's triumph was probably the highwater mark of the Communist party's success at the polls in Britain. Within five years, its appeal had withered, ending Piratin's fledgling career as an MP.

The ascendancy of his party is the subject of Henry Srebrnik's fine new book, *London Jews and British Communism 1935-1945* (Vallentine-Mitchell, $39.50). Thoroughly researched and expertly told, this slim but substantive volume sheds light on the nature of Jewish life in Stepney, the social base of the Jewish Communist movement and the politics of Britain.

In an era when Communism is sharply on the decline, Srebrnik's book is an intriguing case study of the allure Marxism once exerted on a segment of London's populace. Yet the book is not without its flaws. Srebrnik omits all personal information about Piratin, who, unfortunately, remains a cipher.

Stepney was fertile ground for the Communists. By the beginning of the 1930s, he writes, it contained the largest number of foreign-born residents of any borough in Britain. Its Yiddish-speaking East European component formed a distinct, visible and autonomous community. Imbued with the ideas of socialism and Zionism, these Jews were politically and socially isolated and essentially at odds with their Anglo-Jewish and Christian neighbors in Stepney.

Marxism attracted the newcomers largely because the Communist party was unequivocably opposed to anti-Semitism, the fascist hordes of Sir Oswald Mosley, unemployment, overcrowded housing, inadequate health care facilities, and the wretched conditions which generally characterized life in Stepney.

Long before the 1945 general election was called, Piratin harped on these and other themes, observes Srebrnik, a former Montrealer and now a professor of political studies at the University of Prince Edward Island in Charlottetown.

Piratin hit his stride during the war. He demanded the immediate opening of a second front in Europe to ease the pressure on the Soviet Union. He spoke of the need for war crimes trials for Nazi leaders after the cessation of hostilities. He denigrated charges of black marketeering levelled against the Jewish community. He protested the roundup of Jewish aliens. Furthermore, Piratin exhibited sympathy for Jewish political aspirations in Palestine.

Piratin captured the Mile End seat with 5,075 votes (47.6 per cent). The Labor party and the Conservatives trailed, with 3,861 and 1,722, respectively. Interestingly enough, all other East London constituencies with large Jewish populations returned Labor MPs. (Shortly afterward, the Communist party took 10 seats in the Stepney borough election.)

In 1950, Piratin's seat was merged with two adjacent ridings, and as a result, he lost the general election. Some of his supporters cried foul, attributing his defeat to outright jerrymandering.

But the causes of his fall transcended dirty politics, Srebrnik suggests. In the post-war period, there was less interest in class politics and more in Zionism. The Cold War had begun and the ideological conflict between Communism and Zionism was in full swing. Besides, increasing number of Jews achieved their goal of upward mobility and moved out of Stepney, to be replaced by non-Jews indifferent or hostile to its Communist traditions.

Piratin, and the Communist party in Britain, were supplanted by the forces of history.

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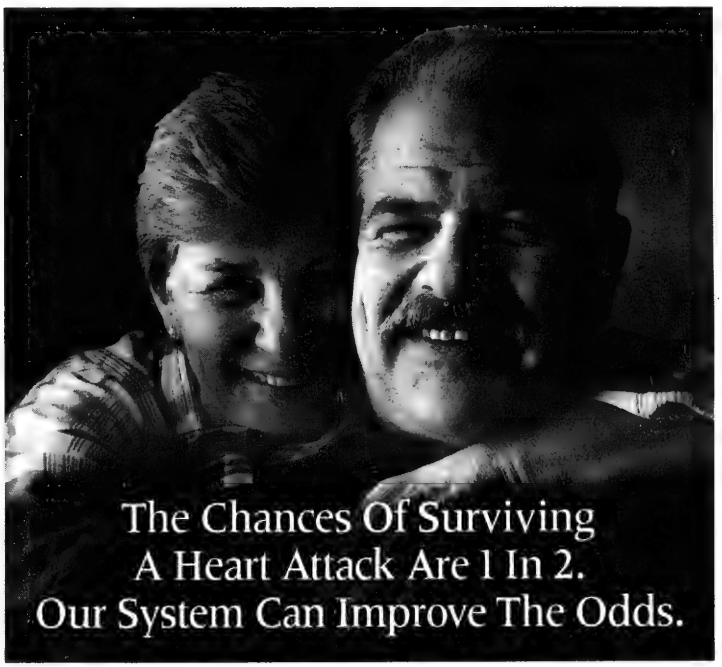

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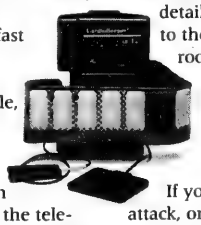

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Mizrachi bayit looking for new members

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

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The Mizrachi bayit, as it is being called, will provide, according to a media release, a "centrist Orthodox option" for young families, singles and others who want "a traditional but informal and vibrant atmosphere, where members participate and contribute. The intention is to provide a "friendly, young, affordable minyan."

President Sholom Eisenstat, head of an information technology program in the North York Board of Education, said that members of the congregation are responsible for all shul activities, including leading the davening, giving divrei Torah and holding classes.

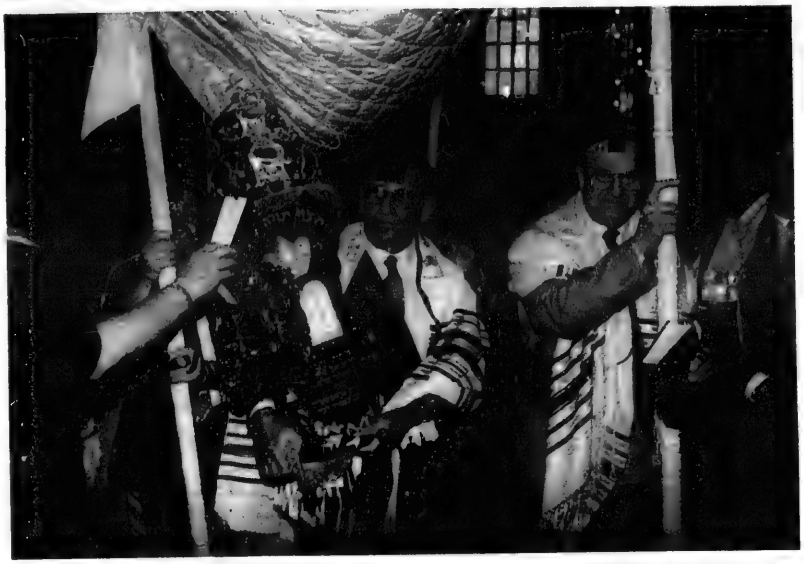
Up to now, the minyan has held services in a room in the back of a building at 296 Wilson, which is owned by the Mizrachi Organization. They will now have much more room, as well as a direct entrance off Wilson.

They are planning to hold High Holy Day services this year, which are open to the public.

They are also in the process of planning programs which will include a Simchat Torah celebration.

Jack Kahn, president of Toronto Mizrachi, said, "This group will add to the strong and committed religious Zionist community in this location.

For more information, call 636-6770.



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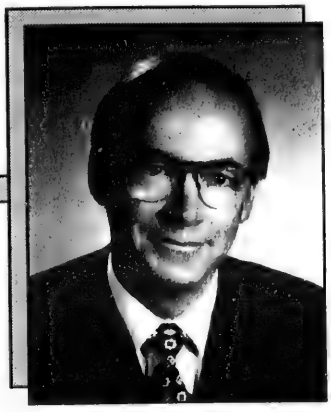

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Greater Toronto Area

Continuity programmer named

TORONTO — One of Canada's most experienced outreach specialists has been appointed director of continuity programming for the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Susan Jackson, director of community services and youth activities for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region assumes her new position next month.

Jackson will be the key professional working with the Federation's action committee for Jewish continuity, chaired by Les Klein.

Her responsibilities will include developing and administering new continuity initiatives in conjunction with organizations and individuals who have been asked to submit proposals.

The way Jackson sees it, her new job is more than mere administration.

"There's obviously a role in finding those who are disassociated from Jewish life," she says, "but we also have to find ways of preventing those who are in the system from dropping out."

Susan Jackson

She said she intends to act as a resource for continuity and to "animate and motivate" individuals to work in the Jewish community.

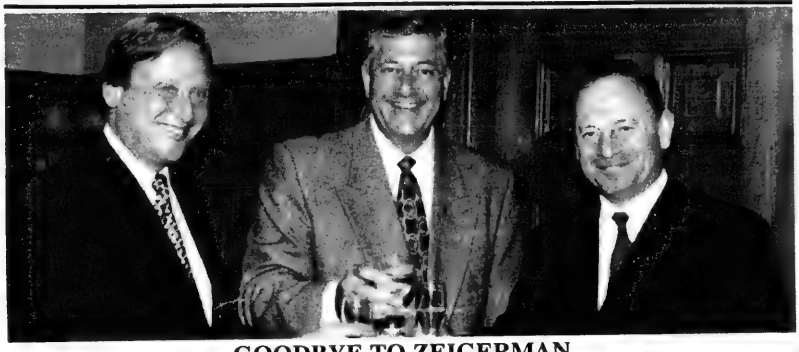
Jackson, a native Montrealer, is no stranger to the art of motivation. She regularly travels on behalf of Congress to far-flung Ontario towns and cities, where she offers small Jewish populations a Jewish experience.

She recently visited Sudbury to help with a wedding and not only made the kitchen kosher, but ended up as the bridal consultant as well.

"When you go to these places, there's instant gratification. They soak up everything they get. They're yearning for [Jewish input]," she said.

Focusing on the concerns of 25,000 Jews who live outside the Greater Toronto Area, Jackson has set up several small-city Jewish community services.

"It won't take our community long to be caught up in Susan's dynamism and deep commitment," commented Morris Zbar, Federation's director of community planning and allocations. "We're very fortunate she's on board."



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Ontario Premier Mike Harris toasts Israel's consul general to Toronto and Western Canada, Dror Zeigerman, at a goodbye reception last week at Queen's Park hosted by Attorney General Charles Harnick (left). Zeigerman's term ended Aug. 31. [Photo by Veronica Henri, Toronto Sun]

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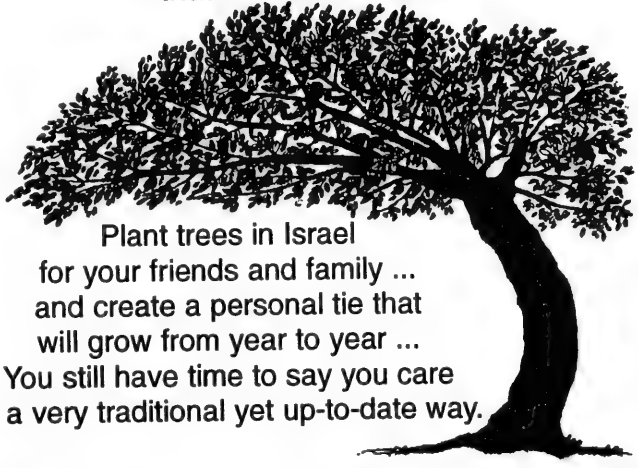

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לפני מספר חודשים פורסמו בעיתונות הישראלית ידיעות מ"מקורות בכירים בחמאס" לפיהן מופעל לחץ קשה על הארגון הקיצוני להפסיק בפעולות ההתאבדות ולעבור לפעילות מדינית, כי כל פיגוע מביא לסגירת עוד וחגדה ולנוק כלכלי קשה לפלשתינאים שממילא נמצאים על פי פתח מבחינה משקית. לפי אותה תיאוריה - עולה מפלס הזעם בין הפלשתינאים כלפי אנשי החמאס. לדאבון הלב - נכשלה תיאוריה זו כישלון תרוץ וברור מעל לכל ספק שהטירוף של האיסלאם הקיצוני (אותו טירוף שמסכן מדינות אחרות כמצריים, אלג'יריה ופאקיסטן) ימשיך בדרכו.

וזה מביא אותי לליבה של הבעיה: מדינה דמוקרטית מנסה להגן על תושביה נגד טרוריסטים. הכל התחיל כזכור בקו 300 המפורסם. עיתונאים צילמו מספר מחבלים מורדים מן האוטובוס עם כניעתם, וכעבור כימה פורסם שהם נהרגו. צירוף של פרטים אלה הביא לפיתרון הבלתי נמנע שהם מתו במהלך חקירת שירות הביטחון הכללי (שב"כ). עד אז איש לא שאל איך מצליח השב"כ למצוא ולזהות טרוריסטים. מאותו רגע - נעשה ורעשה הארץ והביאו דוגמאות רבות של ערבים שעברו עינויים במרתפי השב"כ. כתוצאה מתהליך זה הוגבלו פעולותיהם של שירותי הביטחון, ולטענת תוקרי השב"כ - קטנה יכולתם לזהות טרוריסטים. בעקבות הפיגוע האחרון בירושלים התיר ראש הממשלה לשב"כ לנקוט ב"כל האמצעים הדרושים" וראה זה פלא: תוך יממה זוהה מתכנן הפיגועים האחרונים וזוהו מספר פיגועים בשלבי תיכנון. קרוב לודאי שבכך ניצלו חייהם של ישראלים רבים. כדי לחדד את הבעיה כדאי לזכור שהמתכנן של הפיגועים האחרונים היה בידי השב"כ כבר מספר פעמים כחשוד, אולם בגלל שלא יכלו להפעיל עליו לחץ מירבי - הוא לא גילה כלום. וזה מחזיר אותי ללב הדילמה: אין ספק שחופש הפעולה של השב"כ יזהה יותר פצצות מתקתקות וימנע פיגועים. אין גם ספק שהדבר יגרום עינויים קשים להרבה ערבים חפים מפשע. שישאר בינינו: המשוואה הסופית הפשוטה והאכזרית היא: יותר עינויים ליותר ערבים חפים מפשע יביאו לפחות רצח של יהודים חפים מפשע. מאחר והפלשתינאים אינם מסוגלים בשלב זה להפסיק את הטירור של החמאס בעצמם, חייבים הישראלים לעשות כל שביכולתם לעשות זאת. פירושו של דבר הוא שכדי להגן על עצמה, חייבת ישראל הדמוקרטית לנקוט בצעדי חירום בלתי דמוקרטיים. המחיר יהיה קשה - אבל איש בעולם אינו יכול להאשים את ישראל שהיא בחרה מרצונה בדרך זו. אי אפשר לדרוש ממדינה דמוקרטית לנקוט באמצעים תרבותיים ודמוקרטיים כדי למנוע מהכוחות האפלים ביותר שידעה היסטוריה האנושית מלפגוע בה. זו לפחות דעתי.

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הראשון, סרט רוסי, שזכה בפרס האוסקר לסרט הזר הטוב ביותר. הסיבה לשמו - "נכווים מהשמש" מתגלית בתמונה האחרונה של הסרט, ובהקדשה המצורפת אליו: מוקדש לכל אלה שנכוו מ"שמש העמים", הלוא הוא סטאלין הידוע לשימצה. במרכז הסרט עומד יום בחייו של גנרל מהולל בצבא הסובייטי, איש יד ימינו של החבר סטאלין. האיש חי חיי נועם וכבוד בקרב משפחה חמה ואוהבת. בחצי השעה הראשונה של הסרט נדמה לך שנקלעת לסרט מתקתק על חייה היפים של משפחה רוסית. ואז מתחיל הסיוט, שאת רובו לא אגלה לכם. רק אומר שבסוף העניין מסתבר ש"יום בחייו" של הגנרל הופך ליום האחרון בחייו, כמו בחייהם של מטוהרים רבים אחרים שמחק סטאלין מרשימת החיים. השלישי הגרוזיני של ברית המועצות הרג יותר רוסים מאשר היטלר, ולמרות זאת נחשב על ידי רבים ל"שמש העמים". אחר הסרט לא יכולתי לישון כמו שצריך מספר ימים, כי הוא מעורר הרבה מחשבה. אם החמצתם אותו על המסך הגדול - תמצאו אותו בוידיאו, אבל אל תוותרו!

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"I wish that my children would have babies already. I was hoping to be a grandmother before I become an old Bubbe."

From coast to coast

Genealogical quest could aid medical researchers

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Stanley Diamond is trying to solve a mystery that would tax the most experienced sleuth.

The semi-retired Montreal businessman is searching for an ancestor — an unknown number of generations back — whom Diamond shares with a woman in Israel.

This is no ordinary quest for one's roots. If Diamond can trace his family tree and that of the woman — Rita Itkin Paran of Jerusalem — back far enough, he will make a valuable contribution to medicine's knowledge of thalassemia, a genetically-passed blood disorder most prevalent among people of Mediterranean, African and Southeast Asian ancestry.

Although occasionally found among Sephardim, the disease is almost unheard of in Ashkenazim. So Diamond was astonished to accidentally discover that he — whose family comes from Poland — is a carrier of thalassemia.

Diamond will spend two weeks next month in Poland to pore over archives and records in his quest to find more branches of his family tree.

Mass blood screenings

Recent independent studies by Dr. Charles Scriver of the Montreal Children's Hospital and Dr. Ariella Oppenheim of Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem coincidentally discovered, through DNA testing, that he and Paran share a previously unknown mutation of this trait. Only six Ashkenazi families in Israel are known to be thalassemia carriers, and they were discovered through mass blood screenings.

The disease, which causes severe anemia (a deficiency of iron in the blood), usually claims its victims before their 30th birthday. One must inherit the gene from both parents to have thalassemia.

Carriers do not have the disease but often have mild chronic anemia.

So far, Diamond has traced the gene to his late father Harry and to his maternal grandmother Masha Widelec who died at 103 in 1963. Finding out which of her parents — Jankiel Widelec born in Ostrow Mazowiecka, Poland in 1826 or Sora Nowes, also born around the same time in Poland — was the carrier is the next step.

Harry was tested before he died in 1987; Masha was pinpointed because Diamond found that the descendants of her siblings are carriers. Each generation back, the number of relatives doubles approximately, so the investigation becomes that much more difficult.

One thing is certain: the gene continues to be inherited by some members of succeeding generations. The youngest is the 4-year-old grandson of Diamond's sister.

Doctors say Diamond, 61, and Paran, 37, are almost certainly genetic cousins because they share a unique form of the gene and are Ashkenazim. She is from Bobruysk (now in Belarus) and immigrated to Israel a few years ago.

So far, Diamond has only been able to trace carriers back to Paran's still-living paternal grandmother who was born in Belarus in 1916. Now, the key is to find out whether it was Paran's mother, Fraydel Manchik, or father, Yankel Alterman, who was the carrier.

Although from different countries, Diamond notes that his and Paran's antecedents lived only about 300 km from each other.

Diamond has been able to get to this point by putting to work his hobby of genealogy, which has undergone a revolution in recent years with the development of computer software and the Internet.

It's because thalassemia is so rare among Ashkenazim that Diamond has set out on his mission to warn other Jews that it is possible for them to be carriers.

And because of its obscurity, very few will ever be tested. But with intermarriage with non-Jews and between Ashkenazim and Sephardim rising, Diamond warns that they may pass a "ticking time-bomb" to their descendants.

There's a one in four chance that children of two carriers will inherit fatal thalassemia.

Diamond, president of the new Montreal Jewish Genealogical Society, is reaching out to other Jewish genealogy buffs through the Internet to find other Ashkenazi thalassemia carriers.

Should he find another Ashkenazi Jew with his mutation, that person will almost certainly be somehow related to him and Paran.

Diamond recently learned of an Ashkenazi family in Toronto whose members are carriers. Medical ethics prevent their doctor from providing Diamond with their name, but the doctor has informed the family and now, Diamond is anxious to hear from them.

For Scriver and Oppenheim, who are now collaborating in their research, finding the earliest carriers will enable them to "triangulate" the source of the genetic trait, and thus gain a better understanding of its transmission.

Diamond is continuing his research not only in Polish and newly accessible Belarussian archives, but also at the Mormon Church's world-renowed genealogy centre in Salt Lake City.

His Internet address is: stanley.diamond@f117.n167.zl.fidonet.org.

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Student volunteers to aid Belarus Jews

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — When Joshuah Spinner arrived in Jerusalem last year to study at Yeshiva Midrash Shmuel, he says he felt immensely guilty, almost embarrassed, to see most young people engaged in some kind of national service.

Young North American Jews, by comparison "don't do anything," he says. The idea of doing some kind of public service became visceral for him.

Now the 24-year-old Baltimore-born Hamilton-raised student has left for Belarus as Yeshiva University Students for the Spiritual Revival of Post-war Jewry's (YUSSR) first paid field worker, on a pilot project to create a national service program.

The organization's purpose is to establish Jewish youth groups and programs for 12- to 17-year-olds in Belarus, Ukraine and St. Petersburg and eventually, to have a field worker in each area.

Last year, Spinner spent three weeks in the former Soviet Union, working as a volunteer at the winter camp near Vitebsk and the summer camps in the Crimea, followed by a week's "sort of see-if-you-can-handle-it-alone trip" to St. Petersburg and Minsk, he told *The CJN* before he left.

New York-based YUSSR was formed five years ago by students and was entirely student-run until this year, when Rabbi Binyamin Krauss was appointed executive director.

The organization is funded by contributors to the Soviet Jewry cause and fundraising carried out by the students.

Spinner will be based in Minsk, which has by far the largest Jewish community in Belarus. The country has about 60,000 Jews in total.

He hopes to make contact with Jews in all the smaller cities and wherever possible, establish youth groups, with the eventual goal of forming a national youth movement.

Taking 20 to 30 kids with leadership potential on a six-week tour of Israel has proved enormously successful, he said, as was last year's training of 17- to 18-year-olds in several cities to run youth groups.

The purpose is to give youngsters throughout the region some basic religious instruction and teach them about Judaism, Jewish history and Israel.

Above all, Spinner's aim is to instil a sense of belonging to and feeling of responsibility towards the Jewish community.

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From coast to coast

Students love Guelph's 'homey' atmosphere

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Julia Rowan thinks it would be sad if a Jewish student decided not to attend the University of Guelph on the basis of its small Jewish student population.

Rowan is incoming co-president of its Jewish Students' Organization (JSO). She loves the school's homey feeling and its proximity to her family in Toronto.

"It's a very friendly university," says her co-president Sara Fisher, a native of Thornhill who, like Rowan, is a second-year Sociology student.

Anti-Semitism is not a problem on campus, the two 20-year-old students said in a recent interview, but there is a lot of ignorance about Judaism among non-Jewish students and even faculty.

"The majority of people I became friends with from small towns had never met a Jewish person," said Rowan.

Although some university exams have been scheduled for Saturdays, "if you tell them you're Jewish, they'll reschedule," said Fisher.

The JSO shares office space with the campus Catholic organization, and "we get along great," said Fisher. Professor Michael Sobol serves as JSO staff adviser.

Upcoming JSO events include monthly social programs as well as lectures open to the entire university population. Their big event for this year will be a Holocaust education program.

Last year about 75 students, of the estimated 200 Jewish students attending the university, signed up with the JSO. About 20 to 30 people, on average, showed up for their weekly kosher bagel, lox and cream cheese brunches held in a campus meeting room.

Fisher and Rowan hope to increase active membership in the JSO, and are looking for students to join the executive or help with programming. Even non-members will have access to JSO information through the Internet.

Students are welcome to attend Beth Isaiah Synagogue, which is within walking distance of the university. For Jewish holidays, the JSO has participated in inter-university parties with Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo and other nearby campuses.

It was at one such event that Rowan met her boyfriend, a student at the University of Waterloo.

"I thought I'd be dateless for four years," said Rowan, whose decision not to interdate was influenced by her grandparents' experience as Holocaust survivors.

Going to a larger university doesn't guarantee involvement with other Jewish students, noted Fisher. "We have a very friendly group."

Interested Guelph students can find out more about the JSO on Club Days (Sept. 18 and 19), when the group will have a display in the University Centre.

Sara Fisher, left, and Julia Rowan, co-presidents of the Jewish Student Organization at the University of Guelph, discuss upcoming JSO programs. [Frances Kraft photo]

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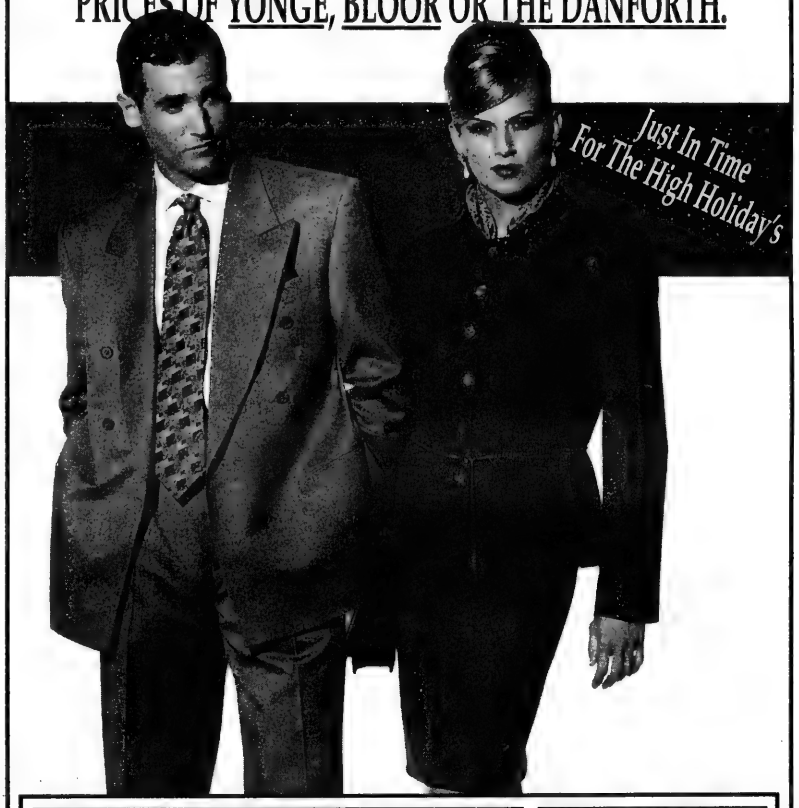

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Jewish education opens door to an ancient inheritance

By NESSA RAPOPORT
Special to The CJN

What constitutes Jewish aristocracy? I have had occasion to meditate on this question as I consider my switch in career — from the glamor of publishing to the strangely glamorous world I now inhabit, that of Jewish education.

GUEST VOICES

For a decade I was a senior editor at a New York trade publishing house, where I specialized in autobiography. I have read thousands of memoirs, many by members of the upper classes — who, for understandable reasons, found it easier to get their words into print. One feature of some English and American aristocrats is the expectation that they and their progeny were put on earth not merely to expand their holdings but also to contribute to the common good.

I have also read — and edited — many memoirs by people who changed the world because of their own gifts, vision and stamina; that is, through *yichus atzmi*, aristocracy of the self.

When I tell people I once edited the best-selling book of the 1980s and now I spend my days attempting to revitalize Jewish education in North America, they usually ask me if I miss my old life.

But when I go on to say that day after day I am encountering the most perplexing and fascinating challenges about the shaping of the Jewish soul in contemporary America, and when I explain that transforming Jewish schools into communities of teaching and learning turns out to be a trope for how we live as Jews and what we believe is possible for ourselves, glazed eyes and apathetic expressions turn to curiosity — and occasionally, to hope.

Can teachers change? (Can people change?) Can education change lives? (Are we afraid it might?) What kind of Jews do we want to emerge from our schools, from our communities? (Will a fragile unspoken consensus break apart if we try to answer that question?) In speaking about — yes — Jewish education, I can still provoke a riveting conversation at a dinner party.

For here is the paradox. American Jews are among the most highly educated citizens of this country. For decades we have pushed ourselves and our children to attend the most prestigious schools and colleges, to flock to law and medical schools, making Jews and education virtually synonymous.

Why, then, do we not bring the same expectations to Jewish education as we do to general education? Why do we not demand that the settings in which Jewish education takes place be as rigorous and stimulating as private elementary schools or Ivy League colleges? Why are the professions, the humanities or an MBA seen as legitimate, demanding or practical, whereas a career in Jewish education is deemed parochial? What must change before many more American Jews are able to declare with pride: "My child is a Jewish educator"?

Judaism resilient enough to tackle the toughest questions

A Jewish education is not about how many hours a week a child spends in a Jewish school. It is not about preparation for bar or bat mitzvah or the ability to read Hebrew. And it is not about knowing who said what to whom in the Torah. It is not confined to the synagogue on Saturday nor to the ages between 8 and 13 or 5 and 17. It is not defined by visiting Israel or studying in Israel — powerful as those experiences may be.

In fact, it is not separate from how we earn a living, how we treat our friends or what we do about Bosnia. Rather, it should be an invitation — to any Jew — to feel entitled to his or her inheritance, an invitation to engage with a tradition unafraid of asking the great questions: Why is there suffering in the world? What can we know about love? Where can we find comfort when friends' words hurt? When someone beloved dies? How can we heal?

A Jewish education should have something to say about the anxiety of being middle-aged in a youth-worshipping culture; about being a parent who wants to impart an old and complicated tradition in a non-philosophical, quick-fix era; about being a child in a country that often marks success by quantity of possessions, a country that is among the least supportive of children and their families in the industrialized world.

Education is about nothing less than living itself. An ongoing Jewish education must address the question: What does it mean to be a Jew in America today? How do we look honestly at the tension between our subscribing to the American values of individual achievement and the right to privacy, along with the mobility and secularity that follow, while still sharing a culture of belief and peoplehood, providing a safety net in times of trouble, and having access to a vocabulary and community with which to mark the most significant moments of life?

Judaism is resilient enough to take on this question — and other tough questions, too. It is strong enough to be held accountable, particularly to the perceptive questions of children. But it is up to us to raise the transmission and interpretation of our tradition to the exalted standards it deserves.

What have I come to understand after a year of immersing myself in issues of Jewish education? Like those aristocrats in the memoirs I love to read, I find myself rich, not because I sought the passion and majesty of my tradition, but because it was bequeathed to me by my grandparents and parents. And being — I hope — well brought-up, I would like to give something back.

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Dry Bones

Jewish Life

Stones

by Hindy Nosek-Abelson
conceived in Jerusalem - finished in Toronto July, '95

Through an open window
in my Jerusalem home
A naked slope with pitted stones
like weathered skin on fragile bones
glares with hope and silent sighs
through rocky skulls with hollow eyes

They speak these stones, they scold, they yell
The greatest story told they tell
Of soldiers killed in battles old
of sons and daughters who just fell
Of Philistines and Babylon
Palestine and Lebanon

Roman Caesars, Roman Popes
Scattered exiles, shattered hopes
Your single messiah - Our millions to be
all crucified with pagan glee
as Rome stood chuckling silently
Each rock, each stone - a skull - a bone

.....Finally they've all come home

As hot dry winds blow dusty sand
the arid slope's old shriveled hand
reaches out, caresses me
Some green appears - a shrub - a tree
Melons, peaches , honey, wine
It beckons me with songs sublime

.....and welcomes home each bone of mine

Hindy Nosek-Abelson is a freelance writer, translator and public relations consultant, presently living in Toronto.

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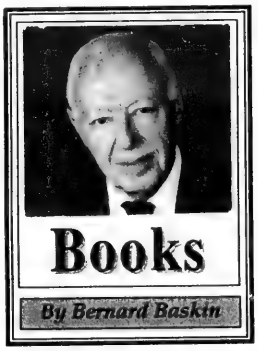

At 88, confined to an electric-wheelchair in New Mexico, in great physical pain and mental anguish, Henry Roth can look back on two "miracles."

The first involves his novel, *Call It Sleep*, published in 1938, which was little read and quickly faded from public memory. But, 30 years later, when it reappeared as a paperback, it was hailed as a long-neglected masterpiece. Extravagantly praised, it sold over one million copies and found a firm niche in modern American literature.

Call It Sleep, striking in style, reflecting the strong influence of James Joyce, depicted immigrant life in New York's Lower East Side at the beginning of the century, as experienced through the eyes and the emotions of an 8-year- old boy.

But after this unexpected triumph Roth was unable to write again for 60 years — apart from a few articles and stories. Then the second "miracle" occurred. The long, inexplicable writing drought ended when he announced the completion of a six-volume saga of autobiographical fiction running to 3,200 pages, the entire work to be called, *Mercy of a Rude Stream*.

The first of the volumes, published last year, received largely favorable reviews. It was a good start. But could Roth successfully sustain his enormous project? Now, with the second instalment, readers can stop holding their breath. Roth is creating a classic work of great interest and artistry.

A Diving Rock on the Hudson continues the story of Ira Stigman. As a teenager he finds employment as a bus conductor, stadium soda "hustler" and plumber's assistant. The author seems blessed with total recall as he skilfully limns Ira's world — his family and friends, his Harlem neighborhood and his varied experiences at high school and college. And, of course, the inner turmoil, alienation, sexual awakening and emotional and intellectual growth of a troubled young man.

A shocking aspect of the novel concerns Ira's repeated acts of incest with his younger sister. In a recent interview, Roth insisted that these episodes are fictional not, in any sense, to be regarded as autobiographical. But doubt persists. Some critics have suggested that this long-hidden relationship might be the cause of his suspended literary career.

As in the earlier work, the aged writer interrupts the narrative from time to time to hold absorbing conversations with his computer, "Ecclesias." They add a dimension of necessary evaluation to events of Ira's life, a kind of interplay of memory and present tense reflection.

Roth is a superlative writer. The many setpieces are superb and almost every page offers delights of description and imagery.

A typical example of Roth's ability to create a sense of place is the following. Ira walks "Through the crowded, noisy, fitful avenue, past indifferent landmarks, the Flatiron Building, past hectic intersections, Herald Square, Times Square, onward plodding: Columbus Circle, dully recognizing the changing character of the neighborhood, from commercial to apartment house, from utilitarian building to ornate, many-storied, multi-balconied edifice. At 96th Street, he quit Broadway, turned west toward the Hudson, entered on the lofty viaduct above the riverbank. On the paved paths down below — mothers, nursemaids, tending prams, the infants in them so snugly, colorfully bundled against the variable, brisk river wind ... How enjoyable was every sight and sound, if every sight and sound didn't drag a lead weight after it. Look at the water of the broad Hudson, choppy, whitecaps nicked out of the cold, grey river by the wind."

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Jewish Family & Child Service offers a workshop for single parents, Wednesday, Sept. 20. Learn strategies to cope with events such as holidays and weddings. Call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

REFORM MINYAN
Liberal, egalitarian group holds weekly services at Bloor JCC. Services, Friday, Sept. 8, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 16, 10 a.m. and special Selichot 9 p.m.; Thursday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m., study session with **Rabbi Hollander**; Friday, Sept. 22, 7:15 p.m. Call 905-844-9341.

KINDER-CHORUS
Auditioning for new members, especially boys, who have good voices and like to act and perform. Rehearsals Sundays. Call **Faye Kellerstein**, 633-6558.

TANACH AND GEMARA
Adult education classes resume week of Sept. 11. Group for Gemara meets Wednesdays, 9:10-10:10 a.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Group for Bible meets Thursdays 9:10-10:10 a.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue. Texts studied in Hebrew with discussion in English. Led by **Dr. Aaron Nussbaum.** Call 633-8097.

ONEG SHABBAT
West Toronto Jewish Community Association is holding an Oneg Shabbat, Friday, Sept. 15, 7:30 p.m., Swansea Town Hall, 95 Lavinia Ave. Call **Sharon**, 236-2054 or **Francine**, 588-9436.

NEGILLAH CHAPTER
A general meeting of Negillah chapter, BBW, for singles 40 plus, Monday, Sept. 18, 7:30 p.m., Pride of Israel Synagogue, 2 Lissom Cres. Program: Prevention of Scams and Frauds. Admission $2. Call **Marci** 905-731-6939 or **Marilyn**, 487-7792.

DAYS OF AWE
Adath Israel Congregation and adult education present Days of Awe, Prayer and Theology, Sept. 10 and 17, 10 a.m. Prayer with **Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum**, 10-10:50 a.m.; theology with **Rabbi Steven Saltzman**, 11-11:50 a.m. Breakfast served between lectures. Call 635-5340.

ADATH ISRAEL SINGLES
Singles group ages 35-55 presents a brunch, Sunday, Sept. 17, 11:30 a.m. featuring **Isabel Fryszberg**, who will lead a discussion on her film *In Search of Joy*. Prepaid reservations $8 at office until Sept. 14; $10 at the door. Call 635-5340.

CHILDREN'S YIDDISH
Reading, writing and conversation taught in a creative atmosphere begin Sunday, Sept. 24. Registration Sunday, Sept. 17, 10 a.m.-noon, Associated Hebrew Schools, 250 Finch Ave. W. Call **Sylvia Lustgarten**, 635-2883, ext. 155.

SECULAR ASSOCIATION
Spaces still available for children's Sunday school, JK-Grade 7. Classes start Sept. 10. Call **Karen Levy**, 905-731-7066.

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JF&CS GROUPS
Jewish Family & Child Service sponsors the following groups: Parenting Difficult Teens, begins Sept. 7; Grandparenting Through Divorce, begins Oct. 18; Parenting the Young Child begins October. Call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

OPENING DINNER
National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto Section is holding an opening dinner, Wednesday, Sept. 20. Speaker **Elaine Newton**. For reservations, 633-5100. Members $20; non-members $25.

For Seniors

Wagman Centre seeks singers for its intergenerational, Interlink choir. First rehearsal is Wednesday, Sept. 13, 10:30 a.m., Common Room.

North York Public Health Department invites seniors interested in organizing a social group for men and women to attend a meeting, Thursday, Sept. 14, Earl Bales Community Centre. Call **Annie**, 395-7600.

LZA Seniors — registration for Miami, Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon, Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Call **Libby**, 782-2059 or **Belle**, 633-5841. Discussion group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m.; Ladies folk dancing, Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. at the centre. Next luncheon meeting, Wednesday, Sept. 13, 11:30 a.m. at the centre.

Young at Heart offers one, two or three-month Florida trips including entertainment and pick-up at airport. Call **Helen**, 635-6343.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m., Thursdays, 15 Hove St. Niagara Falls and Buffalo trip, Sunday, Sept. 10. Members $22, non-members $25. Thursday, Sept. 14, video on the life of Benny Goodman. Call 661-4689.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club — opening luncheon Sept. 18, 12:30 p.m.; financial, medical and travelogue programs planned; **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth**, 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel, **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club — Saturday dance Sept. 9, Sunday dance Sept. 17; movie Wednesday, Sept. 13, 1 p.m.; election day Oct. 12; annual bazaar, Sun. Nov. 12. Trips: Wed. Sept. 20, Limelight Dinner Theatre, *Chutzpah a Go Go*; Oct. 22-27, Washington and Atlantic City; Wednesday Oct. 25-Nov. 8, Israeli tour.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays 1-4 p.m. at Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W., Meeting Room 2 for Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. Call **Viola Landman**, 905-886-2625.

Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave. features BJC Shalom Singers, Thursday, Sept. 7, 2 p.m.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE
Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 225-2112.

High Holy Day indoor sidewalk gift sale, Tuesday, Sept. 12, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

Wellness Centre presents Healthy Cooking with **Sharon Zeller**, Tuesdays Sept. 12 and Oct. 31, 1:30 p.m.; Pain Management lecture features a therapist from Arthritis Society who will answer questions, Thursday, Sept. 14, 1:30 p.m.

Sunday dance features music of the Creative Band, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Sept. 10.

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Bloor JCC after school program for ages 5-9 and 10-plus club for those 10-13. Free Sunday morning activities for children of all ages. Open house Sunday, Sept. 10-Thursday, Sept. 14.

BIALIK GRADS' CANTATA

Sixty-four graduating students, the largest graduating class in Bialik's history performed a cantata in the four languages taught at the school — Hebrew, Yiddish, English and French. [Mollie Rothman photo]

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David Baskin of Toronto (centre), financial secretary of Holy Blossom Temple has been installed as a trustee of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the central body of Reform Judaism in North America. He is shown with Rabbi Alexander M. Schindler (left), president, UAHC; and Melvin Merians, chairman of the board of trustees.

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Unfortunately, there is no magic formula for converting recipes because the higher moisture content and sweetness of corn syrup requires adjustments to other liquid and sweet ingredients. As well, high fat ingredients like nuts and egg yolks must be eliminated, cocoa substituted for chocolate and skim milk, juice or water for whole milk or sour cream.

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CHOCOLATE OAT CRISPS

(Makes 2½ dozen cookies)

1 cup rolled oats
⅔ cup all-purpose flour
⅔ cup granulated sugar
⅓ cup cocoa, sifted
1 tsp. baking powder
¼ tsp. salt
2 egg whites
⅓ cup corn syrup
1 tsp vanilla
1 cup crisp rice cereal, kosher
Cooking spray

In large bowl combine oats, flour, sugar, cocoa, baking powder and salt. In small bowl whisk egg whites, corn syrup and vanilla together to blend well. Add liquid mixture to dry ingredients, stirring until all ingredients are moistened. Stir in cereal. Dough will be thick. Drop by rounded spoonfuls onto baking sheet sprayed with cooking spray. Bake in preheated 350F oven 9-11 minutes, or just until set. Cool 5 minutes on baking sheet, then remove to wire rack to cool.

PINEAPPLE CARROT MUFFINS

(Makes 12 muffins)

1¼ cups all purpose flour
¼ cup corn starch
1½ tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. cinnamon
½ tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt
½ tsp. ground ginger
2 egg whites
¾ cup lightly packed brown sugar
¼ cup syrup
1 cup undrained crushed pineapple
1 cup grated carrots
⅔ cup raisins
Cooking spray

In large bowl combine flour, corn starch, baking powder, cinnamon, baking soda, salt and ginger. In small bowl whisk egg whites, brown sugar and corn syrup together to blend well. Stir in pineapple. Add liquid mixture to dry ingredients, stirring until all ingredients are moistened. Stir in carrots and raisins; mix well. Spoon into muffin cups sprayed with cooking spray. Bake in preheated 375F oven 20-25 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in centre comes out clean. Cool 5 minutes in pan, then remove to wire rack to cool.

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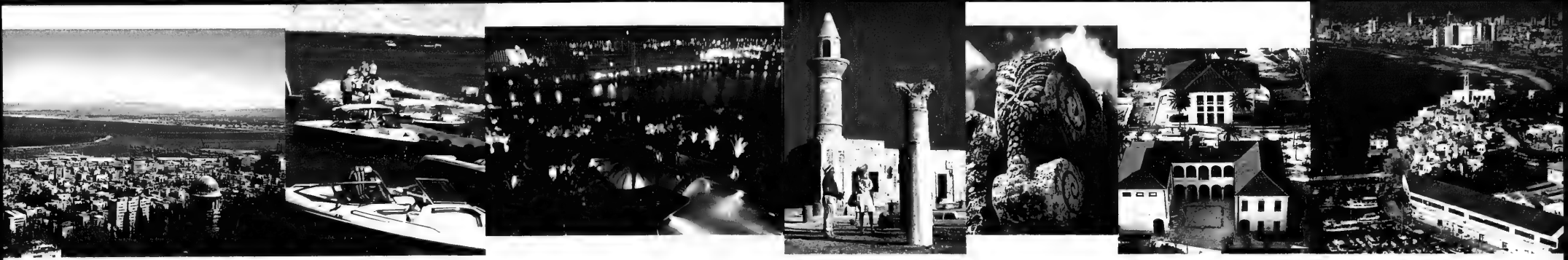

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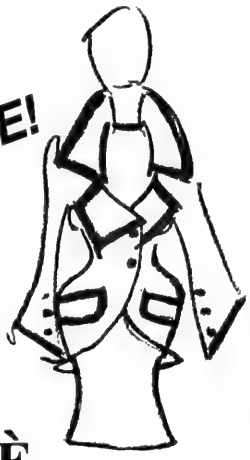

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PORTARA:

Mondi launches new line

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Mondi, the Munich-based international fashion house, recently launched Portara, a new contemporary line of women's clothing, which made its retail debut in August.

Portara has taken off in the market place said Mondi's Ontario agent Henny Baker.

"I was overwhelmed by the response from buyers. I did triple [the business than] what I expected," Baker said.

Mondi is sold in 60 countries and produces three lines: Mondi, better sportswear; Patrizia, the plus-size label; and Portara, which targets women 21 to 35.

"Portara is item-driven," Baker said. "There's that one piece you have to buy to add to your wardrobe like the cropped mohair sweater or the reversible leather jacket."

Portara, sold in sizes 34 to 42, is priced 30 to 50 per cent less than Mondi, she said. For example, a Mondi jacket retails for $595 and a Portara one is $295. The average retail price is $150 for Portara pants and $125 for its skirts. The Portara collection is geared to fashion-conscious women who are just beginning careers, Baker said.

Mondi's new line, Portara, targets women ages 21-35.

Short hip skirts

Vests and skirts are more fitted and trimmed into the waist and skirt lengths are short, with most buyers opting for 45- rather than 52-centimetre lengths, she said. The collection offers five clothing groups named after five major cities: Rome, Berlin, New York, Tokyo and Singapore.

The Rome group, beige- and sand-colored clothing accented in electric blue and bronze, was the first of the Portara line to appear in stores. Short walking shorts are paired with a cropped jacket accented with a gold polyurethane vest.

Short hip skirts are accessorized with aprons fitting snugly over the hips like extra-short miniskirts. A loose fitting box-style blazer is matched with a miniskirt or tapered-leg pants.

The other sportswear/separates groups which are based on color combinations — the Berlin group is browns and steel blues, and the New York is predominantly black and greys — offer styles similar to the Rome group with some variations in each group.

The Berlin group offers a selection of leathers: a box-style reversible brown-coconut-leather jacket is one of the most striking items while the New York group shows a long black outer-wear wool-twill coat worn over a suit in the same fabric.

The Tokyo group in reds and blacks and the Singapore in silver and powder pink accented with black are geared for evening wear. Popular with buyers were the ankle-length black chiffon skirt teamed with a long sleeve black viscose poly-mesh sweater from the Tokyo group and the short empire-waisted silk dresses in silver, pink and black from the Singapore group, Baker said.

She pointed out another evening look from the Singapore group which she said sold very well: pastel mohair sweaters worn over short, flared, silk tap-skirts.

The Portara collection can be found at these stores: Exempler, 390 Spadina; Mendocino, 2674 Yonge St. and Yorkdale; XTC at 7355 Bayview Ave. (at John); and Mondi in Hazelton Lanes.

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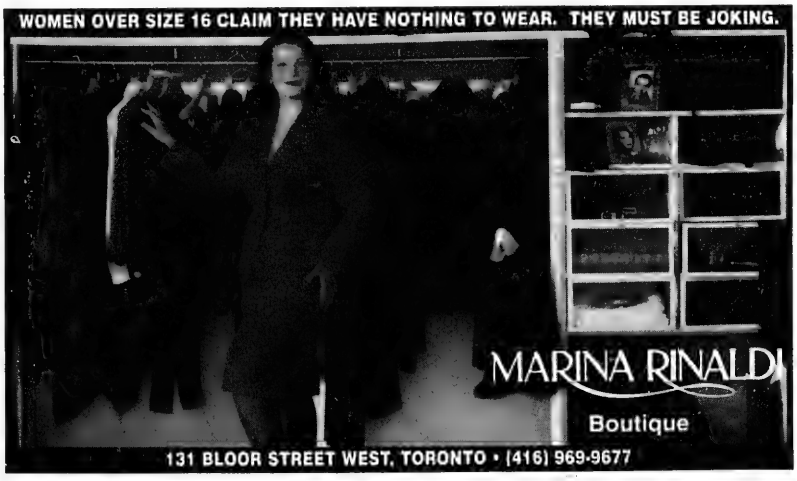

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Fall Fashion

By PHYLLIS FELDMAN
Special to The CJN

We think we can escape, but they are everywhere. We consult our favorite full-length mirror, scrupulously checking front, back and side views for unseemly panty lines, any discernible bumps, bulges and less than perfect contours. We check for good lift and separation, as we reconfirm our color enhancing and figure flattering choices of the day.

So much to think about, lest we get caught by ... the Fashion Police.

Who are the Fashion Police? They are a self-appointed body of the fashion conscious elite who cruise the streets in unmarked vehicles staking out their territory, looking for unwitting prey at whom they can point a finger and yell, "Fashion Faux Pas."

Intersections are a haven for the Fashion Police. They can peruse four corners at a single glance and issue summons by an icy stare. Three warnings from the Fashion Police and then you are on a "Fashion All-Points Bulletin."

I have been close. Venturing out on an early morning errand in my uglies, hands on the wheel, eyes straight ahead, I dare not look left or right. If I get caught, how will I face myself?

"But I'm one of you," I silently plead. "Give me another chance."

What can we do to avoid such humiliation? Never leave the house unless dressed to the nines? Become paranoid? Never answer the door without makeup? Wear a bra to bed? Sure, but only if you decide not to make reality part of your daily routine.

Now that the cooler weather is around the corner we have many options for fall dressing. The Fashion Police may be back from their vacation but we don't have to get caught. To be right up there with the best dressed this season keep an eye out for the color red, the seven-eighths coat, stripes, the feminine moulded suit, lurex, animal prints and faux furs. There will be a trend towards mixed not matched looks, and the ankle boot will remain a staple in footwear — in both military and Eurochic styling.

In the office, dressing appropriately always requires conscious effort and attention. This is one place we want to elude the Fashion Police at all cost; demerit points here could mean a permanent record.

To be successful in today's highly competitive marketplace, it is essential to maintain a professional image consistent with the product or service you are selling. Using discretion and our own common sense should help to eliminate any enbarrassing workplace fashion faux pas.

Women: Remember that short skirts are great, but you should be able to bend down or reach above your head and still keep everything you wish to be covered under wraps. You might want to consider the long skirted scenario.

Men: Unless it is a casual Friday, please wear long sleeves to the office. Short sleeve dress shirts (circa 1952) do not have that look of polished professionalism. If you are uncomfortable, it is very acceptable to take off your jacket and roll back your sleeves.

Everyone: Please remember that casual dress refers to the degree of formality not the degree of quality of the clothing you choose for the office.

Phyllis Feldman is a Toronto-based image consultant and self esteem coach with Face to Face Image Consulting.

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Everything Old is Newt Again

by Joy Cherry

Like politics, dear reader, fashion has taken an abrupt turn to the right.

As the 60's come tippytoeing back on little white go go boots, let us pause in affectionate remembrance of Jackie O.

Stroll Fifth Avenue with me, and note all of the 20-somethings geometrically arrayed in tiny triangular headscarves and huge round shades. Push your way, as I did recently, into either of Milan's hot Prada stores, and watch, open-mouthed, as Miuccia Prada's 60's-influenced collection disappears off the shelves in the blink of an eye.

Think back on all those hip Seinfeld folk paying homage to the waif-like elegance of Audrey Hepburn breakfasting at Tiffany's in her nifty shifts and bell-skirted ballgowns. Then you'll understand why this fashion season could definitely be dubbed "Fall-y Go Lightly". Face it. Bust darts are back!

But wait. Take a second look at déjà vu before you rummage in the closet for your favourite back numbers. That "60" has been flipped over to lend nostalgia a new "90"s attitude, and clothes a fresh wearability.

The passing of Camelot's First Lady has merely inspired a renaissance of femininity, clean, spare, classic and sexy ... crafted in fluid new lightweight materials as soft as a breath.

'Tis the season of renewal, and as we approach Rosh Hashanah, we contemplate religious rebirth hot on the heels of the trek back from the cottage and getting the gang back to school. It's time again for the coming together of the family in celebration of the new year 5756.

A Talmudic reference advises us to approach the High Holidays in a mood of confidence and hope, which, in turn, is seen as a reason for the wearing of festive new garments.

Even our store has undergone a renaissance, its good bones given a dramatic facelift by sophisticated marbleized walls in glossy black frames ... the better to show off the "festive new garments" of fall.

Let me show you around.

We'll start with the suit, this season's new wow factor. What to have if you're having only one. And our suits are merely fabulous. We have Escada. We have Nina Ricci. We have Louis Féraud. We have Christian Dior ... in an affordable price range from $495.

I'm looking at this just-arrived Louis Féraud original. My favourite colour this fall? Animal print. Like Eve, we're snake charmed, full of dashing, dotty, diamond animal spirits. And Féraud has split this jacket whimsically down the middle, one half python, the other leopard. Who says you can't have it all? A standout, and like all our suits, in fabric so lightweight it has no season.

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This month only, you get a bonus hand-made chenille boa (a $40 value) with any coat purchased ... face-flattering in your choice of a rainbow of colours.

Here's the belted wrap coat Sharon Stone made famous ... loden, camel, dark grey or greige. Or a Jil Sander-influenced caramel classic ... single-breasted with raglan sleeves, collar and lapel lovingly top-stitched by hand.

Shrug one on: feeling is believing. Top it with a crushable ruby velour hat from our millinery collection ... only $75. Or scoop up a classic airline hat with ear flaps and tie-up pom poms ... just $55 till they fly away.

The new glamour in ballgowns embraces our need from some upbeat energy. We have an incredible collection just now ... from full-skirted magnificence to the understated column. (One sold recently will dance at the White House ... as Hillary Clinton hosts a major ball for the Pediatric Fellows).

Our big news is Vera Wang — design star of this year's Oscar's — exclusively ours in Toronto.

Her famous gown is the subtle black see-through ... à la Holly Hunter's much talked about Oscar appearance ... this one with illusion sleeves and back playing peek-a-boo with the derrière.

Come in. See. Try. Chat. Catch up. A family wedding and other personal concerns clipped my travel wings this year, but New York and Milan were on my agenda. We had the pleasure of outfitting the delightful wife of the "Phantom", and I exchanged favourite New York restaurants with the oh-so-charming Robert Pilon. His? Ravelled Sleeve, 79th and 3rd. Mine? Fresco, on East 52nd. The buzz is so thick, what with movie stars and ad biggies everywhere, you can barely remember to chew!

Enjoy the fall-de-rol. And remember, fashion is like life. Be bold, not boring. Devour it all.

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Makeovers make us all pretty women

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

The sound of Roy Orbison singing *Pretty Woman* set the evening's mood at a recent makeover extravaganza.

Anticipation hung in the air while the audience watched the models — two nervous-looking women on stage — waiting for their makeovers to begin.

As the evening unfolded Joanne Giannone, 27, and Rosemary Magill, 52, got new hairstyles, thanks to hairdresser Frances Stern. They had their makeup professionally applied, courtesy of makeup artist and teacher Francine Birken.

Rosemary ...before

Tall, dark-haired Giannone, an information management supervisor, was the model for the evening look. Stern smoothed out her long thick, curly tresses, which brought out Giannone's natural elegance. Dramatic evening makeup emphasized her best features, her large, dark eyes and her high cheekbones.

Giannone, who was enrolled in one of Birken's makeup classes at Richvale, said she loved the way her teacher had done her makeup — a minimum was applied and it was well-blended. "I go to work and feel like a plain Jane and at night I feel like an entirely different person," she said.

While taking Birken's course, she says she learned how to create a natural, clean look with makeup and she has since experimented with cosmetics in colors she had not tried before.

Rosemary...after

Magill, a receptionist, began the evening with a full head of layered hair. When Stern cut her blond hair, she left some length on the top as Magil doesn't like her hair too short, but she trimmed the bottom until it was fashionably short and wispy. Magill's subtle day makeup, which included a touch of pale pink lipstick, was perfect for the office.

Magill liked her new hairdo. She rarely changes her hairstyle and is "more apt to wear the same style" for a long time, she said. Another one of Birken's students, she says she learned the proper techniques for applying eye makeup and blusher at the classes.

Throughout the evening Birken gave her audience skin care and makeup tips. She stressed the importance of using cleanser, toner and moisturizer twice a day — in the morning and at night — and advised them never to wash their faces with soap since it dries the skin.

Joanne...before

As foundation won't cover discoloration under the eyes, it is best to use a concealer before applying foundation, Birken recommended. And foundation should be well blended, she emphasized. "There is nothing worse than seeing an orange line on the jaw."

To keep a steady hand while applying eyeliner, she suggested resting your hand on your cheek. Use liquid eyeliner on the top lids and a crayon to line the bottom lids, stopping well short of the inside corner of the eye. "Low-key cheeks" are in, so blusher should be applied sparingly.

A secret for making lipstick last longer is to use a pencil along with lipstick, Birken said. After outlining the lips with the pencil, apply your lipstick with a lipbrush, then color your lips with the pencil.

"Makeup should take you no more than 15 minutes to apply," she said, and with the exception of lipstick and powder, it should last 8 to 10 hours.

Birken will be offering makeup seminars this fall at Richvale and Ed Sackfield community centres in Richmond Hill, and at the Dufferin and Clark Community Centre in Vaughan.

Joanne...after

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Toronto makeup artist up for Emmy Award

When the 47th annual Emmy Awards are presented in Los Angeles on Sept.10th, there will be many crossed fingers across Canada.

Beverley Schechtman of Toronto, and Kevin Haney of Los Angeles, have been nominated for Best Make-Up in a Mini-Series or Special for *The Show Formerly Known as the Martin Short Show*, broadcast May 20,1995.

It is the only Emmy nomination the show has received.

The team used prosthetics, paint, dentures, and hair pieces to transform Martin Short into Forrest Gump and Kato Kaelin, Jan Hooks to Brett Butler, Faye Dunaway and David Letterman's mum, and Joe Flaherty into Lyle Lovett.

Fans of the old *SCTV* comedy show and the more-recent *CODCO* will be familiar with Schechtman's work.

She transformed Short into Pierre Trudeau, Beverley D'Angelo into Tammy Faye Baker and the entire cast of CBC's *CODCO* into everyone from Barbara Walters to Dolly Parton.

Schechtman trained as a commercial artist, her favorite course being sculpting. She started her career in the fashion business, readying models for color photography. But it was sculpting that provided an excellent springboard to her work with prostheses to reshape famous faces.

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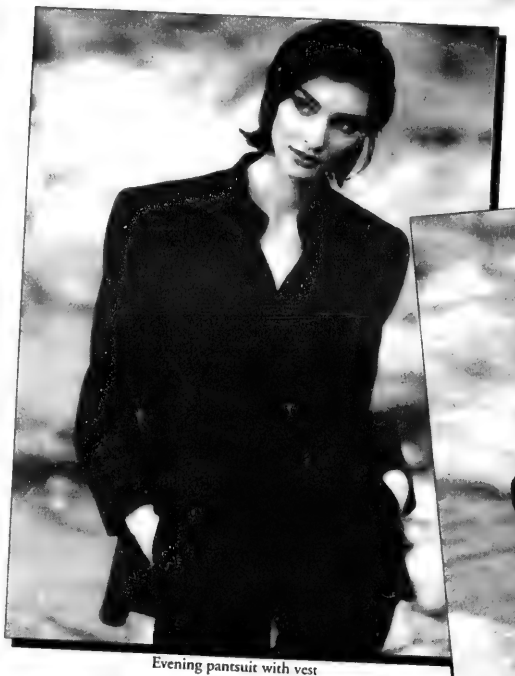

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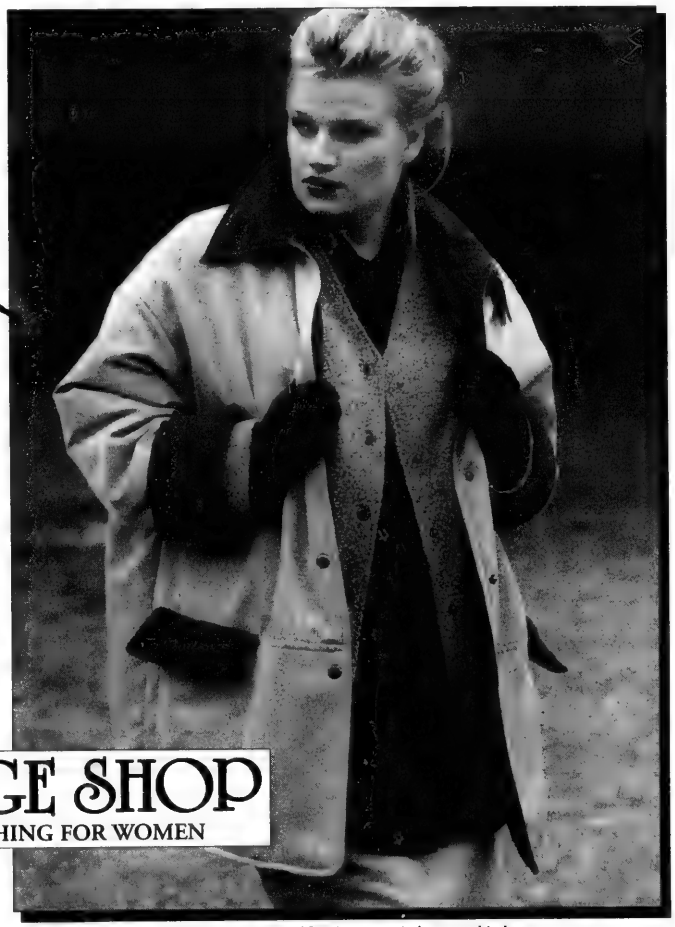

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Body-hugging body-suits back in fashion

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Mandi Imports, Canada's exclusive distributor of Cosabella Body Fashions, recently celebrated its 10th anniversary with a fashion show previewing Cosabella's fall collection.

The models wore every style of body-suit imaginable — long sleeve and sleeveless, with turtle, mock turtle, scoop, round and V-neck — in a wide array of colors and fabrics — velvet, cotton, tulle, and satin. The body-suits were teamed with scarves, sarongs and black double-layered tulle pants.

Cosabella, an international company based in Italy, has all its body-wear manufactured there. The company's strengths are the uniqueness of the color and patterns and the fabric combinations, according to Perry Tonus, president of Mandi.

For example, flocked or raised velvet is combined with tulle for an elegant evening look. Another innovative look is the tulle body-suit with mohair collar and cuffs. The body-suits, which all stretch to fit the body, come in small, medium and large.

Mandi, a family-run operation — Tonus runs the company with his parents and sister — supplies more than 500 high-end boutiques across Canada. He said Cosabella was originally a lingerie company "which evolved with needs of women from teddies to body-wear pieces."

Consequently Mandi had to find new customers. "We evolved from supplying lingerie to supplying the best boutiques in all the cities of Canada," he said.

Cosabella, which targets career women aged 25 to 55, retails from $70 for a cropped top, to $300 for a floral crushed velvet body-suit for evening wear.

One of the new fall products is the ankle-length black empire-waisted evening dress with a textured velvet bodice and double layered tulle skirt. The layered tulle is also used for the black full-legged pants.

As for fall colors, the palette is very diverse, Tonus said. "It's taking no direction and it's taking every direction." But silver and gold are not as strong as in previous years, he said.

In the last two years, the style of the body-suits have changed: Cosabella carries few body-suits made of loose-fitting material which drape the body, because the body-hugging garments have become more fashionable, Tonus said. "The body-hugging material is so soft it breathes allowing for movement and comfort."

Cosabella is available at these stores: Bottega Bertolucci, 875 Eglinton Ave. W.; Accessity, 136 Cumberland St.; Paola Di, 3357 Yonge St.

The Casual Way launches new Liz Claiborne line

Liz Claiborne's new Fall sportswear fashions will be launched Sept. 30 at the Casual Way store on Yonge St. north of Eglinton.

The collection will feature classic career and work wear, Liz Sport for casual work and play, Lizwear for weekends as well as knitwear.

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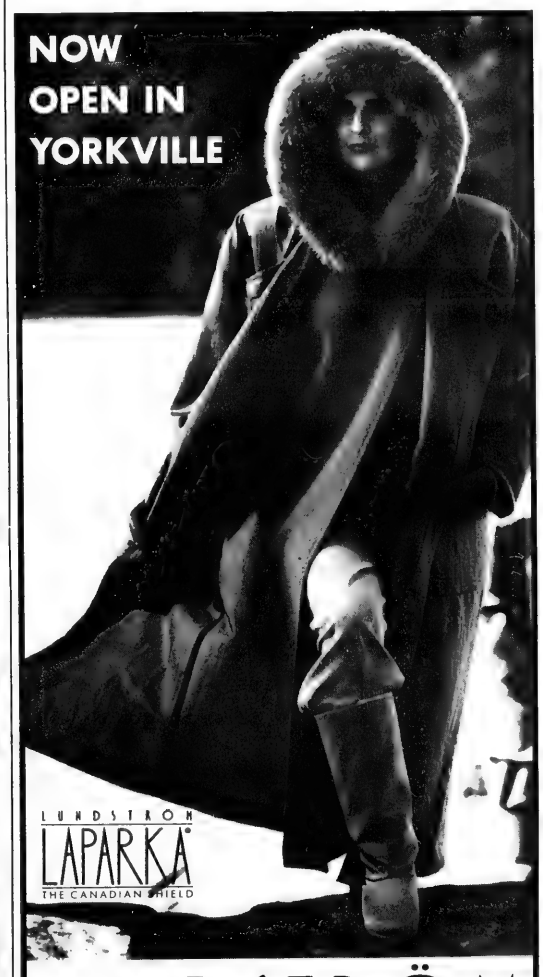

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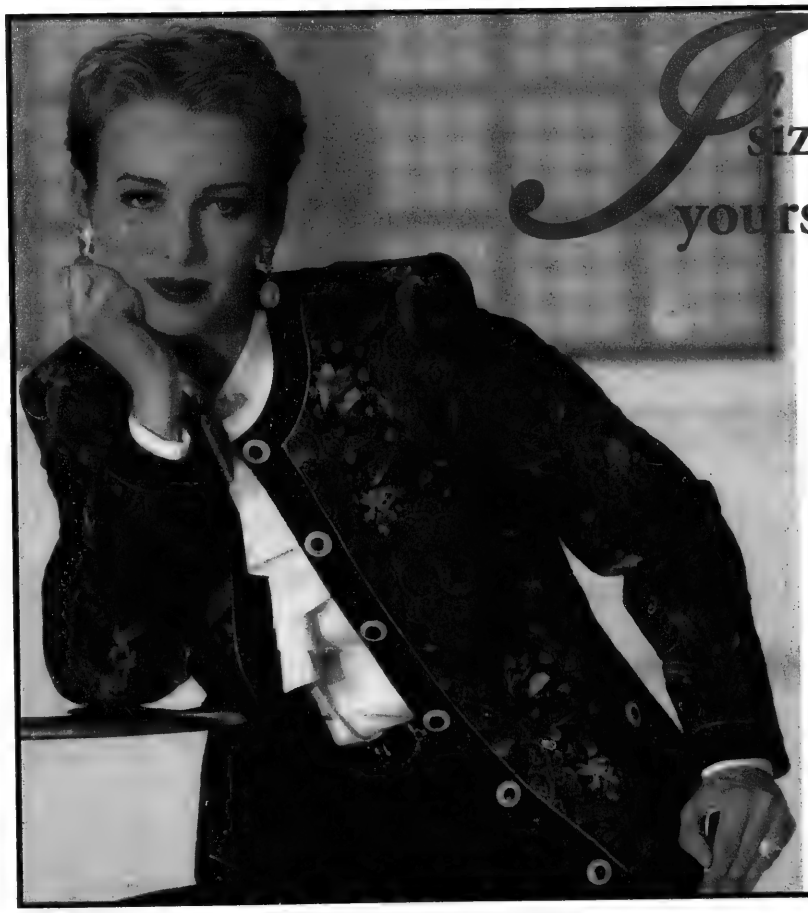

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Andrew's fills demand for better womenswear

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Andrew's, the women's department store in Hazelton Lanes, exudes panache and style with its elegant cream decor — complete with a baby grand — regular live jazz and popular music, and its bottomless pot of fresh Colombian coffee.

The three-year-old store, established in the midst of the last recession, expanded over the summer: 2,000 square feet of retail space were added to the existing 10,000-sq.-ft. store.

Co-owner Darren Mason said Andrew's is meeting the demand for better womenswear, filling a vacuum that was created when some of the higher-end retail stores collapsed during the last recession.

The store carries many lines of clothing with modern yet classic styling from Europe, he said. "Our product for the most part is exclusive lines, fashion-styling one cannot find anywhere else in North America."

Andrew's is a family operation. Mason and his two sisters, Beverley Lerner and Cheryl McEwen run the store, but they are guided by their mother, Joyce Mason, a 25-year veteran of the fashion business. She owns the Village Shops.

"My mother has tremendous vision for retail," Mason said. "She very carefully guides us, yet she allows us the freedom to make the decisions and make the mistakes to learn."

The staff of 30 sales associates work in the giant sportswear department or one of five other departments — evening wear, outerwear, lingerie, accessories and cosmetics — and have "extensive product knowledge," Mason said. They are trained to listen to the customer, providing service to those who want it and backing off if a customer is more comfortable on her own, he said.

Mason and his sisters spend most of their time on the floor, to gain an understanding of their customers' needs. That knowledge helps them on buying trips, he said.

"There's a lot of product out there. You have to be very particular. You have to have a clear definition of what your customer is looking for."

When Mason and Lerner look at various lines of clothing, they evaluate the garments in terms of fit, style, fabric and the combination of all those features, he said.

"We have to ask ourselves if it is worth the investment. There has to be a $400 value in a jacket or coat of that price. The label is the last thing we look at."

The prices at Andrew's are reasonable, Mason said. "For the most part you won't find prices cheaper anywhere else in the world. We price them [garments] extremely fairly. They're investment pieces that are meant to last. We guarantee it."

In all the departments together, the store carries hundreds of lines, offering customers a large selection of products, he said. One company Andrew's is showcasing is K.S., a contemporary European line of sportswear. "K.S. blends a lot of different styles and images in a very interesting way and appeals to a diverse clientele," Mason said, adding that the store expanded to "provide K.S. with an appropriate arena."

Andrew's mixes and matches different lines to create a classic international look. For example, a short red and black plaid jacket by Gerry Weber is teamed with black trousers and red cape by Weinberg for a striking look with simple lines.

Mason credits Lerner for creating this look and many of the other ensembles displayed throughout the store. "Beverly has a great sense of seeing a line and how to put it together."

Mason said the store strives to maintain a balance between esthetics and business. "Fashion and retail are very different. To be successful you have to take the reality of retail and the fantasy of design and package it in a nice environment with good service."

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Daniel Penciner, designer of pyjamas and loungewear, announced the latest additon to the Joseph & Zane family. The *Mama* line was designed by Daniel's wife Gail when she was expecting their first child. The stylish and wearable maternity wear assures the comfort Joseph & Zane is renowned for.

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Beauty SHOP

By CAROL WISE

When you enter the cosmetic section of your favorite department store, do you feel anxious? Are your thoughts something like this: "Get me out of here!" "Help!" or simply, "Where do I begin"?

If this sounds familiar, don't be alarmed. You are not alone. Purchasing cosmetics can be overwhelming. However, autumn is here and with it comes the necessity for new cosmetics.

The following is a list of what's new in the cosmetic world, as well as some helpful hints to make your shopping experience successful, value-focused and fun.

Organize your cosmetics and eliminate what you no longer use. This will help avoid repeat buying. Make sure you have ample time to spend checking all the different makeup counters.

Talk to the makeup representative for the product line that you fancy and be sure your ideas of beauty are similar. Have the products applied before making your purchase. Often, what looks good in the container doesn't look good on you and vice-versa.

Glamor has made a dazzling comeback. The fashion runways are filled with flirty glitz. Neutral and barely there makeup is becoming a look of the past. This new femininity must be set off with real makeup colors.

SKIN CARE

During the fall months, the humidity in the air gradually decreases. You will find your skin becoming dryer and perhaps dehydrated. Choose a beauty cream to keep it soft and subtle.

LANCOME, Primordiale is a revitalizing solution that promises to make your skin look rejuvenated in one week — a spectacular result of a new, original active-ingredient transport system, the "Nanocapsule," containing pure Vitamin E. This formidable antidote helps to combat deformations which damage the cells.

FOUNDATION

To keep that healthy glow of the summer months, apply a foundation that is one shade darker than your natural skin tone.

ELIZABETH ARDEN, Flawless Finish Complete Control Matte Makeup is a water based, oil-controlling foundation that gives an expert long-lasting matte finish. It contains silica beads and kaolin that act as blotters, absorbing oil, not water, so the skin's moisture balance is maintained. It also contains anti-oxidants to neutralize free radicals.

Flawless Finish Dual Perfection Makeup is a versatile foundation that's fast, flexible and portable. Applied with a wet sponge for fuller coverage, a dry sponge for sheer coverage. It is ideal for touch-ups throughout the day.

BLUSH

A natural blushed effect can be achieved by applying color high on your cheekbone and blending well.

LANCOME, Blush Subtil is an oil free powder blush great for oily skin. The new color for fall is Miel Glace, a honey copper color that will give you a very natural yet healthy look.

Blush Majeur is a brush-on cream cheek color. For a radiant youthful finish, this no-color glow, shimmered with warm pink can be used alone, over blush or all over the face.

HAIR

This season's glamor do's are definitely influenced by the '60s era. Hair designer, Daniel Fiorio, says, "Lots of volume at the crown, wispy bangs with clean sleak lines will be the most popular look for fall '95. Instead of the '60s tease we have the '90s cut, which means the volume will be cut into the shape. Hair color should be luminous, adding maximum brightness to your face."

EYES

Eye makeup for the fall will be well defined with shades of color. Emphasis should be on the eyebrow to create structure and balance.

CHANEL, Le Soureil de Chanel is a unique compact containing the complete eyebrow beauty solution. This compact contains three perfect brow shades, three tools for application and a magnifying mirror that permits extreme precision.

LANCOME, Artliner creates an intensely precise line in a single sweep. Its supple nib outlines the edge of the lashes with a velvety matt finish. Its easy to apply, even for a non-expert. This technique will make your eyes appear larger and more dramatic.

ELIZABETH ARDEN, Eye Fix is the perfect solution to long-lasting eye makeup. It allows eye makeup to glide on like silk and controls streaking, creasing and fading.

LIPS

Again lips are the focal point of the face. Keep them looking soft, and kissable.

BIOTHERM, Soin des Levres is an optional solution to dry lip care. This highly concentrated hydrating cream combines nutritious plant oils and beeswax to keep your lips looking and feeling soft. It also offers both free radical protection and UV protection.

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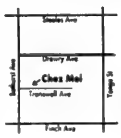
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SIGNATURE: Lipman unveils new look

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Do you wear your Marci Lipman sweats to work on Casual Fridays? Now you can wear Marci Lipman designs to the office five days a week.

Marci Lipman, known for her casual art-to-wear — works of art on sweats and T-shirts — just unveiled the Signature Collection, a new line of casual clothing which is both stylish and versatile.

"We wanted to offer women a collection of clothing that could be worn to the office, out for dinner or to pick up kids," Lipman said recently in an interview.

The Signature Collection, which was introduced for the fall, features velour vests and mini-skirts, cuffed ribbed velour leggings with drawstring tunics, and oversized shirts teamed with leggings. Other fabrics in the collection include cotton jersey, flannel and baby Sherpa fleece.

Many of the items come in neutral colors such as taupe, oatmeal, charcoal and black and can be teamed with flannel and cotton tops with motifs such as fall leaves, caribou and bear paws. These patterned tops reflect her classic designs, Lipman said.

"We want people to have the feeling it's still Marci Lipman, but it's a new look."

The new look was triggered by her "desire for something other than fleece" and her need for a new creative direction, she said. "After 10 years of doing art on clothing I was ready for a change."

But the departure from the art-to-wear — which will still be manufactured and marketed by Lipman under the Classics label — was as much a business decision as a creative one, she said.

Other manufacturers had inundated the retail market with art on clothing, a concept Lipman pioneered 10 years ago, she said.

"I could feel it [the time for a change] coming the last few years; there was so much art on clothing."

But she also took a cue from her customers. They were not returning as often to buy her clothing, because the art-to-wear pieces never went out of style, she said.

Laura Hogg models this velour vest, a velour mini skirt and the Fall Fantasy scoop neck shirt. All together, these cost $150.

"Fashion that never dates has its pros and cons. We did not want to lose our regular customers."

She added that relaxed attitudes about work attire convinced her the time was opportune for launching a new sophisticated line.

Some of the oversized shirts in the Signature Collection, such as the polar fleece jacket with polar bear paw design and flannel caribou print shirt, can be worn by both men and women.

The latter two items are also available in children's sizes, along with a full children's collection that includes plaid flannel dresses, pants and vests, a velour grouping and a variety of art-to-wear sweats and sleepwear.

You can purchase any of the Marci Lipman collection at one of seven stores in Ontario, and the art-to-wear fashions are available at approximately 400 retail outlets across Canada.

Marci Lipman stores in the Toronto area are located in the Eaton Centre, Sherway Gardens, Hazelton Lanes, 2631 Yonge St. and 231 Avenue Rd.

Roots branches into eyewear

By CAROL WISE
Special to The CJN

Roots Canada and Centennial Optical recently announced the launch of Roots Vision and Roots Sun prescription eye wear and sunglasses. Centennial Optical is one of Canada's leading suppliers of eye wear and lenses. Roots is one of Canada's most successful retailers of quality leather goods and athletic wear.

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Roots Vision will be available at all Roots outlets in Canada and at leading optical outlets across the country. The price points will range from $89.95 to $149.95.

Roots Vision eyewear

Fall Fashion

Toronto designer offers fashion ideas and tips

By CAROL WISE
Special to The CJN

Among fashion leaders in-the-know, Wayne Clark is perennially one of Toronto's brightest lights. With shocking enthusiasm and *joie de vivre*, his creations can be divided into two categories: dramatic collections created for the press, and classic dresses, gowns and sportswear for the retail customer.

All Clark's designs evolve from his belief that women need to feel comfortable.

Wayne Clark

Interview with Wayne Clark

At the age of 10, Clark knew he wanted to spend his life designing clothing for women. Exotic dreams for a boy from Calgary. After completing stints at the Alberta College of Art and Sheridan College, Clark was awarded a Canadian Fashion Industry Scholarship and soon jetted off to London, England, where he apprenticed at Hardy Amies.

He soon won acclaim as a costume designer for the movie, *The Romantic English Woman.*

Today his designs appear regularly in films and on television. His Toronto-based office takes control of the complete fashion process from concept to shipping. He is intent on producing well-designed, beautifully made clothing for women.

I recently spoke to Clark about his fashion ideas.

Q. *What is the hottest look for Fall '95?*

A. The return of glamor is the big look for Fall '95. Chic, tailored suits, opulent gowns, lots of shine, sparkle, furs and jewels.

Q. *How does a woman who doesn't have a perfect figure choose a dress?*

A. Every woman has something she dislikes about her body and something she likes. Buy a dress that highlights the feature you like. If you like your legs, buy short dresses, or if you like your bust, look for something with an interesting neckline. The worst thing you can do is to buy clothes that are too small. Just because you can squeeze into a Size 6 doesn't mean you should.

Q. *How can I get the best bang for my buck on a '90s budget?*

A. Buy a few well made classic pieces in neutral colors. Accent them with things from clearance centres, discount stores or vintage shops. Don't buy poor quality jackets. Economize on skirts, pants and blouses — never the jackets.

Q. *Is black the best color for evening?*

A. Absolutely. Black is the only color that works with everything.

Q. *How about fashion and economy?*

A. Either the economy has turned around or people are just tired of feeling badly dressed. Perhaps everyone has decided to eat less and dress more.

Q. *Do you have a motto?*

A. We have a motto we try to stick to: "If it's not sexy, don't bother."

Wayne Clark's fashions are available at many of Toronto's fashion boutiques, such as, Holt Renfrew, Joy Cherry and Camari.

Korry's owner considered an authority on menswear

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

On a recent visit to Korry's Clothiers for Men on the trendy cafe-lined strip of the Danforth, there were as many women shopping for menswear as men.

In the front of the store, one woman instructed her husband to try on a grey tweed blazer. She then chose a pair of charcoal pants to match and asked the salesman for a size 38. "Size 36," the husband countered.

"He still thinks he's a (size) 36," the woman told the salesman. "Bring the 38s." There was no further protest from the husband and the couple left Korry's with the blazer and size-38 trousers in hand.

Throughout the store there was no question which sex was in charge of buying the power suits. The men stood around sheepishly as their mates consulted with sales staff.

Most men take their wives with them when they buy clothes because they don't trust themselves to make the right decision, Saul Korman, the owner of Korry's, said. "Most men don't understand fashion."

But Korman certainly doesn't fall in that category. A fashion commentator and writer, he is considered to be one of the leading authorities on men's clothing in Toronto. His reputation is built on firm footings: he's been in the clothing business for 43 years.

Korry's sells a wide range of mid- to high-priced clothing and accessories from leisure wear — sweaters, vests, sport shirts and slacks, to business wear — suits, blazers and dress shirts.

Longer jackets with three and four buttons for single breasted and three by three, and three by two buttons for double breasted are a new look for the fall, Korman said.

"But not everybody is comfortable with this look. [When you choose a jacket] the bottom line is comfort."

Natural colors like browns, olives and charcoals are this year's big fall colors, however, the classics are integral to any wardrobe, he said.

"If you only have money to buy one suit buy navy. The navy suit is in 12 months a year."

A second suit should be grey or taupe, but men with grey hair should steer clear of grey, he added. A suit if it is well-cared for should last five years, he said.

For the man with a limited budget, three out of six or seven shirts should be solid white because "white makes a statement," but if white doesn't suit you then choose solid cream or light blue shirts, Korman said.

Mandarin-collar shirts have become very popular, he said. "A high mandarin collar goes well with a tuxedo. "After last year's Academy Awards — everyone in Hollywood was wearing one — we had people in here next day asking for mandarin-collar tuxedo shirts."

For a casual look Korman likes to mix and match items from different collections. On one of the mannequins a pair of Versace wool diagonal twill pants in brown is teamed with a beige and brown plaid bouclé sports shirt by Haupt. "I think the detail makes this look exciting," he said.

He is not a fan of Casual Fridays because too many people are interpreting dressing down as a licence to look sloppy, he said. "I don't want to be served by a bank clerk wearing torn jeans. I'm not against casual but there's a difference between casual and looking unkempt."

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With 15 years at *ESCADA* behind her, Helene Laniak understands luxury and the women who buy it. So when she and her dad Peter Laniak, recently retired President & CEO of ESCADA-USA, decided to go into business together, they were determined to offer the highest level of comfort and service. Their new enterprise, *Le Salon,* is based in Montreal's Hermes Building. *Le Salon* is the center of a network of fashion consultants, each operating her own business and servicing her own clients.

Presently there are fashion consultants in Vancouver, Toronto, Ottawa, Quebec City and Montreal with more cities targeted for next season.

"We feel that this is the way of the 90's" says Helene Laniak. "With most of the carriage trade retailers gone, we can better service the client and pass on the savings to her as well. Clients are treated like invited guests and there is absolutely no pressure to buy. We want our guests to be comfortable and happy and to come back again and again."

Le Salon is set up as a living room where associates gather twice a year to view the collection and attend training seminars.Each consultant gets the sample line for a week during which time she books appointments in her home.

The collection, exclusive to *Le Salon* in Canada, is extensive, 160-170 pieces plus handbags and belts. Suits range from $1400 - $1600, but, says Laniak, it offers the value the consumer wants. And because of *Le Salon*'s low overhead, customers buy it about 30% below retail.

Unlike cash-and-carry home shopping parties, customers have to think like retailers – ordering merchandise now for delivery in five months or so. They select from the sample-line, using garments from a previous season to check their size, and leave a 20% deposit. The balance is payable on delivery, "This is a luxurious, personalized and fun way for women to shop," says Laniak, who is confident of the concept's growth potential.

Tristano Onofri's Autumn/Winter collection is now available at *Le Salon* and his new creations for Spring/Summer '96 will be previewed soon.

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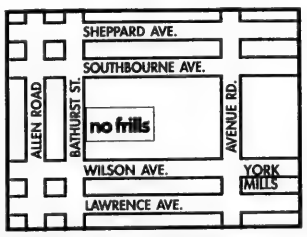

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An Israeli breakfast beckons

Jerusalem Dateline

Nearly every visitor to Israel has responded with great enthusiasm to what the world knows as "the Israeli breakfast." Always set out as a buffet, such breakfasts are truly impressive. Even the simplest of such offerings will include a display rich enough to make a lasting impression on all of the senses. Bright oranges, apples of marvellous rosiness, long yellow pears, large sweet green, yellow and red peppers, flame red tomatoes, slices of green and yellow melons and plump deep green cucumbers will be placed on the same table, side by side. Next to that abundance there may be various types of large, freshly baked country breads, several types of herring, a remarkable variety of cheeses, yogurt, buttermilk, creams and hard boiled, soft boiled, poached, and scrambled eggs. A variety of dishes, hot and cold, based on literally hundreds of the combinations that such ingredients can yield, will also be offered.

Even though nearly every hotel in Israel offers such morning feasts for its guests, such breakfasts are at their esthetic and gastronomic height when they are found in a kibbutz dining room. It is almost as if the pioneering spirit of the kibbutz is a fitting backdrop for this munificence. It was, after all, some 50 years ago on the kibbutz that such meals originated. In those days, nearly all the kibbutzniks started their day in the fields at 4 or 5 a.m., and by 7 or 8 had worked up enough of an appetite to do justice to such abundance.

AVOCADO AND POMEGRANATE SALAD

(Serves 4 to 6)

2 ripe avocados
Lemon juice as required
1 pomegranate
¼ lb. of black grapes

For the sauce:
1 tsp. sugar
¼ cup kosher white wine vinegar
2 tbsp. corn oil
1 tbsp. walnut oil
¼ cup mint, chopped
Salt and pepper to taste

Peel the avocados, remove the pits and slice into thick slices. Drop the slices into a bowl containing water and lemon juice as this will keep them from turning black.

Cut the pomegranate in half and crush it over a bowl to remove and collect the seeds. Wash the grapes and mix them with the fruit.

Put all of the sauce ingredients in a glass jar, screw the lid on firmly and shake vigorously for 1-2 minutes. Pour the sauce over the avocado and fruit and toss well before serving.

MIXED CHEESE SALAD

(Serves 4 to 6)

2 medium cucumbers, peeled
¼ lb. each cottage cheese and crumbled kosher feta cheese
¼ cup onion, grated and drained
1 green pepper, seeded and chopped finely
¼ cup each lemon juice and olive oil
Salt and black pepper to taste
Sprigs of fresh mint for garnish

Halve the cucumber lengthwise, score with the tines of a fork, sprinkle with salt and let stand for 30 minutes.

In mixing bowl combine the cheeses with the onion, green pepper, lemon juice and olive oil. Mix thoroughly and season generously with pepper and a moderate amount of salt.

Drain the cucumber and cut into small cubes. Mix into the cheese mixture. Transfer to a shallow serving bowl. Garnish with the mint sprigs and let stand in a cool place for ½ hour before serving. Serve with fresh bread.

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Plan ahead and you can enjoy 'crazy brisket'

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

The start of a New Year is a special time. On Rosh Hashanah we gather together with friends and family to eat, pray, repent and of course, eat again. Actually, when you think about it, on Yom Kippur we do basically the same thing only it's eat, pray and repent and after what seems like 24 years and not 24 hours, eat again.

The High Holy Day meals always include a lot of planning, shopping and cooking. So it goes without saying that when it becomes your responsibility (and pleasure) to be host to the "family" meals the task might seem a little overwhelming.

First of all there are all those pesky little decisions that everyone has a different *minhag* for. Do you dress for services before or after you eat? Flowers and good china or everyday dishes? How early should everyone arrive in order to eat and get to services before all the good seats are taken? Then there's the menu. Soup or no soup? Beef or fowl or both? Apples and honey with the meal or as a separate part of the dessert. Dessert before or after services?

The first thing you need to do is relax. Serving the first meal of the holidays just before or after that first service is a mad and crazy rush for everyone. Nobody has enough time (or burners) to make everything they want.

There is no one correct way to prepare for the holiday meals (Ashkenazi and Sephardi differences don't count). The best solution to all these questions is not necessarily what your mother or mother-in-law suggests or what your neighbors do or even what the rabbi down the block does. It's whatever works for you within the framework of what your time, space, desire and finances will allow.

I do, however, have some advice that might prove helpful. Take from the list what works for you and forget the rest. As for the recipes, they are variations of classic soup, brisket, chicken and rice dishes that have been served at Rosh Hashanah and erev Yom Kippur tables for generations.

1. Challah and wine are always appropriate.

2. Never, ever, season anything with a lot of salt and then serve it to people heading out the door for services. There's nothing like standing there for Kol Nidre and realizing you *need* a drink of water.

3. Avoid serving anything that stains (beets, raspberries, and tomato sauce are big no-no's). Inevitably, someone will spill something on themselves (usually it's a child) and it's much easier to hide a light stain than a big red one.

4. Water should be the beverage of choice. It's the one drink that's guaranteed not to make you even more thirsty. To give the water a little bit of a festive look you can place slices of lemon, lime and/or orange in the glasses with crushed ice.

5. Make as much of the meal ahead of time as possible. Save those last minute recipes for a time when you actually have time.

6. Enlist everyone's help. If guests offer to bring something or offers to help and you really want to do all the cooking suggest that they bring wine, challah, fruit, flowers or that they come over to help you set the table. Not only are you saving yourself the time of preparing or picking up these items it allows your guest to feel the joy of preparing for the holiday.

7. Serve buffet or family style if possible. Making individual dishes and serving them guarantees that you'll be ready to sit down just as everyone else is finishing.

CRAZY BRISKET

5 to 6 lb. brisket
2 tsp. garlic, minced
1 medium onion
2 tbsp. red vine vinegar
¼ cup red wine
½ cup oil
¼ cup honey
¼ cup Coca Cola (yes, Coca Cola)
3 tbsp. ketchup
1½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
1 tsp. paprika

Place the garlic and onion in a food processor or blender and process until onion is minced. Add the remaining ingredients (except the brisket) and process until well blended. Pour the marinade over the brisket, cover, and let set for 1 to 2 hours at room temperature or overnight in the refrigerator. Cook in a covered roasting pan at 300 degrees for approximately 1 hour per pound. When the brisket is done (very tender) remove it from the oven and let cool. Then refrigerate. The brisket will slice better the next day. Remove the hardened fat and discard. To reheat, place the sliced brisket in the sauce, cover and warm. Serves 10 to 12.

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Foodland Ontario and Best Foods offer these great ideas.

APPLE OATMEAL SQUARES
(Makes 12 squares)

1 cup all-purpose flour
1 cup quick-cooking rolled oats
½ cup firmly-packed brown sugar
1 tsp. nutmeg
½ tsp. salt
¾ cup butter
6 medium Ontario apples
¼ cup sunflower seeds

Combine flour, oats, sugar, nutmeg and salt. Cut in butter until mixture is crumbly. Measure out ½ cup, and set aside for topping. Press remaining oatmeal mixture evenly in bottom of greased 9-inch square pan.

Peel and core apples; cut in lengthwise halves. Place cut side down on oatmeal base. Add sunflower seeds to reserved crumb mixture and sprinkle over top. Bake 375F for 40 to 45 minutes. Cut into squares and serve warm or cooled.

HERBED CHICKEN

6 lb. chicken, cut into pieces
2 tsp. garlic, minced
1 cup oil
2 tsp. salt
1 tsp. onion powder
½ tsp. ground pepper
½ tsp. oregano, dried
¼ tsp. basil
2 cups flour
2 tsp. paprika

Place all the ingredients except the chicken, flour and paprika in a food processor or blender and process until blended. Arrange chicken in a baking dish and pour the sauce over it. Marinate for 3 to 4 hours or overnight, turning once or twice. Put the flour in a plastic bag and add the chicken, one or two pieces at a time. Shake to coat. Dip the chicken in the marinade again and place it on an ungreased foil lined cookie sheet. Sprinkle with paprika. Bake at 400 for 1 hour or until done. This may be made ahead of time, frozen and reheated. Serves 8.

PEAR COFFEECAKE
(Makes 10 servings)

1 cup all-purpose flour
1½ tsp. baking powder
½ tsp. salt
2 egg whites
¾ cup granulated sugar
⅓ cup skim milk
⅓ cup corn syrup
Cooking spray
2 medium pears, peeled, cored and cut in ½-inch wedges
2 tbsp. granulated sugar
½ tsp. cinnamon

In large bowl combine flour, baking powder and salt. In small bowl whisk egg whites, sugar, milk and corn syrup together to blend well. Add liquid mixture to dry ingredients, whisking until smooth. Spread batter evenly in 9-inch cake pan sprayed with cooking spray. Arrange pears over batter, overlapping to cover. Sprinkle with mixture of sugar and cinnamon. Bake in preheated 350F oven 50-55 minutes, or until toothpick inserted in centre comes out clean.

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From coast to coast

Yoga instructor returns to his Jewish roots

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — One of Canada's foremost yoga teachers has returned to his Jewish roots.

Baal tshuvah Hart Lazer credits his yeshivah training for teaching him the discipline required to practise yoga and the spirituality he has learned through yoga for his return to Judaism.

"If someone had told me a year ago that I would return to Orthodox Judaism, I would have said there was no chance," he says.

Lazer left the fold at age 15. His family had moved from Winnipeg to Los Angeles when he was 10 and he was enrolled as a teen in a yeshivah whose ways he found too rigid.

"I would drop in on my family for Pesach from time to time, but that was the extent of my connection to Judaism and a Jewish community," he recalls.

Lazer returned to Winnipeg at the age of 21.

He discovered yoga about 10 years ago while he was living and working in Sioux Lookout, Ont., when a co-worker invited him to come with her to her yoga class.

"It was the first athletic activity I had ever tried that I couldn't master instantly," he recalls. "My body was aching and my ego was bruised after the first lesson. This was a challenge."

Shortly thereafter, he had the opportunity to participate in a yoga workshop with instructors from Washington and Kootenay, B.C. The workshop included both physical exercises and self-examination through writing exercises.

"The instructor from Kootenay confronted me in the workshop," Lazer recalls. "He told me it was time to stop screwing around with my life. I had been in and out of some unhealthy relationships. He invited me to study with him."

Lazer took a six-week leave of absence to go to Kootenay, where he underwent an intense program of psychological cleansing and

Hart Lazer

learned meditation and chanting. Although initially he was reluctant to participate in the chanting, his instructor assured him the power was in the melody rather than the words and encouraged him to use Jewish religious terminology in his chanting.

Lazer subsequently moved back to Winnipeg and began practising yoga three to five hours a day. Before long, he was teaching. Seven years ago, he and a partner opened the Yoga Centre of Winnipeg.

Lazer teaches up to 200 students a week at the centre, from beginners to teachers in training, as well as another 100 students at outside venues. He is in demand across Canada and the United States for teacher training.

Last summer, Lazer read *The Jew and the Lotus*, an account of a meeting between the Dalai Lama (the religious leader of Tibetan Bhuddism) and a group of rabbis (including Zalman Schachter Shalomi) representing all branches of Judaism.

"If Zalman Schachter could daven in a Sikh temple, I thought that there might be a little opening for me to return to Judaism," he says. "I had also read Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz' book on tshuva. I thought it would probably be good for me to have a Shabbat, a day of complete rest."

Although he attends a Conservative synagogue, he "found Orthodoxy more challenging," he says. "I find it easier to be Orthodox in Winnipeg than in L.A. The [Chabad] rabbis here don't take a hard fundamentalist approach. They don't become defensive when I ask pointed questions."

His family is also getting into the spirit, he notes. Last November, his 14-year-old daughter asked to transfer to Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate, and he and his wife work together to prepare the Shabbat supper Friday evenings.

"My Jewish studies have helped my teaching in some ways," Lazer notes. "There are many chassidic stories and parables comparable to yoga practice and philosophy. Overall, being a baal tshuvah has brought me a lot more personal peace and quiet which are hard to get if you are constantly on the go seven days a week."

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1996 census to drop question about religion

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Next year's national census will not ask Canadians about their religion, but that doesn't mean the question will be dropped in later tallies.

Canadians consider official questions about their faith — as well as other queries about lifestyle and living arrangements — too personal, according to last month's annual report from Canada's Privacy Commissioner.

After consultations with Statistics Canada, the commissioner announced that questions about religion, fertility and dwelling status will be omitted in the 1996 census "in an effort to reduce intrusions."

The changes came after commissioner Bruce Phillips dealt with 26 specific complaints about the nature of questions in the 1991 census.

Some Jewish Canadians said at the time they thought questions about religion were too snoopy.

But officials both with StatsCan and in the Jewish community say the announcement from the privacy commissioner is academic, since the 1996 census would likely not have inquired about religion anyway.

Censuses in years ending with "6" are so-called "midpoint" tallies, and much less extensive than those conducted in years ending in "1," says Gustave Goldmann, an analyst with Statistics Canada.

Traditionally, the midpoint census has not included the religion question, Goldmann noted.

It's too early to say for certain, but there is an "assumption" that the census in 2001 will ask about religion, says StatsCan spokesperson Benoit Bouchard.

Both he and Goldmann agree that a 10-year span between questions about Canadians' faith provides adequate data.

The 1991 census not only inquired about religion but also about Canadians' ethnic origin. Among the choices for ethnic background was Jewish.

For statistical reasons, Ottawa considers being Jewish both a religion and an ethnicity.

Respondents to the 1991 tally were allowed to list up to four ethnic origins but only one religion.

The census found that 318,070 Canadians were Jewish by religion, while 369,565 people listed Jewish as one or more of their ethnic origins.

Those numbers were then analyzed and blended at Montreal's McGill University, which found that in 1991, Canada's Jewish population was 356,315. Excluded from the total were those who said they were Jewish by ethnicity but who stated another religion.

Numbers culled from the census have been a treasure trove for planners in the Jewish community, who use them to chart everything from intermarriage, migration and employment, to poverty, education levels and living arrangements.

Sheldon Maerov, executive director of the Council of Jewish Federations (Canada), told *The CJN* he hopes the religion question is not abandoned on the 2001 census, and that Canadians don't shy away from answering it.

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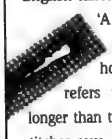
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By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — At 23, Adam Bookman has already seen more of the world than most people twice his age.

He has been to Mar del Plata, Argentina; Savannah, Ga.; Hyeres, France; Hamilton, Bermuda; Medemblik, Holland; Kiel, Germany; Barrington, R.I.; and Marblehead, Mass. Soon, he'll be going to Australia and Brazil.

In 1996, he hopes to cap off his 'round the world, jet-setting jaunt with a visit to Atlanta. However, Bookman won't be going as a camera-toting tourist. Instead, he hopes the flash guns will be going off around him and his partner Rob Fear, as they represent Canada at next year's Olympic Games in the 470 yacht class.

An accomplished sailor who's been bobbing on the briny deep since age six, Bookman has consistently placed among the top six Canadians in a series of international races going back three years.

Recently, he and Fear finished fourth among 21 Canadian boats, 33rd overall, at the 470 World Sailing Championships at the Royal Canadian Yacht Club in Toronto.

An Israeli duo, Ran and Nir Shental, finished third.

Although they had hoped to do better than 33rd place, Bookman said conditions made for an unpredictable week of races.

"The wind was really light and very shifty. It was strange sailing. Last year's world champion was 35th and the third place finisher last year was 75th," he said.

A disqualification in one of the races didn't help either. A strong current pushed their boat — and 12 others — over the start line ahead of time and earned them 70 points. Unfortunately, in competitive yachting as in golf, the lower the score the better.

Bookman believes that had they not been disqualified, they could've shaved 40-50 points off their total and finished around 20th overall.

A week or so after the Toronto event, Bookman and Fear were in Kingston, Ont., for the North American championships. There, they finished 13th out of 94 boats, third among Canadians.

Even though only one 470 boat (the name refers to its length in centimetres) will represent Canada at the Olympics, Bookman is confident it will be their yacht. They have been making steady progress since they teamed up two years ago, finishing second in the Canadian 23 and under championships in 1994 and placing first among Canadian boats (sixth overall) at Bermuda Race Week last May.

At the Canadian Olympic Classes Regatta in Toronto, held at the end of May, they tied for first overall.

Bookman and Fear have the rest of the year mapped out, with a series of competitive races designed to get them in tune by next May for Olympic trials in Vancouver.

In October, they'll be off to a regatta in Savannah, Ga., and in February, they'll head down to the land of the lambada, Brazil, for more competition.

"We're not seeing any snow this year. We're not too sad about that," Bookman said.

A graduate in political science at McGill University, Bookman is taking a year off from his studies to study the fine art of tacking to windward and executing a beam reach.

Bookman's early sailing skills were moulded by Ontario youth sailing programs operated under the auspices of the Ontario Sailing Association. His mother and stepfather, Carol and Bill Kassel, are members of the Island Yacht Club (his father is Steven Bookman). At age six, he was navigating "optimist" class boats, an overgrown bathtub with a sail mounted in the middle.

At 15, he was entering competitive races in the Laser 2 class and in 1993, he and Sarah Zeegen represented Canada at the Maccabiah Games in Israel in a 470.

"We didn't do so well. We came in sixth out of eight. The Israelis are really good 470 sailors and we didn't train enough together or bring our own boat," Bookman said.

He teamed up with Fear in the spring of 1993 and they've been improving ever since.

Each has his own tasks on board, whether its hauling on lines or trimming the sails. Doing so efficiently is the key to getting the 470 up to its top speed, around 20 knots (22 mph), Bookman said.

"When we're sailing, we really don't speak. It's key words, like 'ready' and 'ready to tack,' or 'hoist,' " he said. "We're starting to think alike."

Adam Bookman (right) and Rob Fear hope to represent Canada at next year's Olympic Games. [Paul Lungen photo]

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Sports news

Maccabi Canada president aims to set the record straight

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Roy Salomon wants to set the record straight. In fact, he itches to set the record straight.

His message is simple: Maccabi Canada is an honorable organization that chooses the best athletes for the teams it fields in regional and international competitions.

A recent story in *The CJN* in which criticism was levelled at Maccabi Ontario for the way athletes were selected to the tennis team at the recent Youth Games in Long Island was not representative of the way Maccabi does business, he said.

People read the article and said, "This isn't Maccabi. This isn't what it's about," Salomon, president of Maccabi Canada, said.

The best athletes are chosen for Maccabi teams, Salomon said, responding to the *CJN* story that suggested that sometimes nepotism played a part in athlete selection.

A former basketball player at the 1969 Maccabiah Games in Israel, Salomon said that sometimes athletes who feel they should have made a team are unhappy to have been rejected. They may blame others for it. There were even complaints about selections for the Maccabiah Games softball team, even though it went on to win the gold medal, he said.

Mistakes may have been made in athlete selection "but the intention is completely above board. There is no way anyone was favored for a team because of who they knew."

Roy Salomon

In addition, "there are no hangers-on who are sent to Israel" for the Maccabiah Games, Salomon said. "I've never heard of anyone going to the games unless they have done important work and were the most qualified person to do the work in Israel."

Turning to a subject near and dear to his heart, Salomon said "We want to work with the Jewish community centres ... in the development of athletes ... [We want] to get in contact with kids seven to nine years old and develop them so they can compete."

Maccabi Canada arranged exhibitions in swimming, wrestling, gymnastics and table tennis at selected summer camps attended by Jewish kids and plans to expand the program to Jewish schools this year, he added.

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Settlers divided over leaving homes: survey

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Thirty-two per cent of settlers would be willing to leave their communities if offered "reasonable" compensation, while 26 per cent would stay in the settlements under any conditions, according to a survey commissioned by Peace Now.

The telephone survey, which studied settlers' attitudes toward the peace process and asked whether they would be willing to move, was conducted August 17 among 419 Jews in the territories. The margin of error is 4.9 per cent.

Asked "if you would be willing to leave the settlement with your family for reasonable compensation," 15 per cent said they would "surely" be willing; another 17 per cent said they "think they would."

By contrast, 59 per cent said either they would surely not, or do not think they would be willing to leave for compensation. The rest were either undecided or refused to answer.

The poll found that the further the settlements are from Jerusalem, the greater the willingness is to leave, in places such as Ariel, Emmanuel, Alfei Menashe and Kiryat Arba.

Dr. Ella Heller, who carried out the survey, wrote that settlers can be divided into the 30 per cent whose motivations for moving to the territories were not ideological and who would be willing to leave; and a hard core of 31 per cent who are driven by ideology and are not willing to leave for compensation. Everyone else falls somewhere in between.

Asked what they would do "if your settlement will not be included in the state's boundaries in the final agreement with the Palestinians," 26 per cent said they would stay in the settlements under any conditions; 29 per cent said they will remain if the security remains in the hands of the Israel Defence Force; 25 per cent would prefer moving within the Green Line; eight per cent would move to another settlement in the territories; less than one per cent said they would leave the country; and the rest were undecided.

Among the poll's other findings:

- Forty-seven per cent of the settlers said they live in the territories for economic or quality of life reasons; 36 per cent for religious or nationalistic reasons; and 15 per cent for a combination of reasons.
- A majority of settlers — some 75 per cent — believe that in five years, they will be living in the same settlement they live in now; 11 per cent think they will be living inside the Green Line; five per cent in another settlement; and less than one per cent abroad. The rest did not know.
- Thirty-two per cent of respondents believe their settlement will be annexed to Israel; while seven per cent believe it will be evacuated and they will receive compensation.
- The majority — 44 per cent — believe their settlement will not be evacuated and their security will remain in the hands of the IDF.
- Twenty-five per cent of settlers defined themselves "in general" as "supporting the peace process between Israel and the Arabs," compared with a national figure of 57 per cent. Opposed to the process are 58 per cent, compared to 28 per cent nationwide.

Jewish Agency to quit education, absorption

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The Jewish Agency will transfer to the government all responsibilities which duplicate those of government bodies, agency sources said last week.

The move is expected to lead to a budget cut of $150 million over the next four years, and will change the entire face of the agency, the sources said.

Agency chair Avraham Burg will announce details of how he would like to see the "new" agency at a special Zionist Executive meeting this week, which will be followed by meetings with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Under the new plan, absorption and education are expected be placed solely in the hands of the government. Burg would like to retain areas dealing with aliyah, Jewish education and Israel-Diaspora relations.

Population booming in Golan

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Scores of families have moved into the Golan Heights in the past few months, boosting the region's Jewish population.

Golan regional council officials revealed last Wednesday that 120 families have become members of moshavim and kibbutzim on the Golan in the past two months.

That's in addition to the mass influx of newcomers to Katzrin, which has experienced a population boom in the past 12 months and where there's a six-month waiting list for some rental housing.

Council officials say that despite uncertainties over the Golan's future, people were still coming to live there, while older residents show no signs of leaving.

Golan regional council chair Yehuda Wolman said the number of new families coming to live in the region could top the 1,000 mark within a year.

He said the council will continue to meet newcomers' needs in employment, housing and agriculture.

Plans will proceed regardless of any attempts by the government to block expansion and development, he vowed.

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CECIL VINEBERG, FCA

The death occurred on Monday, August 28th, of Cecil Vineberg, FCA, a Partner Emeritus in the accounting firm of Richter, Usher & Vineberg which he first joined in 1940, on completing the CA exams in which he led the Province and placed second nation-wide.

Mr. Vineberg was soon admitted to partnership, and in association with the late William Richter and Cecil Usher built the firm's practice into one of the most widely respected in its field, serving a wide spectrum of business and industrial companies.

A frequent lecturer for the Quebec Order of Chartered Accountants, Mr. Vineberg was an acknowledged expert in tax law whose interpretation of major changes in legislation won him recognition across the country. He was an active member of the profession for many years and after his retirement from his firm, he remained a consultant with close ties to his successors who valued his guidance.

Mr. Vineberg will be remembered for his leadership role in many charitable endeavours, among them the Kidney Foundation and Combined Jewish Appeal. An avid golfer, he was a founding member of the Hillsdale Golf and Country Club, and had been President of both the Royal Canadian Golf Association and the Quebec Golf Association.

Cecil Vineberg is survived by his wife, the former Sally Strean and his two sons, David, a partner in the Richter Group, and Steven, a member of the faculty at Holy Cross College in Boston. There are also four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Israel, U.S.A. & the World

Israel asserts control in Jerusalem

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

As Israel and the Palestine National Authority (PNA) edged closer to finalizing the second phase of the Oslo agreement last week, they defused one more looming crisis — the chronic dispute over the presence of Palestinian institutions in East Jerusalem.

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

The problem is not new. It has waxed and waned since Israel and the PLO forged an historic rapprochement two years ago.

Israel and the PLO agreed, both in the 1993 Declaration of Principles (DoP) and in the May 1994 Cairo accord, that "the offices responsible for carrying out the powers and responsibilities of the (PNA) will be located in the Gaza Strip and in the Jericho area" pending the formation of a Palestinian council, or parliament.

Since then, the PNA — the governing body in Gaza and Jericho presided over by PLO chairman Yasser Arafat — has established a host of offices in the eastern sector of Jerusalem.

The Israeli government does not officially recognize these offices, regarding them as bridgeheads of Palestinian influence and sovereignty in a city it regards as its indivisible capital.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has repeatedly vowed to close Palestinian institutions linked to Palestinian self-rule in Gaza and Jericho. However, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, in a 1993 letter to Norway's foreign minister, promised that Israel would preserve the status quo of "all the Palestinian institutions" in Jerusalem.

The PNA, which considers East Jerusalem as its future capital, has taken advantage of this ambiguity in Israeli policy and interpreted the DoP in exceedingly broad terms.

Until last week, there were nine known Palestinian institutions in East Jerusalem, which Israel annexed in 1967.

They were the Palestinian Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Palestinian Energy Centre, the Palestinian Bureau of Statistics, the Office of the Mufti of Jerusalem and the Holy Land, the Palestinian Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction, the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation, the Palestinian Health Council, the Palestinian Housing Council and, last but not least, Orient House.

Last week, the Israeli police announced plans to close three of the institutions — the Palestinian Health Council, the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation and the Palestinian Bureau of Statistics.

Israel claimed they were illegal because they maintained direct relations with the PNA and engaged in political activities.

Initially, the PLO threatened to defy the closure order. The Palestinians argued that the institutions targeted by Israel were established before the emergence of the PNA and furthermore, claimed that they had no administrative or financial connection with the PNA.

But when it became clear that Israel would go ahead and close the institutions, the Palestinians relented and agreed to cease operations.

The recurring clash over the existence of such institutions clouds Israel's budding relationship with the PLO. Yet the work of completing the second phase of the Oslo agreement goes on.

Last week, in Cairo, Israel and the PLO signed a pact which gives the PNA in Gaza and Jericho new powers in the fields of labor, trade and industry, gas and petrol, insurance, postal services, statistics, agriculture and local government.

But the battle for Jerusalem, revolving around the functioning of Palestinian institutions in the city, has just begun.

The question now facing Israel is whether it should try to put the remaining Palestinian institutions out of business. It's a strategy strongly urged by the Likud bloc and the mayor of Jerusalem, Ehud Olmert.

Olmert, in particular, wants to shut down the operations of Orient House — the unofficial headquarters of the PLO in Jerusalem since 1991, as well as a flashpoint of constant tension between Israel and the PLO.

But so far, Israel has been unable to prove that Orient House, headed by PLO supporter Faisal al-Husseini, is directly linked to the PNA.

August 28

• Zev Lipskind of Beit El has been charged by the police with the slaying of a Palestinian during the incident which occurred two weeks ago on Mount Artis.

• Israel and Jordan signed a health care agreement. The accord will cover activities such as the training of physicians, the exchange of scientific information and joint disease control initiatives.

August 29

• In correspondence to a resident of Efrat, a copy of which was released to the press, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin stated that under the terms of a final autonomy framework with the Palestinians, Efrat will remain under Israeli sovereignty.

• The government announced that it will give a personal income tax credit of half of one per cent to all working women, regardless of marital status, and an additional one per cent of tax rebate for each of her children.

• Hezbollah reported that two of its members were killed in an exchange of gunfire in south Lebanon with the IDF and the South Lebanese Army. *(The IDF reported that three Hezbollah fighters had been killed.)*

August 30

• In the Muslim quarter of the Old City, a young Arab attempted to stab a border policeman. The knife became stuck in the policeman's bullet-proof vest. The attacker was apprehended.

• *Ha'aretz* reported that Uzi Baram, minister of tourism, met in Gaza with Yasser Arafat and Elias Freij, mayor of Bethlehem, who is also responsible for tourism issues for the Palestinian Authority, to discuss future joint tourism initiatives. They established a committee to consider possible joint programs; one suggestion was a plan for celebrating 2,000 years of Christianity.

August 31

• IDF sources reported that Syria was developing a new SCUD-C missile with the chemical warhead capability and range enabling it to hit any target in Israel.

Sept. 1

• *Ha'aretz* reported that five members of Ahmed Jibril's organization, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, were killed and 12 injured during a training exercise near the Bek'aa Valley in Lebanon. Among the seriously injured was Jibril's son.

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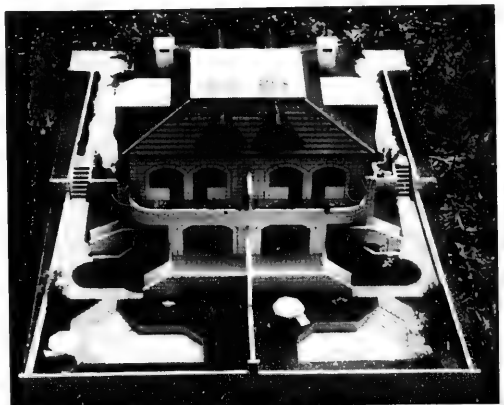

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Law bars trials for soldiers

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israel's attorney general says too much time has elapsed to allow for the prosecution of Israeli soldiers who may have executed Egyptian prisoners of war.

In a statement last week, Michael Ben-Yair called the alleged killings of Egyptian PoWs during the 1956 Sinai Campaign and the 1967 Six-Day War "unlawful and intolerable."

But Israel's 20-year statute of limitations for criminal acts has expired, he added.

"As a result, there is no legal possibility of bringing to trial anyone involved in incidents that took place almost 40 years ago or 28 years ago."

In a letter to Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Ben-Yair said he had reached the decision after reviewing appeals he received from public figures and citizens calling for an investigation into the incidents from both wars.

The controversy over the fate of Egyptian PoWs surfaced last month, when several Israeli veterans and historians came forward with claims that they had witnessed or participated in the killings.

Last week, an Israeli historian alleged that some 200 Israeli PoWs had been killed by Egyptian troops during the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

The allegations surrounding the 1956 and 1967 wars prompted Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to call on Israel to investigate and prosecute soldiers responsible for killing Egyptian PoWs.

Mubarak, interviewed on Israeli television, said the investigations could prevent a crisis between the two countries.

He also said he was ready to look into reports that Egyptian soldiers had killed Israeli PoWs.

"I am prepared to investigate the reports about the murder of Israeli soldiers," he said.

SING ALONG WITH MARTIN

U.S. Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk recently picked up the guitar to entertain 31 young children from the Chernobyl area at a celebration at his home in Herzliyah marking the fifth anniversary of Chabad's Children of Chernobyl Medical Relief Program. [Chabad photo]

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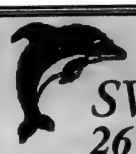

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AVNET aids terror victims

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"Together, we began compiling a list of all the families of terror victims we knew, in order to see how we could help them. At first, we started in Gush Katif because that's where we live. But eventually, we realized that the organization should be a national one that would strive to help terror victims all over Israel."

One of AVNET's first projects was a communal bar mitzvah for 18 youngsters from all over the country. Some, like Dahari's own son, had lost their fathers in terrorist attacks. Others were classmates injured in a 1994 suicide bombing in Afula. The ceremony was held in Jerusalem in the presence of the chief rabbi, and included a visit to the presidential residence, where the youngsters were greeted by President Ezer Weizman.

"It was an unforgettable experience for these boys, who have suffered a great deal," says Dahari. "And most of us wouldn't have had the strength to organize a bar mitzvah for our sons on our own."

The organization runs on small donations and a growing roster of volunteers like Adiella Gantz, a 24-year-old from Rehovot. "We advise the victims' families of their rights, organize activities for their children and provide a listening ear," says Gantz, who first heard of AVNET when she was flipping through a leaflet of volunteer projects compiled by the B'nai Akiva youth movement. She chose to volunteer at AVNET because its goals touched a chord in her.

"I lost many friends during my military service," she recalls. "The loss is painful. You can either sink in your grief or you can find something positive to do with it. I felt that by volunteering at AVNET I could turn my own experience into something positive."

Reopening wounds

Earlier this month, Gantz spent 10 days working at an AVNET-organized summer camp for the families of victims of terror.

"Bringing us together is in itself an invaluable service," says Leah Zvi Farag, one of the 120 people who participated in the camp. Her husband was stabbed to death by two terrorists near their Har Bracha home in Samaria (in the West Bank) seven years ago. She was 26 and pregnant with her fourth child at the time. The widow has since managed to start a new life; she remarried and has had three more children with her new husband.

"I was hesitant to participate in the camp. I didn't want to reopen the wounds," she says. "But I realized that until now neither I nor my children have had the chance to meet other people who have gone through the same thing. Sometimes my children ask: 'Why did it happen?' or 'Why wasn't Abba (Daddy) more careful?' I felt my children needed the chance to meet other children to talk about the things they haven't discussed until today."

Zvi Farag also felt obliged to participate in the camp in order to share her story with others.

"As someone who has managed to rebuild my life, I felt I had insights that could help others whose wounds are fresher than mine," she says.

One of those was Netanya resident Aviva Machpoud, who lost her husband, Shabtai, only seven months ago. He was killed while rescuing soldiers injured in the Beit Lid suicide bombing. A second bomb exploded while he was tending those wounded by the first one.

"Today is the first time I'm spending my birthday without my husband," she revealed on the last night of the camp, tears streaming down her face. "But thank God I have you, the family of AVNET. I came here with so much pain, with such a deep wound in my heart. I am leaving with at least some optimism and with the knowledge that at this place I have a home."

The camp was held — for the second year in a row — at the Yemin Orde educational youth village on Mount Carmel, which has, as Machpoud said, become a second home to terror victims. All families have a standing invitation to seek refuge any time at this scenic mountain village overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. The management provides room and board and even sends a mini-bus to bring them. For many, it is a desperately needed vacation.

"Right after every terror attack, the wounded and the families of the dead are in the media limelight. But by the next day, everyone has forgotten them," says Dr. Chaim Peri, director of the Yemin Orde village. "We try to be there for these families during the long struggle to rebuild their lives."

Yemin Orde is itself a refuge for troubled people. It is a home and school for 500 homeless youth, 80 per cent of them new immigrants. During the summer camp organized by AVNET these young people forged special ties with the children of terror victims.

"The boys of Yemin Orde were like big brothers to my child," says Machpoud. "He hadn't received so much attention and care since the tragedy."

Two graduates of Yemin Orde, who are now volunteers at AVNET, established the connection between the two organizations.

Peri likens the successful match to a story told by Rabbi Nachman of Brezlev. "It's a tale about someone who wanted to build the most perfect menorah in the world. He took all the broken pieces from many beautiful menorot and put them together to create a new one. This 'menorah of deficiencies' was the most perfect menorah ever made," recounts Peri. "We put traumatized children with homeless youth and emerged with something very beautiful — our own menorah of deficiencies."

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Extradite Nazi killer, Costa Rica urged

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

SAN JOSE, Costa Rica — A member of the U.S. Congress last week personally delivered a letter, signed by some 60 other Congress members, to the president of Costa Rica, demanding that an accused Nazi war criminal be extradited to Ukraine.

Bodhan Koziy, who apparently has been living in a suburb of the capital city of San Jose for the last decade, was a Ukrainian police official during World War II.

The letter, handed to Costa Rican President Jose Figueres last week by Rep. Michael McNulty (D-N.Y.), states: "On the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, we ask our ally in fighting the Nazis to remove its sanctuary for one of the perpetrators of Nazi genocide.

"Judges in the United States and prosecutors in Germany affirmed that Koziy was a Nazi policeman in Ukraine, where he shot and killed — among others — a 4-year-old," the letter said.

"Koziy has had haven in Costa Rica for the past decade. We urge you in the strongest terms to consider how the international reputation of Costa Rica is suffering. As a country known for its defence of human rights, Costa Rica should end its sanctuary to a known Nazi murderer."

If the Costa Rican government does not respond to the renewed effort to extradite Koziy, a formal complaint will be registered with the UN Human Rights Commission, and the U.S. Congress will be approached to take diplomatic action against Costa Rica, said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress.

In the past, the Costa Rican government "stonewalled us," Steinberg said.

No one at the Costa Rican embassy in Washington was available for comment.

Koziy, the former owner of a motel in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., was stripped of his U.S. citizenship in 1982 after a trial in Florida in which eyewitness testimony described the murder of the girl.

The U.S. Justice Department obtained a court order to deport him in 1984, but he fled to Costa Rica.

In 1986, Costa Rica refused the Soviet Union's request for Koziy's extradition. A year later, the Costa Rican government overruled a local court order to extradite him to the Soviet Union.

Swiss to be asked to unfreeze funds

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BONN — A new initiative to regain Jewish funds deposited in Swiss banks during World War II is expected to emerge from a meeting of world Jewish leaders this month in Brussels.

Officials from European Jewish communities, Israeli government agencies and American Jewish organizations will meet Sept. 12 and 13 "to discuss broad issues across Europe" that affect Jews, said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress (WJC).

WJC President Edgar Bronfman will lead the conference, which is co-sponsored by the European Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Restitution Organization.

The conference is expected to demand that the Swiss government take steps to unfreeze funds and allow Holocaust survivors or inheritors to search for missing funds.

The media in Israel and elsewhere have reported that large amounts of money belonging to Holocaust victims are still being held in Swiss bank accounts.

Swiss banks, known for their privacy, have refused to release the deposits to relatives of the deceased without proper documentation and account numbers, much of which vanished during and after the war.

Estimates of wartime deposits range from tens of millions of dollars to nearly $7 billion.

The Swiss Bankers Association, the industry's leading organization, has said the numbers are inflated.

Some of the accounts may include funds confiscated from Jews by the Nazis, who then transferred the monies to Switzerland.

The German daily *Bild* reported last week that Heinrich Himmler, head of the Nazi SS and Gestapo, had transferred $800 million in cash and items to Switzerland during the war.

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New York rabbis meet Arafat and PA security chief

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Three members of the New York Board of Rabbis met with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat and Palestinian security forces chief Nasser Yusef in Gaza last Wednesday. It was the first visit of its kind.

The three are part of a delegation of Orthodox, Conservative and Reform rabbis, which represents 800 rabbis in the New York area (see News in Brief, p. 2).

Two delegation members objected strongly to the meeting with Arafat and demanded that it be canceled. Finally, they opted to stay in Jerusalem while the others went to Gaza as private citizens, and not as board representatives.

The mission to Israel, intended to express support for the peace process, was organized by the International Centre for Peace.

Israel-based peace centre director Ofer Bronstein said the controversial meeting with Arafat was requested by the rabbis before they arrived.

Bronstein said he had "never seen Arafat behave so cordially with anyone before. He took them by the hand and saw them to their car after the visit, taking a long time over the goodbyes. Arafat asked them to arrange meetings with leaders of the Jewish community on his visit to New York next month."

Rabbi Louis Frishman, president of the New York Board of Rabbis, said the meeting with Arafat was "extremely touching and worthwhile."

Rabbi Frishman, who is Reform, said "Arafat was very warm, he held our hands and insisted on calling us cousins."

Arafat explained that the word jihad (holy war), which he had used, meant construction and building, Rabbi Frishman said, "but I think he realized it was a mistake to use that term."

Rabbi Frishman was accompanied by Rabbi David Lincoln of the large conservative Park Avenue Synagogue in New York, and delegation head Rabbi Jay Rosenbaum.

Despite the public controversy, Rabbi Lincoln said he was convinced after meeting both left- and right-wing leaders that "the peace process would go on, no matter who was in power.

"This was made very clear to us. [Likud leader Benjamin] Netanyahu told us that he would meet Arafat [if the Likud comes to power], and the U.S. ambassador told us that the peace process is the key factor in the dynamics of Israel's economic prosperity.

"I am sure there will be rabbis who will protest and be angry [about the visit to Arafat], but I have to do what I think is right for me and my community," Rabbi Lincoln said.

Rabbi Jacob Rubenstein of the Orthodox Young Israel of Scarsdale, was one of the two rabbis who refused to meet Arafat.

He said that while all the rabbis on the mission support the peace process, there were feelings of "disenchantment and despair."

At their meetings with Israeli leaders, the rabbis queried Arafat's duplicity and the PLO's conduct, and were told of the concern, pain and atmosphere of crisis in parts of Israeli society, he said.

Appeal to allow denier into Australia rejected

CANBERRA — An appeal by British Holocaust revisionist David Irving of an administrative order barring him from entering Australia was denied last week.

Australia's Federal Court found that the order was "fair and justifiable" in its finding that Irving was not "of good character" for entry into Australia as a visitor.

The court based its finding on the fact that Irving lied under oath to a Canadian immigration adjudicator during a 1992 deportation hearing; lied under oath in affivadit evidence to the High Court of Justice in Great Britain; and on the fact that Irving was expelled from Germany in 1993.

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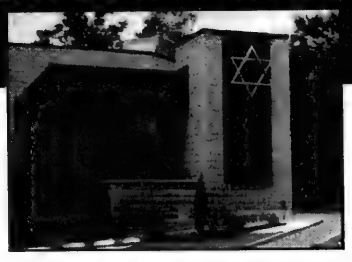

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Police to investigate leaders of settlers group

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israeli police officials will investigate the leaders of a Jewish settlers group on charges that include conspiracy.

The investigation will focus on the leadership of Zo Artzeinu (This is Our Land), which spearheaded protests against the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations to expand Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank.

But both Opposition leaders in the Knesset and settlers have become increasingly vocal, charging that government attempts to stifle such protests have led to repeated acts of police brutality.

"Freedom of expression is a basic right in a democratic regime, but public order is also a value that must be protected," said Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair of the decision to probe Zo Artzeinu.

Police officials said they had cause to investigate the group, because it published a pamphlet that detailed instructions on blocking the highways and coordinated a protest which blocked Israeli roads during the evening rush hour.

The group's leaders will be investigated on conspiracy to commit a crime, encouraging people to prevent police officers from doing their duty and obstructing an investigation.

Rabbi Banny Alon, a Zo Artzeinu leader, said on Army Radio that he welcomed the police investigation, because the group had "nothing to hide."

But members of the Opposition also say the government has created a climate in which the Israeli police commit acts of brutality against demonstrators.

The suggestion this week by a Knesset member that demonstrators may fire back if fired upon by the police has provoked a storm of controversy.

MK Rehavam Ze'evi of the right-wing Moledet Party complained about what he called the use of excessive force by police against protesters.

He said if the opposition parties assumed power, there would be a "blacklist" of police who hit demonstrators.

"If they use [tear] gas against us, we will consider it live fire and respond accordingly," he added.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal condemned the statements.

"This is a totally inappropriate declaration," Shahal said. "It is a kind of rebellion against law enforcers."

However, after consulting with the attorney general, Shahal decided not to press charges because the statements, he said, were made by a "politician whose opinions are known."

The Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* reported that Shahal had received information that right-wing extremists were planning to attack government ministers.

Shahal stepped up protective measures for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres.

He also called on right-wing leaders to moderate their statements in an effort to avoid inciting extremists.

In response, Likud opposition leader Benjamin Netanyahu called on the government to allow public debate, which he described as legal and democratic.

Other opposition members were critical of police behavior at demonstrations.

Likud MK Uzi Landau and others accused police officers of not wearing identity tags so they could beat protesters without being identified.

Yitzhak Levy of the National Religious Party asked the Knesset's legislative committee to address the legality of the methods used by police to disperse a Zo Artzeinu demonstration last week.

Levy said he had pictures and testimony showing that a number of police officers had either covered their name tags with tape or had identified themselves with false names.

Similar charges surfaced after Israeli police arrested seven Jewish settlers Wednesday as part of a clampdown on anti-government protesters allegedly causing disorder and harassing local Arab residents.

Police officials arrested four residents of the West Bank settlement of Yizhar near Nablus, accused of setting fire to a nearby Arab school and of firing shots into a neighboring Arab village about a month ago.

The police also arrested three other settlers suspected of trying to prevent the initial arrests.

All but two of the settlers were later released.

The residents of Yizhar charged that the police had entered houses without warrants, threatened people with their weapons and hit residents.

But the police denied the reports of brutality at Yizhar.

An official from the West Bank district police station told Army Radio that the settlers had tried to prevent the arrests by lying in front of police cars and throwing rocks.

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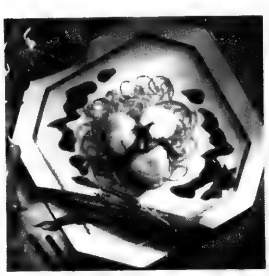

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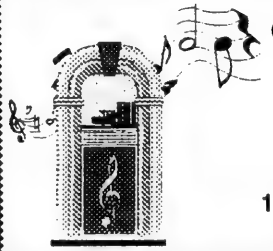

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Portrait of the Artist: Fifty-seven-year-old painter David Nemtzov lives alone in the same one-bedroom apartment in a North York highrise that he first occupied when he came to Toronto 18 years ago. This "atelier" is cluttered with large oil paintings, mostly portraits (Nemtzov's specialty), as well as a diverse assortment of religious books in Hebrew, many dating from the last century.

"I like old books," says the artist, who often paints them in the hands of rabbis with equally antiquated faces.

In the centre of the living room is an easel upon which stands Nemtzov's latest work, a finely-wrought, highly realistic portrait of Jack Grossman, president and CEO of Billy Bee Honey Products Ltd., presented against a background of near-black. ("Rembrandt was my first love," Nemtzov confesses.) The commissioned work measures 24 by 30 inches and took the artist some 50 hours to complete.

In the last several years, Nemtzov has been commissioned to paint many corporate subjects as well as children, who are usually given more colorful backgrounds and particular poses to help establish age and character. He has also rendered likenesses of celebrities like Meryl Streep and Yehudi Menuhin, and rabbis such as the late Lubavitcher Rabbi Menachem Schneerson, Montreal Chief Rabbi Pinchus Hirschprung, and the Steipler Gaon of Bnei Brak, Israel.

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Renowned violinist, Sir Yehudi Menuhin, is the subject of this oil on canvas painting by David Nemtzov.

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Eye on Arts

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"I did a portrait of the Bostoner Rebbe, and I sent it to him as a gift," he says. "He sent me a beautiful letter in return."

What about the rabbinical injunction against artistic representation of living beings?

"The only injunction is against sculpture," Nemtzov says. "The Rambam approves of anything other than three-dimensional pieces of art. But some rabbis don't want their portraits done; they won't pose."

In any event, posing isn't as important for artists as it once was, Nemtzov says. "People don't have the time to sit today. And with photography being what it is ..."

The British-born painter, who studied art in Cleveland and Toronto, insists that a good painting "speaks" to the viewer and goes far beyond the limits of a photograph in capturing a subject's nature. "A good painting has to be alive. It's not just an image of someone."

He brings forth canvas after canvas, places them one by one on the easel. One of them is a wonderful portrait of newlyweds, painted from a photograph 28 years after the wedding.

"I end up using the photograph as a source — that's what it is for me. What I have to do is go beyond the photograph, give each feature as much life as I can. If something is missing from the photograph, I have to complement it."

Photographs of contemporary rabbis have inspired him to paint full-fledged portraits because of the "antiquity and oldness" they exude, he says. "They show how a rabbi alive in this century — reading an old book, wearing an old gown — is still living in the olden times."

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In Brief: Toronto-born music producer Bob Ezrin, whose clients have included Pink Floyd, Kiss, Rod Stewart and Peter Gabriel, returns here Sept. 11 and 12. He's delivering "his personal vision of the future" at the International Film Festival's Symposium '95, entitled Hot Media, Cool Concepts.

The Spirit of Survival, a presentation of words and music, features violinist Shony Alex Braun, artist Sophia Chatov and talk-show hostess Linda Pollack. At the Leah Posluns Theatre, Sun. Sept. 17, 7.30 p.m., sponsored by the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association.

Let There Be Light, an exhibition of the Israeli Artists Group in Toronto, is on view at the Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., Toronto, Sept. 11 to Oct. 11.

Bookstore cafe unique

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
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What do John Grisham, Lauren Bacall, Jennifer Flowers, Gloria Steinem and former U.S. president Jimmy Carter have in common?

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Liberties is "three businesses under one roof," he said, including the largest, independent book store in the United States, a music store and a coffee-and-desserts-only cafe with live entertainment.

A regular visitor to Liberties beginning in late 1992, Bregman decided that he liked the atmosphere so much he wanted to hang his hat there and in mid-1994 he bought the business.

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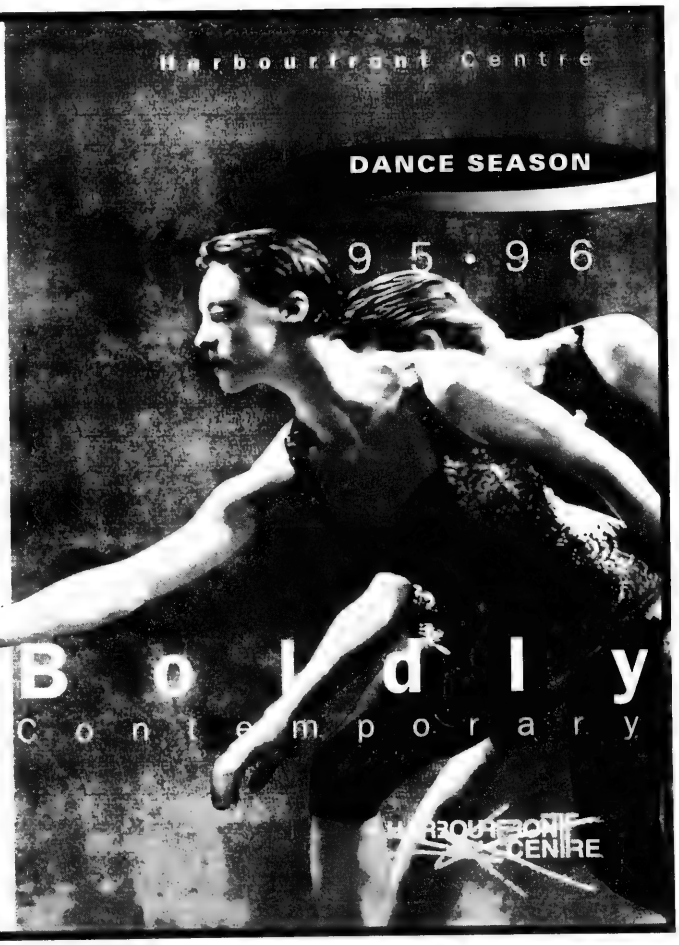


Business Profile

TD's first female senior vice-president:

Getter charts a unique career path

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — When Ruth Getter was an up-and-coming economist in Boston, a friend used to chide her for not playing by the conventional rules for success.

"You go to lunch with your secretary. You don't like social gatherings. You don't have power lunches. You just sort of do what you think is right."

But doing the best she could at whatever she did has paid off for Getter, now 52. In February, she became the Toronto Dominion Bank's first female senior vice-president and chief economist. In fact, she is the first woman chief economist at any Canadian bank.

Getter runs the bank's 17-person economic research department. Its mandate is to gather and distribute economic information, brief executives and inform clients on economic events, and provide economic predictions.

Getter joined Toronto Dominion in 1987 as senior economist in the department she now runs. In 1992, she was appointed director of the department, and was promoted to vice-president in 1993.

Although it's still rare for women to reach the upper echelons of the banking world, women now make up about 75 per cent of the staff at Canadian banks, said Getter.

"I think it's a reflection of changing realities," she said, in her comfortable Toronto Dominion Bank Tower office. "Women are making up a larger and larger proportion of the market. More women than men are starting their own businesses. There are a lot of women customers and potential customers. Women are more powerful in terms of financial clout. Just from a business perspective, it makes sense."

Such a pragmatic explanation devoid of jargon is typical of Getter. "The reason people like to listen to me is, I speak English. Economists tend to talk on a level that's extremely boring, and in jargon."

Much of Getter's work these days involves travelling across North America and abroad to speak to bank clients and business groups about the Canadian economy.

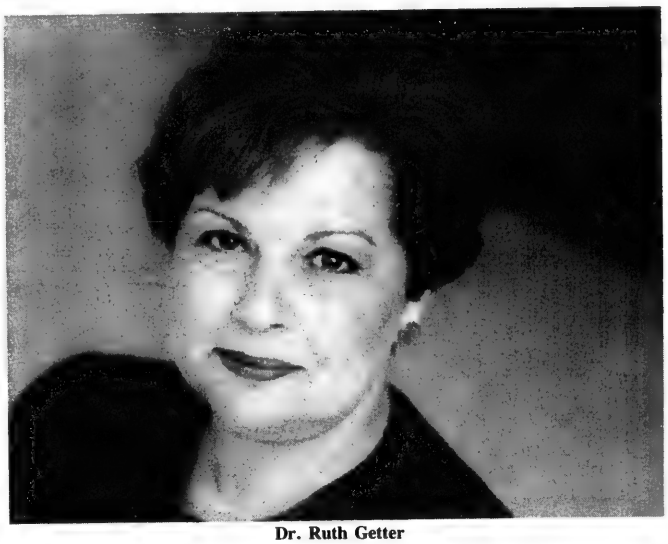
"I think Canada is still going through a very difficult time, but this is a very rich country. This is not a country going down the tubes."

The relatively low value of the Canadian dollar (about 74 cents US at press time) is good from an economic perspective, she said. Increased tourism is one example.

Getter's prediction that the dollar would strengthen has already begun to be confirmed. (At press time, the Canadian dollar was worth 75 cents US.)

Recent spikes in interest rates notwithstanding, Getter believes there's an overall downward trend until the end of the year.

Although she doesn't believe that Canada is in the midst of a recession, she is quick to add that the economy is "not booming. Unfortunately what we're not seeing is growth in jobs."



Dr. Ruth Getter

People who have been laid off here have had to learn to do different things, such as becoming entrepreneurs and consultants, she pointed out.

The resulting increase in new small businesses — an increase, it is commonly believed, that will create most of the new jobs — has led to an increased demand for specialized banking services, such as small business loans.

Canadian banks have fallen under heavy criticism in recent months for not meeting the needs of small business.

"Small business isn't really my area," said Getter, hedging. "The banks understand the problem. They're trying to do what they can. Maybe they're not doing enough, but at the same time it's a wonderful political baseball bat. The truth is, we're not as bad as we're painted, but we're not as good as we should be. We are trying to do something about it."

Getter remains optimistic about Ontario's future following the election of Mike Harris as premier in June.

"I'm not saying the new government is better or worse, but from the point of view of economics, I have a feeling it will focus much more on helping business to expand and bringing new business in. If we allow business to grow here, we have more jobs.

"Ontario has been perceived as anti-business. That tends to discourage investment. It tends to discourage companies from locating in Ontario and it encourages business to leave."

While the new government's spending cutbacks have been tough, Getter believes there was little alternative.

"I don't think you can have the kind of deficit we've seen indefinitely. It has nothing to do with your political belief. It has to do with business decisions. If you're in Ontario and you have to compete with someone in Michigan, New York or Ohio and your taxes are twice as high, you're not going to be able to compete."

On the other hand, Getter acknowledged, if she were an out-of-work Ontarian, she'd be a very unhappy person.

There is no question that opportunities appear better in the United States, Getter said, but she is convinced the quality of life here is far superior.

"It may sound trite, but money isn't everything. Maybe you could make more money or pay less taxes in the States, but there's a huge price to be paid. Toronto people treat each other in a much more civilized manner, from the smallest thing like standing patiently in line behind a bank machine."

Getter spent most of her adult life in the United States and believes her decision to return to Canada in 1987 was one of the best she's made.

Born in what was then Palestine, Getter moved to Montreal in 1952. She holds Israeli, Canadian and American citizenship.

While in school, she worked for her father, who owned a typewriter parts factory. A straight-A student, Getter initially turned down a scholarship to McGill University because she couldn't afford to buy textbooks.

Once she discovered she could obtain more funding, she entered McGill, where she earned her BSc in genetics.

Her scientific studies were derailed after her marriage in the early 1960s, when she accompanied her husband to Athens, Ohio. Because there was no genetics department at Ohio University, she decided to enrol in an undergraduate economics course.

"I was going to study no matter what," recalled Getter. She found the course "really fascinating" and after one semester proceeded to work on her master's degree.

Following a divorce when her children were 8 and 13, she completed her PhD at Boston University. While working on her thesis, she took a full-time job as an economist with a Boston consulting firm, specializing in detailed analyses of industrial and regional trends in the U.S. economy.

Unlike some successful women, Getter had no mentor as a graduate student or on her way up the career ladder.

"But I was fortunate that there were always people who were very supportive, and most of them were men. It didn't matter that I was a woman or that I walked into class pregnant. They understood I could only go to school part time, and that I didn't have money. They would find financial help for me — and all I had to do was get straight As."

Throughout university and after, Getter had no career path, she admits now. "I didn't even know what it meant."

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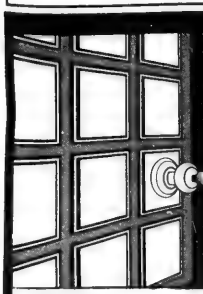

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335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of **Jean Zeller** will take place on Sunday, Sept. 10, 1995 at 11 a.m. at Beth Emeth Section Pardes Shalom Cemetery.

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Elias Silverman ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th 11:00 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
986 Wilson Ave. W.
Shaarei Tefillah Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Philip Hollinger ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 17th 10:15 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Shaarei Shomayim Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Chaim *(Hymie)* Korman ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th 2:30 p.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Beth Radomer Section
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
HARRY CLIFFORD ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 17th 12:00 noon
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
986 Wilson Ave.
Legion Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Israel Oksenhendler ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th 1:00 p.m.
Lambton Hills Cemetery
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The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
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Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Canadian Hebrew Benevolent Society Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
BESSIE SHUKEN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, September 10th at 2:30 p.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Beth Sholom Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Rushka *(Rose)* Neiman ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, September 10th at 10:30 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
986 Wilson Avenue
Farband Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
FRED MOSES ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th 11:45 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Huiatyner Klaus Beth Israel Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
HEINZ BOLDES ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th 1:30 p.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Beth Radom Section *(New)*
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Albert Grossman ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th 12:00 noon
Dawes Road Cemetery
3169 St. Clair Ave. East
Slipia Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
GIZELA DAVIS ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th 11:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Hebrew Friendly Sons of David Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
DENES TARJAN ז"ל
(Denes Jeweller)
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th 12:15 p.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
986 Wilson Ave. W.
Shaarei Shomayim Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Max Rubinstein ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th 1:30 p.m.
Dawes Road Cemetery
3169 St. Clair Ave. East
Lubline Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Rose and Murray Pulver ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th 10:30 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
(Bathurst & Steeles)
Torah Emeth Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
SIDNEY FISHER ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th 12:00 noon
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Dufferin St., N. of Major Mackenzie
Grand Order of Israel Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

335 UNVEILING

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
DONALD STICKLES ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th
12:00 noon
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
T.I.B.A. Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
TINA EISENBERG ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th
10:30 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Shaarei Shomayim Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
MYER HOLDER ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 17th
11:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
(Bathurst St. of Steeles)
Shomrai Shabbos Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
FRANCES ISRAEL ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th
11:00 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Tzosmere Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Aron Rosenzweig ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th
11:30 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Beth Emeth Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
SAM SWARTZ ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th
11:30 a.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
986 Wilson Ave.
Palmerston Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late
RAE ROBINS ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th
11:00 a.m.
Dawes Road Cemetery
Beth David, B'nai Israel, Beth Am Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
JERRY GOLDBERG ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th
1:30 p.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Sunnyside Lodge Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Robert Joseph Rosen ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, September 10th at 1:30 p.m.
Lambton Cemetery
Royal York Road
Beth Jacob Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of
LAURA COHEN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 10th
2:00 p.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Shaarei Tefillah Lubavitch Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
RIVKA FARBIASZ ז"ל
will take place
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12:00 noon
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
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Dear Ella,
I have been best friends with Mark and Karen for many years, even when Mark and Karen decided to get married we remained inseparable friends. I treasured this friendship more than anything else on earth, even though I secretly had a crush on Karen. Until recently this crush on Karen was just a dream, that is until Mark and Karen split up. I remained friends with both Karen and Mark separately, but the three Musketeers are no longer together.
Karen and I have started dating. Mark is aware that I am seeing Karen but believes it to be the platonic relationship that has existed in the past. Mark has also confided in me that he still loves Karen, and would like me to preach his case to her. I have mentioned this to Karen and she has stated a lack of interest in getting back with Mark. I am afraid to tell Mark about Karen and I, as this may affect our relationship, as well as I am feeling guilty as if I had stolen Karen away from Mark. I also miss the days of the three Musketeers, but I do not want to give up Karen to get back to those days.
What to do?
Confused

Dear Confused,
A good friend is a rare and precious commodity not to be traded lightly. That is certainly what you will be doing by starting a romantic relationship with Karen. Your letter leads me to believe that the friendship you have developed over the years with Mark and Karen is important to you. Don't lose it. I realize that you care for Karen and your relationship probably took a natural path, but what happens if it doesn't work out with Karen? It is not easy to go back. When the emotions of close friends are involved follow your head, not your heart. You and Karen can remain dear friends as will you and Mark. Your guilty feelings are not without merit. Go for the "sleeping better at night" decision. The rewards of having a close friend are extraordinary. Don't lose a significant person, and possibly persons in your life.

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Dear Ella,
My daughter is getting married in October. She is marrying a wonderful man, however his parents are so dominating that their interference in the wedding plans is causing my daughter much grief. She cries every time I speak to her. I've asked her to talk to her fiancee about the problem and have him speak to his parents but he thinks the whole thing will blow over and not to take it so seriously. He says "it's only a wedding". It hurts me as a parent to see my only daughter so upset at a time that should be exciting and memorable. Any suggestions?
Wedding Wars

Dear Wedding Wars,
Your daughter must take a stand. She should be firm but nice. This is her wedding day and it should be something very special for her to remember, not a nightmare that she would want to forget. Her fiancee should wake up and see how upset his bride to be is. He should help when breaking the news to his parents that they are not the planners and organizers of the wedding. She has to assert herself now. Don't forget, she's in it for the long haul and the ways she handles this may set the tone for years to come!

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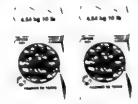

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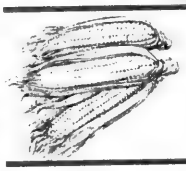

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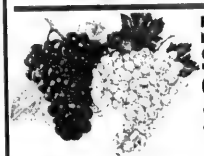

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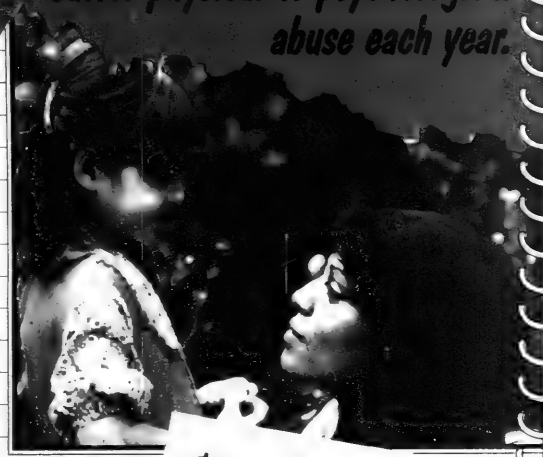

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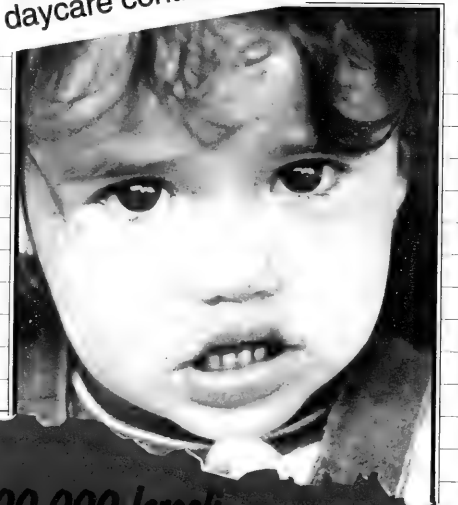

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Ottawa absent at Jerusalem's party

By LEORA FRUCHT and RICHARD CLEROUX

JERUSALEM — The Canadian government is undecided about whether to participate in the Jerusalem 3000 celebration and did not send any embassy representative to last week's gala opening.

Following a briefing with Israeli Foreign Ministry officials, ambassador-designate David Berger said Canada would weigh the issue and come to a decision soon.

The 15-month-long festival opened Sept. 4. It marks 3,000 years since King David made Jerusalem his capital and will feature major cultural events.

But some countries, notably those of the European Union, are boycotting the celebrations, which they regard as an attempt by Israel to stake its claim on Jerusalem prior to next year's scheduled talks on the permanent status of the city.

During the briefing with Berger, Foreign Ministry officials stressed the cultural-historical significance of the festival and urged Canada not to "automatically adopt the same stand as the European Union," according to a ministry official.

The current state of diplomatic limbo at the Canadian Embassy in Tel Aviv provided officials there with a convenient excuse for avoiding the opening. Ambassador Norman Spector departed last month, while Berger is to be accredited only this week.

Canadian Embassy consul David Viveash said no representative attended the festivities because the invitation was issued in Spector's name and could not be used by anyone else at the embassy – a claim Israel Foreign Ministry officials dismissed as "ridiculous."

Showers of light launch Jerusalem 3000 celebrations. *[RNS]*

When pressed, however, Viveash said that Ottawa has not decided on its policy regarding participation in the celebrations. Canada is due to stage a major week-long tribute to Jerusalem next June, but the government is not certain whether it will participate in this event, confirmed Viveash. "Ottawa is looking into the question," he said.

The tribute is being organized by the Canadian Committee for Jerusalem 3000, headed by Neri Bloomfield of Montreal.

The absence of U.S. Ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk at last week's opening celebrations triggered an angry rebuke by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. (Indyk and Secretary of State Warren Christopher subsequently denied that the United States was boycotting the festival and assured Israel that the ambassador would attend other events.)

Only 17 out of 70 ambassadors invited to the opening showed up, according to a Foreign Ministry official. But many embassies sent cultural attaches. Canada sent no one.

Jerusalem Mayor Ehud Olmert's office was unaware of Canadian ambivalence regarding the festival. "We fully expect Canada to hold its scheduled tribute to Jerusalem," said a spokesperson.

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Cooperation a first at UN Conference

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BEIJING — For the first time in the history of United Nations women's conferences, tension between Muslims and Jews, Palestinians and Israelis, has not overshadowed the rest of the gathering at the Fourth World Conference on Women being held here.

In fact, there has been more cooperation and dialogue between Jews and Palestinians than Jewish delegates expected, some American delegates said.

The UN conference began Sept. 4 and is scheduled to end Sept. 15, while a larger gathering of representatives from nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), ran from August 30 to Sept. 8.

While the Chinese government has been harassing and monitoring delegates, Jewish attendees said they were left alone.

The first time Jewish delegates gathered in their own caucus, on the opening day of the NGO forum, two Palestinian women, both Israeli citizens, joined the 80 Jewish women. "That never would have happened in the past. People were excited they were there because it was the first indication that it was going to be a different kind of conference," said Jessica Lieberman of the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council, and an organizer of the caucus.

"Jews and Palestinians are talking to each other about working together in Israel on Jerusalem Link," a group that deals with issues surrounding the peace process, said Lieberman

The CJN attempted to contact the leader of Canada's delegation, Secretary of State for the Status of Women Sheila Finestone, but was told she was not available for a telephone interview until this week. And a spokesperson for the minister, Louise Poulin, told *The CJN* that Finestone "is not comfortable" speaking about Arab-Israeli or Jewish-Palestinian issues arising from the conference.

Reva Price, a lobbyist for B'nai Brith International, said she had "really good conversations with women from all over the Arab world while wearing my Jewish Women's Caucus button and Jewish star necklace.

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Israeli citizenship denied Pollard

CJN News Services

JERUSALEM — Israel has denied a citizenship request by Jonathan Pollard, who was convicted nine years ago of passing classified U.S. data to Israel, the Israeli news agency Itim reported last Sunday.

The agency said Interior Minister Ehud Barak had written to Pollard's lawyer saying he had studied the request and concluded that a law allowing him to grant citizenship to residents of another country was not applicable in this case.

Pollard's Toronto-based wife Esther, had sought Israeli citizenship for her husband in the hope of improving his chances for parole this fall – a move that deeply split Pollard's family.

"The circumstances of this matter do not conform with the use the minister of interior traditionally makes of his authority," said Barak in his letter.

INSIDE

In this issue we launch *Campus news & views,* reflecting the news, views and opinions of students on campuses across the country.

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The News In Brief Everywhere

CANADA

Warrant Issued

VANCOUVER — A warrant has been issued for the arrest of white supremacist Charles Scott for failing to show up at a Chilliwack court on charges of trespassing onto a Canadian Armed Forces base.

Scott and another man were arrested at the base last February, after they refused to leave a parking lot where they were handing out pamphlets.

Scott, who has ties to the Idaho-based Church of Aryan Nations, also faces a charge of mischief, following a scuffle in Kelowna a few weeks ago. Scott is said to be in Ontario, looking for work.

Young Leadership Awards

WINNIPEG — The Combined Jewish Appeal (CJA) has announced that Judi Shuster and Dr. Ian Goldstine have been named the community's Young Leadership Award winners for 1995.

Dalhousie Classes

HALIFAX — Rabbi Shlomo Grafstein, spiritual leader of Beth Israel Synagogue here and the Jewish chaplain at Dalhousie University, will be teaching three classes in Hebrew reading, Jewish Bible study and questions and answers on Judaism. Classes begin this week.

Rabbi Grafstein says all are welcome to attend, regardless of background.

ISRAEL

Touring Hebron

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres toured Hebron last Monday to get a close look at the security situation, prior to reaching an agreement with the Palestinians on Israeli troop redeployment in the city.

Noam Arnon, the leader of the Jewish settlement in the city, said the settlers did not know about the two-hour visit in advance.

Arnon added that the settlers were not asked to meet with the delegation.

Population Rises

JERUSALEM — The Jewish population in the territories has increased by 5,000 people in the first six months of 1995, representing an increase of nearly four per cent, Israeli media reported last week.

The number of Jews living in Judea, Samaria and Gaza is now 133,000, reports said.

Officer Shot Dead

JERUSALEM — An Israeli army reserve officer was shot dead last week by Palestinian police after driving through a roadblock in the Gaza Strip.

Lt.-Col. Emmanuel Maloul, 48, sped through a Palestinian roadblock after crashing through three others, one of them set up by the Israel Defence Force.

Israeli and Palestinian police officials, as well as Maloul's widow, said they believed Maloul wanted to commit suicide.

Givat Haviva Honored

JERUSALEM — The Givat Haviva Institute, which works to advance rapprochement between Arabs and Jews, last month received the Speaker of the Knesset's Quality of Life Award.

Givat Haviva, founded in 1949 as the educational seminary of the Kibbutz Artzi Federation, was honored for its "far-reaching and excellent work in the field of encouraging and furthering tolerance, respect, understanding and good neighborly relations — in education and in practice."

PA Accepts Iraqis

JERUSALEM — The Palestinian Authority (PA) has agreed to absorb Iraqi refugees who have been held in Israeli jails since fleeing Baghdad.

More than 50 Iraqis are currently in Israeli jails, awaiting a country to grant them political asylum. But no country has made an offer.

The PA agreed to take 40 of the Iraqis. Of those, 14 agreed to accept the proposition.

Aid for Bosnians

JERUSALEM — Israel, Jordan and Turkey are considering a coordinated effort to aid Bosnian Muslims.

Environment Minister Yossi Sarid held meetings on the matter in Jordan last Wednesday with Jordanian and Turkish representatives.

Earlier this year, Israel and Jordan coordinated an aid airlift for Bosnian Muslims.

Cash or Charge?

JERUSALEM — Rabbinical court officials say they may allow fees to be paid by credit card so that divorce documents can be granted more quickly.

A special computer program is already in use in 10 *batei din* throughout the country aimed at cutting down waiting time to receive a *get*.

Rabbinical court officials have also undergone a four-day course aimed at improving services and cutting bureaucracy.

WORLD

Calls for Probes

GAZA CITY — A top Palestinian official has asked Israel to investigate what he called a massacre of over 400 Palestinian civilians in the Gaza Strip by Israeli forces during the 1956 Sinai war.

As well, Israeli deputy foreign minister Eli Dayan met with Egyptian foreign minister Amr Moussa in Cairo last week to discuss Egypt's request for an investigation into Israel's alleged killing of Egyptian Prisoners of War in the 1956 and 1967 wars.

Peres Visits

ALMATY, Kazakhstan — Israel Foreign Minister Shimon Peres paid a two-day visit to the Central Asian Republic of Kazakhstan late last month, in an effort to strengthen relations between the two countries.

Peres and his Kazakh counterpart, Kasymzhomart Tokayev, signed bilateral agreements on trade, culture and technology.

Lauck Extradited

COPENHAGEN — Danish officials have extradited American neo-Nazi Gary Lauck to Germany to face charges relating to racist activity.

Lauck, 41, who was arrested near Copenhagen on March 20 at the request of German authorities, faces five years in jail in Germany if convicted on the charges, which include racial incitement and the distribution of illegal propaganda and Nazi symbols.

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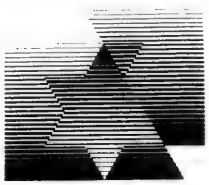

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UJA campaign launched amid much fanfare

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — With song, dance and a shmaltzy letter home to a bubbie, the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) officially kicked off its 1996 fundraising campaign last week.

About 1,000 canvassers, contributors and guests crowded into the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts for the sold out inaugural event.

They were treated to an evening of contemporary Israeli folk and pop music by the Dor L'Dor Singers, Israeli dance by the Jerusalem Dancers and video from Israel depicting the visit of 16-year-old Hamiltonian Laura Levin. Levin provided the voice-over for the video in the form of a letter back to her grandmother, describing her experiences in the Jewish state.

Coupled with messages from UJA volunteers, it all made for an uplifting pep rally to motivate those present to gear up for the annual campaign.

The event also marked the launch of the UJA's new strategy of asking contributors to pledge funds for three consecutive years.

That will enable Jewish service providers, which are funded primarily through the UJA campaign, to engage in long-term planning, said Carol Kassel, co-chair of the 1996 campaign.

"Imagine beginning next year's campaign with millions of dollars already committed," states a message from Kassel and campaign co-chair Charles Gold. "This will free up time to reach out to new donors; and the community will be able to better plan, knowing its financial position for the next three years."

Instead of having to canvas known contributors each year, canvassers will be free to look to new donors and broaden the UJA's contributor base, Kassel said.

As of the launch date, more than $27 million had been raised for the next three years, exceeding all expectations, she said.

The need for additional funds is increasing with new demands on the community, Kassel said. Toronto's Jewish population has skyrocketed from 97,000 to 160,000 in just 20 years, as Jews from around the world flock to the city. An estimated 43,000 Jews live north of Steeles Avenue and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, which operates the UJA campaign, must address their needs, she said.

Funds to Israel expected to drop

The Jewish population is aging and one-seventh of all Jews — 20,000, including 3,500 children — live below the poverty line, she said.

With intermarriage running at 20 per cent, funds are needed for continuity programs as well.

Jews also have international obligations, such as the settlement in Israel of Jews from the former Soviet Union, she added.

While much of the evening's program focused on Levin's Israel experience and the absorption of Jews there, funds allocated to the Jewish Agency from the Toronto campaign are expected to drop in the 1995-96 fiscal year.

The drop is expected to be 1.4 per cent, or $166,000, said Federation spokesperson Howard English. "The reason for the decrease to Israel is to ensure that nothing is cut from education and continuity programs" in Toronto, he said.

In addition, the UJA can expect growing domestic pressures in coming years. Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) executive director Gordon Wolfe has said that in the wake of Ontario government cutbacks, the Jewish community may have to come up with $1 million to ensure that those on welfare retain the same standard of living they experience now.

English said "the biggest impact of the [Ontario] budget cuts on the UJA campaign will be seen in 1997 and 1998. That's when the full impact will hit home."

In the meantime, discussions are being held to study the impact of the cuts on the Federation's supplementary financial assistance to JF&CS, he said.

Another factor that may affect community fundraising in the future is the $14 million bailout of the Jewish Community Centre. Raising money to replenish the money spent to rescue the centre will be part of a community capital campaign separate from the UJA campaign," English said. Its details have yet to be determined though it appears it will be merged with other community capital campaigns, he added.

In the meantime, interest payments on the funds borrowed to bail out the centre will be paid by the federation, he said.

In addition to Kassel and Gold, the campaign launch was addressed by Julia Koschitzky, chair of the world board of trustees of Keren Hayesod; by Sandra Brown, the new president of the federation; and Vicki Campbell and Norman Godfrey, co-chairs of the community launch.

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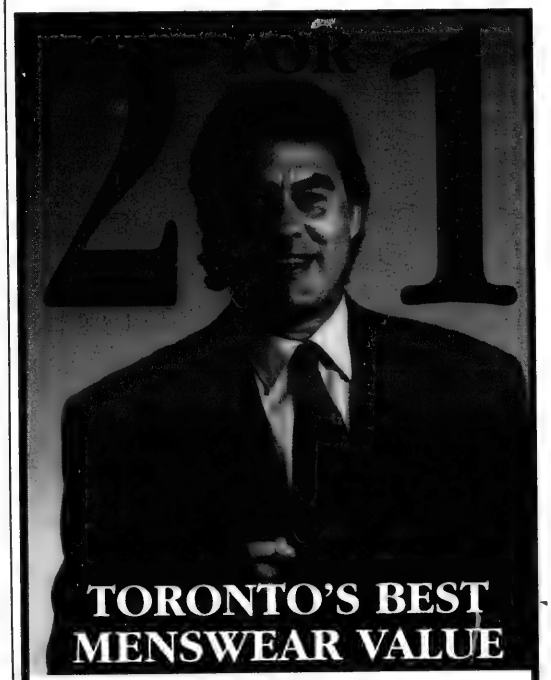
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Wheel-Trans cutbacks hit the disabled hard

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Hundreds of partially disabled members of the Jewish community are being cut off Wheel-Trans service beginning Sept. 24.

"We are very concerned and 600 people here have signed a petition asking the service to be restored," said Sheila Zane, coordinator of social action at the Bernard Betel Centre.

From 50 to 100 members are immediately affected, she said. They depend on Wheel-Trans not only to come to the centre, but to get to doctors. They are people who use walkers or scooters to get around, but who cannot use public transit.

Zane said the centre encouraged the petition signers to attend a protest rally Sept. 9 at Bay and Gerrard streets.

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), responding to a $2 million reduction in its grant from the Ontario government for Wheel-Trans, has eliminated ambulatory people from the service.

Among those affected are eight people with arthritis who use Wheel-Trans to get to a program of pool exercises at Baycrest Centre.

One of them is Ethel Stercz, 65. "I'm lost without Wheel-Trans," she said. "I've been going to the pool for four years, ever since I got an artificial knee. When I first went there I was so bad I had to be lowered into the pool in a wheelchair, I was like a statue. What will I do now? I can't walk to the bus and I can't afford a taxi. And I have to have an operation on my other knee. I've never used Wheel-Trans for shopping or to get to a hairdresser."

The TTC will continue its Wheel-Trans service for non-ambulatory people and their escorts and for ambulatory persons who need kidney dialysis. People using Wheel-Trans pay a regular TTC fare.

The Ontario government cut means that Wheel-Trans has to remove about 15,000 ambulatory people from its registered roll of 25,000 users, Ellen Kogan, a TTC official, told *The CJN*.

"The ambulatory users will be able to call in after 12 noon, but I don't think there is much chance they will be served," Kogan said. She sees no hope that the situation will improve in 1996.

Twenty-five people who use the pool arthritis program at Baycrest have petitioned against the cut to eight of their number who depend on Wheel-Trans. The others are either driven there or live close by.

The TTC had to cut use of a fleet of taxis which serve ambulatory people to meet the budget reduction, said Marilyn Bolton, TTC director of public affairs.

The TTC was not told until July 21 about the cuts, and had to implement the entire $2 million cut in the period between Sept. 24 and the end of the year, she said.

A press release from the Baycrest pool users who are cut off said they do not drive, cannot climb the high steps of regular buses, or navigate the often slippery subway stairs. They feel they have been abandoned, the release said.

About 80 members of the North York Aphasia Centre will lose their Wheel-Trans privileges, an official of the centre said. (Aphasia is a language disorder that occurs after a stroke, affecting the left side of the brain.)

Many of the centre's members can't speak while others have varying degrees of verbal skills. About 50 per cent are in wheel chairs. The remainder need some form of help to get around.

Deportation hearing set for alleged war criminal

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An alleged Latvian war criminal who tried to enter Canada last week was intercepted by immigration authorities and spent the weekend in jail, pending a deportation hearing.

Konrad Kalejs, 81, an Australian citizen, was detained at Pearson Airport as he tried to enter Canada. Last June, Kalejs entered Canada and was facing a July deportation hearing when he left the country voluntarily.

He was held in custody this time, because immigration authorities were not convinced he would appear at the hearing, said Kevin Sack, a spokesperson for Immigration Canada. The hearing is scheduled for sometime this week.

Immigration Canada will argue that "there is a reasonable basis to believe Kalejs committed a war crime or crime against humanity" and is therefore inadmissible to Canada, Sack said.

Latvian Nazi unit

In 1993, U.S. authorities deported Kalejs after determining that he had been a high-ranking member of the Arajs Kommando, a Latvian Nazi unit that executed thousands of Jews and others.

Canadian Jewish Congress spokesperson Irving Abella commended immigration officials for acting quickly to detain Kalejs.

"Our community is very pleased the government decided to detain him, but I wish they'd taken our advice [in June] and detained him and deported him. Then we would not be concerned or irritated by his to-ing and fro-ing," Abella said.

Abella said he suspected Kalejs was merely trying to use Canada as a springboard to re-enter the United States.

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Koffler property gift to U of T largest ever

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An 860-acre estate with a past guest roster that includes former prime minister Pierre Trudeau, former Israeli president Ephraim Katzir and Prince Philip has been donated to the University of Toronto Foundation by Murray and Marvelle Koffler and their family.

Joker's Hill, valued at $16 million, is the largest gift the university has ever received and one of the largest ever given to any Canadian university.

The estate, at which a number of major equestrian events have been held, will be used as an outdoor education centre for research and field investigations. A part of the Oak Ridges Moraine, it is located north of Toronto in the northeast part of the Township of King, west of Newmarket.

Almost half of Joker's Hill is designated as environmentally protected land. The estate includes several houses, stables for 60 horses, a heavily wooded forest, valley streams and meadows. There is a sugar bush and farming land for maple syrup production.

"This is an unparalleled gift," said U of T president Robert Prichard in a news release issued by the university. "The philanthropy of the Koffler family is well known and we are deeply honored that they have chosen to give this property for the benefit of the University of Toronto."

Ever since the Kofflers bought the property in 1969, they "always felt" they would eventually donate it, Koffler told *The CJN*. "It became evident that the University of Toronto could handle it in the best way possible.

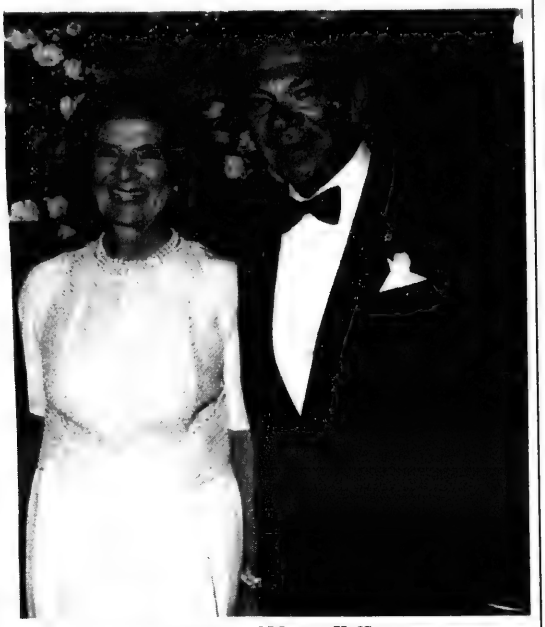
"U of T students studying in a variety of fields from ecology to forestry will benefit tremendously from using this property as an outdoor education centre. At the same time, the integrity of much of the land will be preserved for the future," he said in the news release.

Koffler will manage the property for the university, he said.

A graduate of the U of T's faculty of pharmacy, Koffler is founder and honorary chair of Shopper's Drug Mart.

He has a long association with the university as an alumnus, former governor, co-chair of the 1976-81 Update fundraising campaign, recipient of an honorary doctor of laws degree. He also underwrote the university's Koffler Student Services Centre and the Koffler Institute of Pharmacy Management.

Koffler's varied interests have led him to found the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science, the Canadian Council for Native Business, Operation Lifeline (a volunteer organization to settle boat people from Southeast Asia), the Koffler Centre for the Arts, the Foundation for Ecological Action in Israel, the Council on Drug Abuse and the Toronto Outdoor Art Exhibition.



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North York Mayor Mel Lastman (left) made the first Canadian Tire money donation to Joel Simms and Nancy Wolfe at the campaign kickoff of the Mitzvah Partnership. [David Junop photo]

Mitzvah Partnership provides new way to do good deeds

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Mitzvah Partnership has an unusual focus, says volunteer Nancy Wolfe.

The idea is to step outside the traditional notion of donating cash. The concept evolved from a fund established in 1985 by Norman Auslander in memory of his wife, Ruth. The Ruth Wattenberg-Auslander Emergency Fund (RWAEF) was set up under the auspices of Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS).

The Mitzvah Partnership is "an innovative way to do good deeds. Whatever we raise goes to individuals, not to agencies," Wolfe says. Professional service businesses contribute to the community by means other than cash donations.

Norman Ringel, a Toronto-based management consultant and businessman, came up with the idea. He and Auslander oversee the projects, which now include some 35 people who contribute time and services.

Each venture within the program is autonomous. An individual or organization brings a proposal and if it is accepted, they proceed on their own but maintain contact with Auslander and Ringel. Seed money for new, approved ventures is available through RWAEF.

Among the programs now operating are:

- The Computer Venture, initiated by Peter Feldman, a management consultant. He enabled the Mitzvah Partnership to receive several computers targeted for special education and job retraining. Three computers have been donated to Jewish Vocational Services and two to the Jerome D. Diamond Adolescent Centre. The Computer Venture could inject up to $50,000 worth of computer equipment into community services, according to Feldman.
- the Good Night Sleep Venture, which seeks donations of mattresses, blankets and pillows for people in need, often those in a crisis situation.
- and the Canadian Tire Money-Raising Venture, headed by Wolfe, a sales and marketing consultant, and Joel Simms, a business consultant. Volunteers go to Canadian Tire stores and collect the store's "money," which is then used for gift certificates. Some Canadian Tire stores have agreed to offer a discount to JF&CS clients who have the gift certificates.

Wolfe says that plans call for schools to be linked to the program.

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Eitz Chaim has new principal

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Noted educator Rabbi Aaron Levine has had a six-year respite from senior administrative responsibility.

Now that rest is over, he is "charged up, positive and enthusiastic" about his new position as principal of the boys' Patricia campus of Eitz Chaim Schools and of the Spring Farm Pre-school, looking after the educational needs of some 600 students.

Eventually, Rabbi Levine told *The CJN*, he'll be dean of all three Eitz Chaim campuses, Patricia, Spring Farm and Viewmount.

He succeeds Rabbi Shneur Weinberg.

The 53-year-old rabbi's credentials are impressive.

Besides receiving smichah (rabbinic ordination) from Rabbi Jacob Ruderman of Ner Israel in Baltimore, Rabbi Levine, 53, took advanced teacher's and rabbinic training at Ner Israel, earned his master's of education degree at Loyola College, a Doctor of Talmudic Law degree at Ner Israel and a Doctor of Philosophy in Judaica at Maimonides College in Toronto. He has been principal at schools in Easton, Md., Savannah, Ga., Asbury Park, N.J., and Ner Israel Yeshivah in Toronto.

After taking two years off to write, he prepared for his new position by serving for four years as assistant principal.

He has written extensively on education topics, and his books on Halachah and customs of sickness, death and mourning are considered among the modern classics in their field. For several years, he wrote a column for *The CJN*.

Rabbi Aaron Levine

In 1979, he received the Educators Award from Torah Umesorah, the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools.

Eitz Chaim, he said, is unique in offering a "100 per cent Torah *hashkafa* (outlook)," while at the same time providing "an excellent secular education."

The school tries to instil, he says, a love for learning, for the land of Israel, and for klal Israel.

Rabbi Chaim Nussbaum, one of the founding and a longtime principal, and Rabbi Weinberg created a curriculum that is "respected all over North America" as well as gathering together an excellent staff, Rabbi Levine said.

Among his own plans for the school are increasing computerization, parent education for both mothers and fathers and a formal program to instill *derech eretz*, (respect and good characteristics).

Special education is a concern. "Ten per cent of any school population has special needs," he noted. While the school offers part-time remedial and enrichment services, "we would love to have a P'tach [a program for the learning disabled that is offered right in the regular schools]. We might have to develop a special education class here if community institutions are not sensitive enough to Orthodox practice."

The board and the Mothers' Association have been very cooperative, he said, both in supporting his ideas, and financially, this last for which he is particularly grateful because of community budget cuts.

Radio talk show targets *frum* listeners

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For the first time, a Toronto radio show will focus on entertaining the *frum* community, but host and producer Phil Kravetsky expects it to be so good, that everyone will enjoy it.

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Phil Kravetsky

(The title, by the way, is temporary. Kravetsky plans to hold a public contest in a few weeks, to choose a more catchy name.)

Kravetsky, 29, has spent several years in what he calls his "day job" in the trucking industry and more recently, in a mergers and acquisition firm.

But his real love has been music production. He has managed rock bands and currently manages country music artist Phil Halliday.

Most recently, he's been a disc jockey at social events, and that's where inspiration struck.

"I had a call to do a bat mitzvah party," he says. "But they only wanted Hebrew music, what for want of a better word I call yeshivish music, like Mordechai Ben David, Shlomo Carlebach, Avraham Fried and the Miami Boys Choir."

Rather to his surprise, not just the kids but the adults at the party loved the show.

He realized there was a real interest in this kind of music but no outlet for it. So Kravetsky decided to provide one.

He went after sponsors, but with conditions. Food sponsors had to have proper rabbinic supervision and retail businesses could not advertise that they were open on Shabbat.

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Aimed at children

It is with deep revulsion and disgust that we react to the harm aimed last week at the children of a Jewish elementary and middle school near Lyons in France. Fourteen people, mostly parents waiting to collect their children, were injured, one seriously, when a bomb exploded in a car parked 15 metres from the entrance to the school. Three of the injured were children.

The bomb exploded at 4:36 p.m, six minutes after classes were scheduled to be dismissed at the end of the school day, when more than 700 children would have been milling around, jostling each other or playing on the sidewalk of the street. But, inexplicably and somewhat mysteriously, the school bell failed to ring at the usual time. Instead it rang late, some moments after the explosion. The chief Rabbi of Lyons, whose children are students in the school, was moved to say that only a "large miracle" had prevented a tragedy of staggering proportions.

As of this writing, no one has claimed responsibility for the bombing. However, French authorities suspect Islamic fundamentalists from Algeria. Whoever they were, what could their motives possibly have been for such a vile and cowardly act? By trying to murder hundreds of children in France were they hoping to strike at the military government in Algeria? Or possibly at the immigration and social policies of the Chirac government? Perhaps they believed by targeting for death these hundreds of young children in France, they would help to bring down the peace process in the Middle East?

What cause calls upon them to try to kill hundreds of 5-year-olds, 10-year olds, 13-year-olds? What cause sees children as enemies to be cut down, shredded into exploded bits of flesh, slaughtered in a horrible instant of fire and painful death?

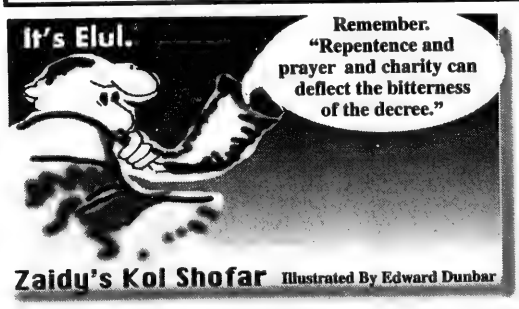
As we have written before, there is no logic to the vicious acts of the hater other than his hatred. But hatred aimed at hurting children is the hatred of cowards.

Transparent

The PQ government finally tabled the referendum question on which the people of Quebec will be voting, likely on Oct. 30. Premier Jacques Parizeau's public protestations to the contrary, the question is complex, convoluted and confusing. Deliberately so. It refers to an offer, a bill and an agreement. But it does not refer to separation from Canada, simple, clear and final, which is what the rest of Canada has repeatedly said a majority Yes vote would mean. The strategy is less cunning than it is transparent.

Campus news and views

In conjunction with *Images*, the newspaper serving Jewish students on college and university campuses in Toronto, *The CJN* inaugurates a new feature today under the banner Campus News and Views. Appearing monthly, *The CJN* will carry news and opinions written by students about students but not exclusively for students. As the editors of *Images*, Rinat Greenberg and Jessica Pelt, have explained, Campus News and Views is intended to extend the reach of *Images* across Canada to as many students and their families as possible. Wherever they are learning, students are invited to submit articles. In helping more students communicate better with each other, we hope in the process to improve our own ability to communicate with students as well.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Zaidy's Kol Shofar Illustrated By Edward Dunbar

Dry Bones

THIS IS THE 3,000TH ANNIVERSARY OF JERUSALEM.
AND IF AFTER 3,000 YEARS OF JEWISH HISTORY, YOU STILL...
...EXPECTED THE REST OF THE WORLD TO JOIN OUR CELEBRATIONS..
THEN YOU HAVE NOT BEEN PAYING ATTENTION.

Israeli soldier was doing his duty

Re: Dr. H. Kershen's encounter in Israel — Visiting a foreign country means also obeying and honoring the local laws and regulations, especially in security matters, after so many terrorist attacks in Israel.

The Israeli soldier at a checkpoint has the duty not to allow unauthorized vehicles to proceed to a closed area. By challenging these rules, Dr. Kershen endangered himself and his family.

Instead of obeying or asking the soldier to help him perform the U-turn, he ignored the order and proceeded to the closed area.

And again, instead of obeying the military security regulation, he "drove back to give the soldier a piece of his mind." Is this a case for discussion? Buying Israeli Bonds does not give the right to ignore military security regulations — on the contrary.

He should feel ashamed to besmear an Israeli soldier on duty, in security tense times.

Michael Kesary
Toronto

Auto parts industry began with Jewish pedlars

Re: Leila Speisman's article Aug. 31 — In the early 1900s, the many Jewish immigrants who came to this country were either tailors, bakers or carpenters. Many had no trade at all and so became pedlars and sold household linens, carpets, pots and pans and other items. Many went out and collected scrap, whether it was metal, brass, tin or anything they could cash in, and this included parts of scrapped cars. Since there were quite a few cars around and the parts could be re-used, this develped into the replacement parts business.

In Toronto, the pioneers were the Swartz Brothers, Harry and Abe and their sons Moe, Abe, Jack and cousin Murray, and the Levy family, Mark, Ben, Syd, Heeney and Eddy. Other pioneers were Harry and Murray Glicksman, Charley and Syd Mandell, the Wolfe Brothers, Max Mandel, Sol Steiner and the rambunctious Abe Cohen. Also I must mention Nat Hurwich.

Hamilton had the Katz family, Sam, Nate and Moe and Henry; and Murray and Art Rosenblood, Sam Hoffman and Morris Kamy; the Waxman family, Jack, Joe, Husky; and the Levy brothers, Bob Fenwick, Ed Levy, the Rosenshines and a few others including the Kreiger family.

Brantford had Sammy Sherman, while in St. Catharines there were Sol and Kelly Granick. Kitchener had Al Rosenberg and Abe Fuss. In St. Catharines no one could forget the Goodman brothers, Percy and Morris.

Farther west, there were Louis Kirshenbaum, Sam Boom and Aaron Zeitchuk.

Going north there were the Goodman brothers in Newmarket, Harry and Isha; in North Bay, Marvin Hochman was the pioneer along with Herby Brown and son Marty. Further west in Sudbury, Charley Helpert and Art Cooper were pioneers, then later Norm Trachter, Irwin Kwart, and Dave Greenspoon. Sault Ste. Marie had Bert Seigal. Kirkland Lake had Al Brown and Sam Langer. Timmins gave Jack Helpert a good living and later on Morris Freedman. Ottawa saw Laz Mirsky build up a good business, as did Ab Segal and wife Betty in Kingston.

These were the pioneers who started selling used parts and eventually new parts. This grew into a multi-million dollar business.

All of this happened because a few Jewish pedlars picked up some scrap parts that could be re-used and an industry began.

Harry W. Steinberg
Toronto

There are limits to free speech

With reference to the article "Allan Borovoy Issues Free Speech Alarm" (May 18), Mr. Borovoy is still advocating freedom of speech, even though democracy in Europe was killed by freedom of speech. I am living proof of that.

About the prosecution of hatemongers, Borovoy insists there is no point in prosecuting "a bunch of nobodies."

It is very comforting to me to know that my whole family and a great number of my relatives were murdered by a "bunch of nobodies."

I am also very happy to hear that "people like Zundel" do not worry you, Mr. Borovoy. Where were you during the Holocaust?

You did say, it would bother you "if a person like Zundel were a teacher. Have you ever heard of Keegstra and Malcolm Ross?

Yes, I am in agreement with you when you recommend anti-discrimination programs in general. But I consider it a must to draw a line on freedom of speech. Even a street has a stop sign! And, oh yes, some people have learned something from the Holocaust.

Mike Englishman
Toronto

Looking for Dr. Alexander Weiss

We are trying to locate a Dr. Alexander Weiss who immigrated to Canada from Zagreb in 1947. The last known address was on Circle Road in Montreal in 1964.

Please contact Kitty at Canadian Jewish Congress 514-931-7531.

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Perspectives

'Our only problem is numbers'

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritime Correspondent

The Atlantic Jewish community numbers about 3,000. That's not very many people spread across four provinces and several hundred thousand square kilometres.

There are small pockets of Jews — a handful in the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia, about 200 in Cape Breton, 60 in St. John's, Newfoundland and another 20 spread in remote areas of that island.

Halifax is the centre of Jewish life in the region, with 500 to 600 family units totalling about 1,700 people. Moncton, New Brunswick has 250 residents while Fredericton is home to 200. That's a far cry from the 1950s and 1960s when upwards of 5,000 Jews inhabited Atlantic Canada and the future looked bright.

Today, the future is anything but bright for most of the smaller communities. Halifax and Moncton are retaining their Jewish populations, and numbers might even be growing slightly. But in Saint John, N.B., where more than 300 Jewish people lived in the 1940s and 1950s, the numbers have dwindled to 40 and 45 families. The mean age, according to community patriarch Lou Michelson, is 65 or more "not the age when you have babies," he smiled.

Fredericton, N.B., once thriving with several hundred people, now numbers 65 families, most of them seniors. But while there are only seven children in the Hebrew school, a minyan convenes each Friday night and Saturday.

The story is the same throughout Atlantic Canada — small and dwindling, but those remaining try to be active. Yet that doesn't mean survival. There are eight active synagogues in the region, four with rabbis. Those communities without rabbis make do, but realize they miss the consistency of regular services and spiritual guidance.

The lessening of Jewish observance is a far cry from what occurred in the late 1800s and early part of the 20th century, when the communities grew with immigrants who were escaping the onrush of anti-Semitism in Europe and hoping for a safer, better, more prosperous life in Canada. Jewish life in Nova Scotia actually started in 1750, a year after Halifax was founded. By 1752, there were 30 Jews, many of whom were merchants, living in the town. Town officials very early allocated separate cemetery land for the Jews. The first synagogue (Orthodox) was dedicated in 1895 and a second synagogue (conservative) was developed in 1957.

Sydney's first Jews arrived in 1891 and by 1933, the Jewish population of the industrial area of Cape Breton was 900, surpassing Halifax's 785. Most came to the town because of the growing steel industry but few of the Russian Jewish immigrants worked in the mills, choosing to become peddlers and later retailers. Today, through emigration to larger Jewish communities in Quebec and Ontario, Cape Breton struggles, with two synagogues, no rabbis and an aging population numbering 200.

Saint John's Jewish community was founded in 1858 when Solomon Hart sailed from England. By chance, he landed in the New Brunswick port where he established a tobacco business and was joined a year later by family members. At the turn of the century, waves of European Jews arrived, most with trades skills and little money. Two synagogues existed for a short while but by 1919 amalgamated into one which still functions today, although without a rabbi for the past 13 years.

Moncton's existence started in the late 1890s as Lithuanians sought refuge from homeland persecution. By 1910, the community hired its first rabbi and soon built a synagogue. Today, the second largest Jewish community in the region is in a growing economic area but Rabbi David Ellis, in his third year as spiritual leader does not see great additions to his flock.

The first Jewish family arrived in Fredericton in 1912. A synagogue was built in 1914 and a cemetery purchased in 1943, just before Rabbi David Spiro became spiritual leader, a position he still holds 50 years later. Most Fredericton Jews were in the retail trade.

The choir of Shaarei Zedek Congregation, 1936, Saint John, N.B. [Photo courtesy of the Saint John Jewish Historical Society]

The first settler in St. John's was a fur trader and he was followed by merchants but what is termed the real history of Newfoundland Jewry started in 1909 when Israel Perlin built the first synagogue there. By 1935, there were 215 Jews reported in the Newfoundland census, a number that grew to 360 by 1971.

What has happened to a once thriving community? Where have all the Atlantic Canadian Jews gone?

"The youth are our future," said John Goldberg, Halifax-born executive director of the Atlantic Jewish Council, "but many leave to go to university and then stay away when they find a mate and a job. Because of assimilation, we lost them physically at 19 and lose them to religion at 25."

Jewish leaders don't think young Jews have to be lost. "We need good role models in the home," said Rabbi Shlomo Grafstein of Halifax's Beth Israel Synagogue, which celebrated its 100th anniversary in 1991. "Dedication to Judaism by the mother and father can be seen by the child. Without that dedication and learning, we just don't have continuity. Family togetherness on shabbat and holidays leads to a dedication of spirit. The kids will see it and gain through osmosis that they are Jewish and have traditions to carry on."

Rabbi Grafstein has visited the small Prince Edward Island Jewish community to lead discussions on Jewish identity. Rabbi Ellis has also helped the P.E.I. community of 30 families retain some identity. But Joe Naylor, a past executive member of AJC and a resident of North Wiltshire, P.E.I., said growth of his community will come from those who WANT to be involved. "Others will come if the active ones take the responsibility."

He said the biggest factor in Jewish observance on the island has been the presence of a core family that has been knowledgeable. There is no synagogue and no rabbi and it is impossible to find a regular minyan but holidays are celebrated in private homes.

He said it is a major challenge to keep children involved but community member Roscalie Simeone, now the AJC representative, runs a Hebrew school. "If a person wants their children involved, there are ways. Maybe the problem is the parents. They may not be caring or knowledgeable enough or maybe they don't understand our traditions."

The Newfoundland economy is as much the reason for the dwindling Jewish population as assimilation, said Claire Salarma who has raised her family in St. John's since 1988. "No one comes back once they leave to go to university," she said. "Once new people come here, they like the life, but it is impossible to attract new people."

She said the community will lose three of four families in 1995, two through retirement and two to seek other employment. "We have 15 active families, services Friday night and Saturday, and lots of events for children, traditionalists, feminists, you name the group. By keeping many activities going, we are preserving what we have as best we can.

There is a Hebrew school that meets two to three times a week. Some children go to Camp Kadimah, the regional summer camp near Halifax, which Rabbi Grafstein said, ensures many Jewish marriages.

"Our only problem is numbers," said the optimistic Salarma. "And the only thing that will improve that is an improvement in the economy."

Sydney and Glace Bay each have synagogues but neither has a rabbi. Sydney, where, according to former AJC president and chairman Martin Chernin, "the youngest Jewish man is in his late 30s or early 40s," lacks young professionals or people moving back to the community. Chernin grew up in Sydney but most of his friends left to go to university and never came back.

"We have a minyan every Sunday and, at 51, I'm the youngest one there," he said. "Jake David at 90, is the oldest and the rest are between 76 and 90." But, he adds, they have missed only one minyan this year. The congregants lead services and a rabbi is imported for the High Holidays.

"We don't have a lot, but what is here is a vibrant community," said Chernin.

Miriam Cohen was president of Hadassah in Fredericton but said only a dozen of the 44 members shows up for meetings. "And we don't have a synagogue sisterhood any more because we can't get people interested. Young people have gone back to work and don't have the time and our congregation is mostly senior anyway."

She said the younger parents aren't taking the initiative to lead because they're busy with other things. "I made time when my children were younger, even though I was teaching school, but no one is taking that initiative now."

Saint John's Michelson said there are more Jews in the cemetery than there are in the city. "It has been economics that have taken our young people away. They found better opportunities in other centres."

He admitted there is little in Saint John's limited Jewish cultural life to bring Jewish families to the New Brunswick city. There are Friday night and Saturday services at the conservative Sharrei Zedek synagogue and no problem getting minyans. But most attendees are retired. There are few activities except for the occasional AJC function, when 50 or 60 people come out, which Michelson said is 85 per cent of the community.

There are only three children in Hebrew school, taught by an Israeli who was brought to the city by the congregation in the 1960s and, as the community diminished, found employment with the provincial education department. He now teaches Hebrew school a couple of days a week. "But next year there are eight or nine children coming up who will be ready for Hebrew School and whose parents are involved in the synagogue," said Michelson, with a bit of hope in his voice.

"The communities having difficulty are those without rabbis," said the AJC's Goldberg. "Those with none are led by committed lay people but it is frustrating for those communities to see their members growing older, their synagogue (without a rabbi) gathering dust and the young people leaving."

He said more emphasis should be placed on visiting rabbis and scholars which "might give the members of the small communities something to hold onto. Torah has to be part of the people's lives and we have to bring those observances back to the community."

Goldberg said he is working with United Israel Appeal to establish religious continuity to those communities without rabbis. As well, the presence of *arevot* in Halifax and St. John's has helped bring some continuity to the region. "Moncton and Halifax have on-going youth programs," said Goldberg.

Rabbi Grafstein said, "I have seen an element (of young people) asking 'Do I want to grow (as a Jew)?' And they move away to do so."

This article is the last in our series on the Jewish communities of Canada. In the weeks to come watch for a "wrap-up" essay on the Jews of Canada by Prof. Gerald Tulchinsky, author of Taking Root, The Origins of the Canadian Jewish Community.

Vital Signs

Jewish Population	3,000
Main Jewish centres	Halifax, Moncton, Fredericton, Saint John. N.B., St. John's. Nfld., Cape Breton (Sydney, Glace Bay, New Waterford, N.S.)
Number of synagogues	9
Number of day schools	0
Number of children receiving some Jewish education	approximately 200, including 110 in Halifax
Kosher restaurants	0

Opinions

LETTERS FROM JERUSALEM

Overcoming polarization

By Emil Fackenheim

My promised letter about Jewish Jerusalem must be postponed. As so often in Israel, an emergency has intervened. A suicide bus bomber has killed six in Ramat Gan, critically wounding two more and, more lightly, 29 others. One woman has survived two bus attacks in one year. Is she lucky or unlucky? She cannot decide.

This happened on July 23, but, although this letter will not appear until September, I am writing it now, just a few days after the bombing, while the experience is raw, and before the next crisis pushes it from the newspapers — and from our conscience. And, sure enough, on July 26 the Knesset had that media-event-vote on the Golan — whether, in the promised referendum, a 70 per cent majority is needed, instead of the ordinary 50 per cent, for sanctioning Israeli withdrawal. Could there be any clearer proof than that 59-59 cliff-hanger tie, of just how deeply, bitterly, the country is divided, over the momentous issues opened up by the Oslo accord?

One subject should allow no division: murder, once again, of Jews simply because they are Jews. The suicide-terrorists do not discriminate between Likudniks and Laborites, or Zionists and anti-Zionists, or even between Jews in Israel and Argentina.

When will this suicide-terrorism end? No honest person can say; so on this, there should be no dispute. Beyond dispute, too, ought to be that there is no ironclad way of stopping a terrorist so bent on martyrdom and his place in heaven as to kill himself, along with his victims.

But otherwise, reactions to the Ramat Gan massacre are as polarized as ever — and as predictable. (On my use of "massacre," some other time.) The government keeps on viewing the terrorists as "enemies of peace," and will not let them "kill the peace process." For its part, the opposition keeps viewing them as enemies, not of peace but of Israel, bent on weakening the state till it is ripe for the kill. (Thus the "Phased Plan," authorized by the PLO Council in 1974.)

And while Peace Now wants the peace process accelerated, its counterpart wants it slowed down or even — for those as extremely on the "right" as Peace Now is on the "left" — stopped. In this discouraging dispute only one voice is new and unpredicted. Fearing an irreparable "split" of Israel, and refusing to be a "rubber stamp president," Ezer Weizman has suggested that time be taken out by all parties involved, for reflection on where Israel should go from here. It is an inspiring rise above politics to statesmanship, fitting for a president.

But how encouraging is it when it is angrily attacked by Labor party Secretary General Nissim Zvilli and other coalition members? His "semi-political" statements, they charge, make Weizman president of "only part of the nation." Has the split in Israel become so catastrophic that its president cannot rise above party politics without being accused, for this very act, of playing party politics?

Confidence-building measures are obviously required, currently far less urgently between Israelis and Arabs than between Israelis themselves; and since the government has the power, the ball is in its court. What measures? Of the dozens available I will mention just five.

1. Yasser Arafat has condemned the Ramat Gan massacre, even in Arabic. For this he deserves credit but not much, for has he stopped praising "martyrs," of which suicidal ones are the purest? Has he announced that the age of Jew-killers shouting "*Allah Akhbar*" (God is great) is over, that henceforth they are sacrilegious murderers? *For this, Israel has not even asked.*

2. Israel has asked for amendment of the 1968 PLO charter, which calls for Israel's destruction. But what of the "phased" 1974 plan that this can be done in stages, recovering part of the land on the way to "liberating" the whole? One need not be a Likud type to suspect that this plan is still in force and being acted on by the PLO; but of this, *in the entire Oslo-initiated peace process, with all the vast publicity it has engendered, the government has failed to make a public issue.* Is it any wonder that otherwise unpolitical Israelis wonder whether they still have a government?

What if Israel started talking tough to Arafat — publicly, repeatedly — about murderous "martyrs"? What if it started talking tough to the world's diplomats, media-people, the PLO itself, about the phased plan? While failing to convert opponents, this would do much to reassure Israelis — the greengrocer, the car mechanic, the taxi driver, the Russian oleh and even convinced Likudniks — that the government is not negotiating weakly, aimlessly, but knows what it is doing and that in negotiating, it has some Zionist backbone.

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LETTERS FROM JERUSALEM

The moral power of faith

By David Hartman

The great importance that Jews give to attending services on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is an interesting phemomenon. After all, the central religious motifs of these holidays are far removed from the issues and symbols which have captured the imagination of world Jewry in our times.

The *yamim noraim*, the days of awe, do not re-enact key moments in the history of the Jewish people as do the festivals of Passover, Shavuot and Sukkot. The concepts of historical memory and peoplehood are not essential for defining their significance. Given the importance of the Holocaust and rebirth of the State of Israel in shaping contemporary Jewish consciousness, one would expect that a holiday such as Passover would serve as a more meaningful metaphor for national solidarity for the vast majority of modern Jews.

The theological orientation of the High Holy Days stands in sharp contrast to that of the historical festivals. One cannot open up the prayer books of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur without reflecting on the notions of sin, guilt and accountability. The prayers graphically portray a sense of awe and trepidation before the divine Judge and a longing for spiritual renewal and *tshuvah*.

If Rosh Hsahanah and Yom Kippur are not to be trivialized into a national Jewish identity day, we as individuals, and our rabbis as synagogue leaders, must seek ways of retrieving some of the central theological metaphors which inform the liturgy of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The awe and dread of God's judgement need to be reinterpreted if they are to speak to a modern Jewish sensibility.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur awaken us to think about what it means to live in a universe where one proclaims that the ultimate ground of all being is a personal God? Biblical descriptions of sin and guilt are far more powerful notions than simply making a mistake or failing to realize one's human potential. The yearning for purity and atonement (*taharah* and *kapparah*) suggests that sinful behavior touches the very core of our being and creates a sense of estrangement from God. How we make sense of the biblical understanding of sin and guilt for modern Jews is crucial for retrieving, in a meaningful way, our covenantal relationship with God and the significance of a life of mitzvot.

The theme of proclaiming God's majesty and judgement on Rosh Hashanah implies that no human being or human institution — be it family, community or nation state — is above judgement. In a world infused with the spirit of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, accountability is the defining feature of the human.

The poetry and text of the liturgy bring human "creaturely" accountability into focus by reminding us of the frailty and vulnerability of human existence: "Who will live and who will die?" The themes of finitude and mortality, of contingency and accident, of the inexplicable and the tragic dimensions of life are not meant to instil terror and fear or to remind us of the multiple ways human beings can suffer death, but to heighten awareness of human finitude so as to increase the seriousness with which we relate to everyday life. The shocking language of the liturgy and the piercing sounds of the shofar are meant to waken us from our existential slumber. They were intended to create a sense of urgency. We do not possess more time and opportunity than what the present moment makes available. No one has a contract guaranteeing the future. The sage, Hillel, understood this sense of immediacy and urgency when he said "If I am not for myself, who will be for me?... If not now, when?"

We must find a way for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to communicate a serious spirit of worship and humility; we must counteract the vulgarity of turning Kol Nidre and the Yom Kippur fast into yet another preoccupation with diet and self-control. When I was in the rabbinate I often had the strange feeling that for many of my congregants, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur were wonderful days for successful UJA or Israeli Bond appeals. In my first pulpit there was excitement in welcoming Kol Nidre because it was the opportunity for the synagogue to conduct a successful appeal to meet its budget.

Our ability to breathe new life into the Rosh Hashanah-Yom Kippur holidays will depend on how the Jewish people will once again rehabilitate their God consciousness. The fundamental concepts of Judaism — *mitzvah* and *kedusha*, commandment and holiness — become hollow unless a person reflects seriously and intelligently on what God means for his or her spiritual life.

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Coming to America

Sixty years ago (I think it was Sept. 12 or 13) the Aquitania Docked in New York. Five of us, all students invited to Hebrew Union College in Cincinnati in order to pursue rabbinic studies, had arrived in the New World, refugees from the Nazis.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

The trip had lasted eight days and I still have three major recollections of that voyage.

One had to do with my insufficient knowledge of English (my reading knowledge was quite fair). We were eating in the kosher section of the ship and were seated at a large round dining room table. A man with a yellow sweater repeatedly rose during the meal, leaning forward in my direction and appearing to make a German-type bow, while saying something in English. At last I got the idea, I too rose, bowed in return, and responded "My name is Plaut." There was laughter from the man's friends. Only afterwards did I understand its cause: He had been asking me to pass him the salt and pepper.

My two other recollections are sea sickness (which I shared with my cabin mate Wolli Kaelter, now rabbi emeritus of a Long Beach, Calif. congregation), and meeting a law student from New York by the name of Beatrice. She had just come back from a tour of the Soviet Union and held distinctly leftist views, which however, she did not try to impose on us. She spent a good deal of time with us, introducing us to American ways and teaching me how to dance.

On a lovely September day, the Statue of Liberty came into view. Whatever sentimentalists may claim about its impact, it is only a fraction of what it means to the confused new arrival who faces a world he does not understand. Somehow the lady calms one's anxieties, and the unspoken promise — I did not yet know the words written by Emma Lazarus — was real. She was shrouded a bit in the morning fog, but her hand lifted high was clearly in view. I suddenly felt that America might mean more to me than a place for study.

I had with me a letter from the Berlin branch of the famous Warburg family. I had been the tutor of young Oskar, who had come down with polio and was incapable of attending school. The Warburg home was located in the beautiful suburb of Wannsee (not too far, I would learn later, from where a few years afterwards Heydrich would hold the infamous conference which approved the plan to exterminate all Jews in Europe).

I took my letter to the office of Kuhn, Loeb and Co. on Wall Street and was received by the scion of the family. He greeted me cordially and promised to let his friends in Cincinnati know that I was on my way. In retrospect, I know what it meant: the doors of the best families in town were wide-open — a considerable plus for a stranger in a strange land.

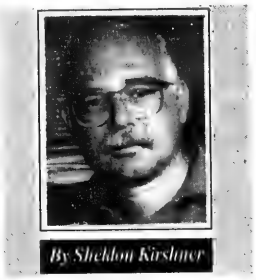
If anyone had told me at the time that some day I would live not in the United States but in Canada, I probably would have considered it as an absurd notion. I knew nothing about Canada, not even — though I was an avid sports fan — about its ice hockey. It would take me another 26 years to make that fortuitous acquaintance. I came to the United States as a refugee and to Canada as an immigrant.

(Parts of these recollections are taken from the rabbi's autobiography, *Unfinished Business*. A follow-up volume, *More Unfinished Business*, is now in the planning stages.)

The Kirshner File

Peace policies divide American Jews

Later this month, the Israeli government plans to launch a publicity blitz in the United States to explain its peace policies to American Jews, primarily the Orthodox.



By Sheldon Kirshner

Described as a "damage control mission" by one Anglo-Jewish weekly, the campaign will be spearheaded by retired Israeli generals and pro-peace rabbis who believe that Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's handling of the peace process is beneficial to Israel's long-term security as well as its economy.

That such a drive is required is a telling commentary on the reception Israel's policies have received from segments of the Jewish community since Israel and the PLO signed the Declaration of Principles (DoP) on Sept. 13, 1993.

The DoP not only signalled the end of Israel's bitter military struggle with the PLO. It opened the way for territorial compromise, the evacuation of Jewish settlers from the territories, and the possible formation of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip. In short, it sowed the seeds of a political solution of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Yet Israel's historic rapprochement with the PLO, which has yet to run its course, was a wrenching experience for some Jews because it overturned cherished assumptions about the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Hadn't a succession of Israeli leaders, from Golda Meir onward, excoriated the PLO? Hadn't they demeaned PLO chairman Yasser Arafat? Hadn't they encouraged Jews to settle in Judea, Samaria, Gaza and the Golan Heights? Hadn't they argued that Israel had no viable Palestinian interlocutors?

The DoP brought these emotive issues into perspective and, most important of all, triggered a debate of monumental proportions — not just in Israel but throughout the Diaspora.

The debate, which has grown incrementally rancorous with the boom of Palestinian rejectionist terrorist bombings, has reached its apotheosis in the world's largest Jewish community, the United States.

Surveys conducted by the American Jewish Committee show that the overwhelming majority of American Jews supports the peace process, despite fears, doubts and misgivings about its practical application.

The polls also reveal that one distinct group is resolutely against it — the Orthodox, who generally perceive it as a betrayal of halachic principles and an existential threat to Israel's very existence.

In this respect, the Orthodox are the mirror image and natural allies of right-wing Israelis in the so-called national/religious camp, who have lined up against the letter and spirit of the DoP.

Spokesperson representing the Orthodox have gone public with their criticism of the Israeli government. By doing so, they have consciously and knowingly destroyed an article of faith which was once at the bedrock of the community's ethos.

Before the Labor party unseated the Likud bloc in the June 1992 general election, there was a consensus that public criticism of Israel's policies, rightly or wrongly, was simply unacceptable. Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir — the Likud prime ministers during this period -- condoned this position, realizing that most Jews were not necessarily comfortable with their hardline ideological stance.

Dissent, then, was frowned upon, even suppressed, by the powers-that-be in the community. Jews who called for a moderate/progressive approach to the Arab-Israeli imbroglio, particularly with regard to its Palestinian component, were shushed up, shunted aside and/or denounced as traitors to the Zionist cause.

Not surprisingly, the enforcers were usually right-of-centre Jews sympathetic to the Likud.

But with the re-emergence of the Labor party three years ago, the nature of the debate changed radically.

When Rabin — a former chief of staff and ambassador to Washington — declared that Israel's policies were heading in a different direction, he was greeted with a mixture of incredulity, indignation and anger.

In the United States, Norman Podhoretz, the editor of *Commentary,* fired one of the first shots across the bow.

Since his famous or infamous article decrying the Labor party's orientation, the flak has not stopped flying:

•Rabbi Avraham Hecht, president of the Rabbinical Alliance of America, charged that anyone who relinquishes territory to the Arabs is a *moser* (a person who betrays a Jew to a gentile).

•Rabbi Ahron Soloveichik, a renowned Torah scholar, lambasted the peace process, saying that an Israeli withdrawal is forbidden.

•Rabbi Emanuel Rackman, the chancellor of Yeshiva University in New York, wondered in the *Jewish Week* whether Israel has "not only lost its soul but also its mind."

•The Lubavitch movement, in a *Jerusalem Post* ad, demanded that not "one inch" of land be forfeited, and accused Israel of having embarked on a "reckless path of appeasement."

Apart from these rabbinic pronouncements, there have been unprecedented manifestations of unease and disgust with Israel's course:

•Itamar Rabinovich, Israel's envoy to the United States, has been pelted by eggs and tomatoes.

•Shulamit Aloni, the Israeli culture minister, was physically assaulted at a Salute to Israel parade in New York.

•American Jews skeptical of the DoP have staged a vigil in front of Israel's embassy in Washington.

•Pro-Likud organizations, ranging from the Coalition for Israel to Pro Israel, have taken out provocative newspaper ads claiming that Rabin has no "legitimate mandate" to give up territory.

•Ruth Wisse, a professor of Yiddish and comparative literature at Harvard, has said that "American Jewry must advance maximalist positions to give Israel maximum leverage in its negotiations."

And in a bid to undermine Rabin, a loose coalition of right-wing Jewish groups, conservative politicians and the Likud have urged the U.S. Congress to block the deployment of American troops on the Golan to monitor a peace agreement between Israel and Syria; to declare the Middle East Facilitation Act — which channels financial aid to the PLO — null and void; and to move the U.S. embassy in Tel Aviv to Jerusalem.

In addition, American Jews suspicious of Israeli policy have sent money to, and "adopted," Jewish settlements in the territories.

And, reports the *Jewish Week* in New York, Orthodox Jews are shifting their charitable donations away from the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) toward funds backing the settlers. (The UJA does not support projects across the Green Line).

As a result of these developments, and the increasing shrillness of the ongoing debate on peace, the fault line in American Jewry has widened, causing a deep rift in the community. Mindful of the acrimony, the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations recently issued an appeal for "civility of debate and behavior."

The Israeli government is so concerned by all this that Uri Savir — director-general of Israel's Foreign Ministry and an architect of the Oslo accord — has called on American Jews to be more vociferous in their support of Rabin's peace policies.

As observers have noted, there is presently an imbalance in the response of American Jews to the peace process.

The right-wing opposition is highly vocal, visible and motivated, which was also true prior to 1992.

On the other hand, the majority that backs Rabin is more or less silent, with the notable exceptions of Americans for Peace Now and the Israel Policy Forum.

Americans for Peace Now has been a pillar of support, while the Israel Policy Forum has encouraged rabbis to use their pulpits on the High Holidays to praise Rabin's policies.

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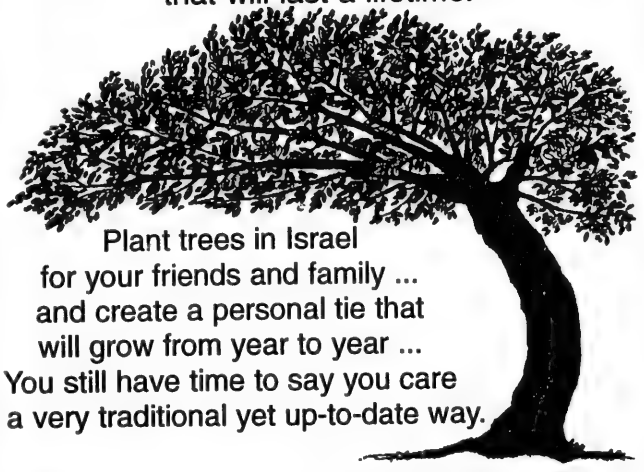

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Preparing for Day of Judgment

By EDGAR ASHER

On the Shabbat immediately following the fast of Tisha b'Av we are reminded that in just seven weeks, the most intense spiritual period in the Jewish calendar will commence.

Ten days after Rosh Hashanah is the solemn fast day of Yom Kippur and shortly after that, the festival of Sukkot. In Israel, Sukkot lasts seven days, while in the Diaspora it is eight days, concluding with Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah. In Israel, Shemini Atzeret and Simchat Torah are linked and celebrated on the same day.

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The seven Shabbatot prior to Rosh Hashanah are known as the Shabbatot of Consolation. On each Shabbat, we read in the Haftorah a different passage from the prophet Isaiah. The themes of the readings are messages of encouragement and hope. Even though the Jews have seen the destruction of two temples and suffered persecution throughout the ages, the prophet tells us that G-d has commanded him to comfort Israel and proclaim the restoration of Zion.

The seven readings reach their culmination on the Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah with a cry of spiritual joy and closeness to G-d.

Such is the unique importance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur that we prepare ourselves in the month before Rosh Hashanah (Elul) by introducing several *minhagim* (customs) that prepare us for the Day of Judgment.

From the second day of Elul until the day before Rosh Hashanah, the shofar is blown daily at the end of the morning service, except on Shabbat. This is to recall the second ascent of Moses on Mount Sinai to receive the Tablets of Law. The blasts are sounded to remind the children of Israel not to err once again and return to idolatry, as they did with the sin of the Golden Calf.

The shofar is not blown on the eve of Rosh Hashanah, in order to distinguish the sound of the shofar on Rosh Hashanah itself, which is prescribed by the Torah, from the blowing during the previous month, which is only a custom.

The other *minhag* associated with the period is the recitation of Selichot. Selichot is the plural form of the Hebrew word for forgiveness. It describes a series of penitential prayers that are themselves not an integral part of the Jewish liturgy, but are recited on certain solemn days and fast days.

The Selichot that are read before Rosh Hashanah until the eve of Yom Kippur are the most important of the year.

Since the introduction of Selichot, probably in the sixth or seventh century CE, the contents have changed somewhat with *piyutim* (liturgical poems) and *pizmonim* (hymns) being added.

The central motif of the pre-Rosh Hashanah Selichot is the recurring repetition of the Thirteen Attributes (Exodus 34, 6-7), which tell us of G-d's infinite mercy.

Each day, usually immediately before the morning service, the Selichot prayers are said, commencing with Psalm 145. Then the poems and hymns are introduced and the Thirteen Attributes are repeated several times.

When Selichot were first introduced, the custom was to recite them only during the Ten Days of Penitence between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Several hundred years later, the period for reciting Selichot was extended to include the days before Rosh Hashanah.

Almost 1,000 years ago, Rabbi David Hai Gaon introduced a ruling that Selichot should be recited for 40 days, beginning at the start of the month of Elul.

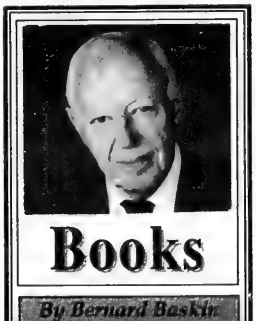
Sephardim maintain that custom to this day, while Ashkenazi tradition calls for the recitation of Selichot to commence only on the Sunday before Rosh Hashanah. If however the festival falls on a Monday or Tuesday — as it does this year — Selichot are said from the Sunday of the previous week.

In Israel, Ashkenazi tradition considers the first day of Selichot as a little more significant than the following days. Although the prayers for the first day are in essence much the same as those on subsequent days, the first day proclaims the start of the period leading up to the *Yamim Hanora'im* (Days of Awe).

Selichot are normally first recited around midnight on the Saturday night prior to Rosh Hashanah.

Every year, the main television channel in Israel broadcasts live transmissions of Selichot services, choosing different groups from among Sephardim and Ashkenazim for each day's broadcast.

It is easy to understand that great rabbis and teachers wanted to ensure that we were prepared spiritually to observe G-d's commandments for the observance of the festivals ordained in the Torah. Although the *Yamim Hanora'im* are among the most solemn days of the year, the Torah does not command us to do anything particular in the days immediately before the High Holy Days. Selichot is an ideal way to lead us to the Day of Judgment.



Books

By Bernard Baskin

Sacrifice of Isaac, by Neil Gordon (Random House, $31).

When Gen. Yossef Benami dies all Israel mourns. He was a legendary personality: military hero, scholar, statesman and discriminating art collector. Above all, he was revered as the savior of 400 Viennese Jews. During the early years of World War II, he had developed and operated a hazardous escape route that led through Europe to Palestine.

Benami's two "problem" sons become the inheritors of his considerable estate. Luke, who lives in New York and works as a translator of film dialogue, comes to Jerusalem. Disaffected, critical of Israel, he was never able to relate emotionally to his distant father.

From Danni, the older son, comes a crypic message requesting that his share of the estate — the works of art — be converted into cash. In 1973, during Israel's invasion of Lebanon, Danni had shocked his father and friends by deserting from the army and becoming an elusive political exile, hiding somewhere in Europe.

This multilayered and complex thriller follows Luke in his search for his missing brother. The scene moves from Paris to Florence to Capri. Before the journey is completed Luke is involved in the mysterious murder of his brother's mistress, kills an unknown assailant in a Paris gunfight and uncovers an emotionally shattering secret about his father.

"So it was that Luke lost his much-feared father. In the bitter rain of a Jerusalem winter. And found his long-lost brother in a blossoming French spring. So it was that he shot at his brother with his brother's own gun and the bullet dropped his brother like a split bag of sand into the shadows of the street."

Among the characters that Luke encounters are his brother's partner, a shrewd dealer in fraudulent antiquities, and a young German girl who is also in search of Danni. She believes he knows the answers to troubling questions about her Nazi father.

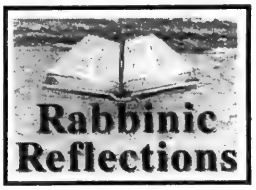
Neil Gordon, scholar and literary editor, has written a suspenseful thriller in which the Holocaust and the creation of Israel figure prominently. He artfully blances a many-sided, gripping story with psychological insight into the motivations and reactions of diverse characters. At the end, the jagged pieces of the puzzle fit neatly and deftly together.

One day in the Uffizi Galleries in Florence, Luke discovers in Caravaggio's painting of the sacrifice of Issac a profound and inescapable truth. "For what Caravaggio painted was not an isolated moment in Jewish history but a turning point for humankind ... From that moment on, that power — of symbolism — would be held ascendant over the primitive power of scarifice and that ascendancy would define the thin bridge of civilization that unites our present to Abraham's past."

The biblical depiction highlights the dilemmas that give this novel its moral texture: filial duty, patriotism, choice and decision.

Sacrifice of Isaac is entertaining and provocative — a well told, powerful and serious story.

God seeks an honest partner



By RABBI LEIGH LERNER

A thief was brought to court. At the trial, the judge said, "It seems that you committed the theft yourself."

"Of course I did it myself!" the thief exclaimed. "Who can get an honest partner nowadays?"

In our summer study of the prayers we offer, the third benediction of the Amida, called Kedusha, or Kedushat HaShem, is about God's looking for an honest partner, not just nowadays, but throughout Jewish history.

In the evening, the prayer reads, "Atah kadosh veshimchah kadosh, ukedoshim bechol yom yehallelucha sela; baruch Atah Adoshem ha-hakadosh." (You are holy, Your name is holy, and holy ones praise You every day. Blessed are You, the holy God.)

Kadosh means set apart, sacredly different. Kadosh, kiddush, Kedusha, Kaddish all share common meanings. At an evening service, we say that God is holy. Then we say God's name is holy. This is the point in the prayer at which God begins to look for an honest partner.

What is the meaning of the word shem (name)? We might seriously declare that God's shem, God's name, is yod-hay-vav-hay. These four Hebrew letters constitute a holy name which we are not permitted to pronounce. Instead we say, "Adonai" (my Lord), when we see it in the Torah or in the prayerbook, and HaShem (the Name), when used in a non-holy context.

But I submit that shem has another and far more important meaning. If you ask, "What's his name?" you will receive the nonsense syllables by which the man calls himself — John Doe. If, however, you ask, "How's his name in the community?" you will receive a critique of his reputation. People's names also represent their reputation. The words are synonyms.

How does a business earn a good reputation? Those who represent it carry on their work ethically and with careful service to the needs of the client. How does God earn a good reputation? Those who represent the Holy One carry God's reputation for ethics and service into the world. How? By acting kadosh themselves.

How do Jews act kadosh? Read Leviticus, Chapter 19, and you'll see it's by having just weights and measures, honoring the wise and the aged, loving our neighbors, keeping Shabbat and many other day to day acts. These define us Jews as kadosh.

So when the prayer says, Ukedoshim bechol yom yehallelucha (holy ones praise You daily), that praise consists not just of words, but of actions. We're the honest partner that God seeks.

That daily praise, best given through action, but often given by word, is our own expression not only that we are partners, but also that we recognize to what extent our rich Jewish heritage has been a partnership and not simply of our own creation.

A story from Jewish immigrant days tells of the man who, upon meeting a friend, told him he was going into business.

"What sort of business?" the friend asked.

"A partnership," the other replied.

"Are you putting in much capital?"

"No. I put in no capital. I put in the experience."

"And he puts in the capital, is that it?"

"Yes. We go into business for three years. He puts in the capital and I put in the experience. At the end of three years, I will have the capital and he will have the experience."

Our relationship with haKadosh Baruch Hu has extended far longer than three years. Torah has been the capital and we have, indeed, had the experience, and even made the capital our own in so many ways. All that we are asked to do is to praise and thank the partner by word and deed. "Kedoshim bechol yom yehallelucha sela," (Those who are holy praise You every day.

High Holy Days offer chance to discover faith's moral power

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Throughout history, the people of Israel saw itself as God's beloved. The *Song of Songs* was interpreted as a dramatic metaphor describing the passionate love affair between Israel and God.

Jews made great sacrifices to continue Jewish life because they believed that there was something of ultimate importance in the continuity of the Jewish people. Human history required Israel to bear witness to the presence of God in the world.

People touched by the vision of the prophet believe that God has a stake in how Jews conduct their lives. It is my fervent hope that nationalism and the enormous focus on survival will not be pursued at the expense of the spiritual world view that originally gave significance to our survival. For serious Jewish youth to identify with the Jewish community, they must find a way to understand the Living God of Israel.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur provide us with the opportunity to discover the moral and spiritual power present in a life of faith. The concern for the well-being of the State of Israel or the Holocaust must not become the new religion of the Jews. We dare not separate loyalty to the Jewish people from loyalty to Torah. To do so would be spiritual and physical suicide and the greater threat to Jewish continuity. Without serious reflection on how Jews were meant to bear witness to God in history, all our efforts to promote Jewish continuity will end up being hollow programmatic techniques without any lasting effect on Jewish history. How wonderful it is that Jews throughout the world intuitively understand that at least on Yom Kippur they must be present in the synagogue.

Overcoming polarization

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3. The government plans to release further security prisoners. A review of this is necessitated by the massacre. Why not by a bipartisan committee? And why not with the participation of relatives of victims of Arab terror? It is the least the country can do for them.

4. Inasmuch as Anwar al-Sadat got the whole Sinai, Hafez al-Assad keeps demanding — repeatedly, monotously — the whole Golan. Monotonously, kneejerkwise, Israel responds by blaming Menachem Begin for its negotiating difficulties. Why not, instead of blaming Begin, get help from him? Next time Assad asks, why not reply, "You come to Jerusalem, as Sadat did. Till then we have nothing to talk about."

5. "Likud stands for fear, Labor for hope." Shimon Peres said this, just prior to the massacre. What he (and Rabin) said afterwards I will not cite, for I want to help narrow the split not contribute to widening it. But, rising like Weizman to statesmanship, this Peres might have said: "We, all of us, have reason to fear and all of us, hopefully, reason to hope."

Had Peres said this, he would have given expression to the basic Israeli — nay, Jewish — condition in our time.

P.S. The latest attack does nothing to alter my argument.

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Wednesday, October 4	Shacharit (Morning) Service	10:00 a.m.
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Holocaust centre marks its 10th anniversary

By GERDA FRIEBERG
Special to The CJN

On Sept. 15, we will mark the 10th anniversary of the opening of the Toronto Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre.

Despite the visits of up to 20,000 students annually and numerous appeals to register the names of the victims to be inscribed in the hall of memory, the centre seems to be a well kept secret in our community.

On this 10th anniversary, it is important to recall the centre's history and the people who were committed to remember, to teach and to leave a legacy for future generations.

For many years, survivors were unable to share their memories. It was too painful for both the storyteller and the listener. Our silence arose from the fear that the indescribable horror would not be believed. The necessity to create a memorial was discussed for years among survivors. The concern was to find a suitable location and raise the funds, but most of all, to find people willing and able to embark on such a project with the devotion and sensitivity it demanded.

The opportunity came when the Lipa Green Building was being planned. The building fundraising committee approached two survivors, Jack Israeli and David Smuschkowitz, who agreed to contribute to the building fund, provided space for a Holocaust memorial was allocated.

Steps were immediately undertaken by a small committee of survivors to create the Toronto Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre. Utilizing the limited space was a monumental task, since the story to be told had to begin with anti-Semitism in medieval Europe, the rise of Nazism, the destruction of European Jewry and liberation, and come full circle, to deal with neo-Nazis and Holocaust-deniers.

Two thousand archival photos were obtained from all over the world, of which those considered most appropriate were selected.

Two slide presentations were created to portray the events as they unfolded. The artifacts exhibited come from survivors and from Auschwitz and Majdanek.

While the educational aspect of the centre is important, the memory of the victims was our most sacred obligation.

A hall of memories was therefore created, where the walls were covered with ceramic tiles, on which the names of family members and victims of the Holocaust were inscribed. This project is still ongoing and more names are being added all the time.

To raise the necessary funds was a major challenge. The committee undertook to raise enough funds, not only for the creation but also for the future maintenance of the centre. We were able to achieve this through the generosity of survivors, some members of the Toronto Jewish community, a grant from the federal government and a very generous grant from the Province of Ontario. We were happy to meet our objective not to use any community funds for this project.

On opening day, we symbolically presented the key of the centre to the then Toronto Jewish Congress. For the last 10 years, survivors have welcomed thousands of students of many ethnic backgrounds from Metro Toronto and surrounding areas.

In the guest book are the names of visitors from all over the world. It was the first Holocaust centre in Canada and it became the focal point for Holocaust education. Visiting the centre and listening to a personal account of a survivor have a profound effect on young people.

It is our hope that these youngsters will not become prey to neo-Nazis or Holocaust-deniers. If this place helps teach tolerance and erase prejudice, we have achieved our goal. We have hopefully created a better world for our children and at the same time, provided a place where they will find the names of their families, a place to remember, a place to say Kaddish for those with no one left to say it for them.

The members of the founding committee had a dream: to teach and to remember. We leave it to future generations to continue.

Gerda Friedberg, past chair of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, was also the chair of the founding committee of the Toronto Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre. She is now its honorary chair.

CLARIFICATION

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From coast to coast

Author tells more tales of Mulroney era

Scene in Ottawa

By RICHARD CLEROUX

OTTAWA — Just when Brian Mulroney thought it might be safe to show his face in public again.

Boom!

Out comes Stevie Cameron with an updated edition of *On the Take* — last year's bestseller exposé of greed, scandal, crime and corruption during the Mulroney years in Ottawa.

This latest instalment in paperback format includes three new chapters featuring at least five more juicy stories to outrage Canadians.

A number of Mulroney pals have been charged with or pleaded guilty to tax evasion; others are under police investigation, have declared bankruptcy or are fighting creditors.

A Conservative fundraiser told Cameron that his riding had been offered a Senate seat. It didn't matter whom they chose as senator, as long as they tossed $100,000 into a Montreal bank account set up for Mulroney's leadership bid.

The Mounties are investigating the link between the purchase of $2 billion worth of Airbus jets by Air Canada and a number of secret commissions paid through European banks to a Liechtenstein holding company controlled by persons unknown. What a strange way for a Canadian airline to buy a fleet of jets!

Mulroney's in-laws, the Pivnickis, who live in fashionable Westmount, were given a contract with the RCMP to take in seven Mountie boarders on training courses, one month at a time, at $800 a head. It was a piddling contract, worth only $28,000 a year, hardly enough to get rich on, but it earned the Pivnickis the hostility of another family, the one that lost the Mountie contract.

Mulroney's elderly mom, Irene Mulroney, had her old age pension cheque delivered personally right to her home every month by a post office employee other than a mailman. It allowed her to get her cheque two days before everybody else, without ever having to worry whether it was lost in the mail. She never knew about the special arrangement. She thought the post office did this for everybody.

The Tory apologists are sure to reply that only Stevie Cameron would stoop so low as to go after Mulroney's mother.

They have to say something.

When the hard cover edition came out, the Tories said Cameron wrote the book because she was jealous of Mila Mulroney.

Senator Marjory LeBreton, appointed by Mulroney to the Senate, his final appointment before stepping down, went even further. She said Cameron wrote her book because she was jealous that she wasn't as good-looking as Mila. Strike one up for the cause of feminism, Marjory.

No one asked LeBreton why the rest of the country bought the Cameron book in such great numbers. Maybe we are all jealous and ugly too.

Mulroney is the politician Canadians love to despise. He's been gone now for more than two years and he's not likely to come back in the near future. So why the fixation with the Mulroney era corruption?

It's almost as if Canadians are trying to make up for having loved Mulroney so much in 1984, during his first year in power. He was as popular then as Jean Chrétien was in his first year in office. (Mulroney hit 63 per cent, Chrétien 64 per cent.) Maybe there's a warning here for Chrétien.

The original version of the Cameron book sold more than 100,000 copies, making it a bestseller 10 times over. In Canada, 10,000 copies is considered a bestseller. It cost Cameron five years of her life, but the rewards are there, although she has noticed that she hasn't been getting many dinner invitations from Tories anymore.

Cameron says that after the hard cover edition came out she had to beat away people who kept coming to her with still more Mulroney tales. Only time and space — and impatient editors — have prevented her from writing more.

She still has a huge binder full of untold Mulroney stories that will have to remain untold for the time being.

There definitely will not be an *On The Take II*, she vows. She's had it up to here with Mulroney. (So have Canadians, by the way.)

There's a new government in Ottawa and plenty of other things to ferret out.

So finally, Mulroney may have heard the last of Stevie Cameron. It won't be any too soon, either. He may finally be able to enjoy his fortune in peace.

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מיר זיינען איינגעשטאַנען אין תל-אביב אין האָטעל „אַסטאָר" ביים ירקון. דאָ אויף אַ שטח פון עטלעכע קילאָמעטער געפינען זיך אַ צאָל האָטעלן. יעדער צווייטער אָדער דרייטער בנין איז אַ האָטעל. און נישט גלאַט אַזוי עפּעס אַ האָטעלעכל, נאָר האָטעלן, איינער גרעסער און שענער פון אַנדערן. די פרייזן פאַר אַ טאָג מיט אַ נאַכט שליסן אויך איין פרישטיק. דאָס איז שוין „יענער" פרישטיק. . . מיט אַזאַ פרישטיק קענסטו זיך אָנעסן אויף אַ גאַנצן טאָג. אַ גרויסער טייל פון די געסט נעמען מיט זיך מיט געגנג עסן, עס זאָל סטיין אויך אויף מיטאָג און אָוונטברויט. אין דער אַלטער היים האָט מען עס גענומען אין אַ פאַטשיילע; דאָ הייסט עס אַ „דאָגי-בעג".

כמעט אַלע האָטעלן זיינען פאַרפולט מיט טוריסטן פון דער גאַנצער וועלט. יעדער האָטעל איז ווי אַ מיניאַטור „פאַראייניקטע פעלקער". מען הערט אַ געמיש פון שפּראַכן, אָבער פאַרשטענדלעך די הויפּט שפּראַך איז עבריה, די שפּראַך פון לאַנד. די ניי-אַריינגעקומענע אין לאַנד, די „עולים חדשים" פון פאַרשיידענע לענדער, איבערהויפּט פון פריערדיקן סאָוועטן-פאַרבאַנד, רעדן שוין אויך עבריה. באַלד ביי זייער אָנקומען אין לאַנד, גייען די נייע עולים אין „אולפּן" צו לערנען, אָן אָפּצאָל, די שפּראַך.

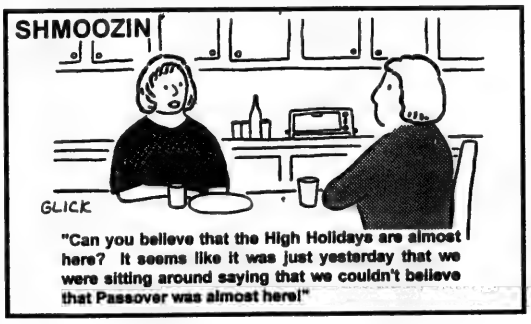
די איבערוועגנדיקע צאָל פון די רוסישע אימיגראַנטן, מענער און פרויען אינעם עלטער פון 25 ביז 50-60 יאָר, אַרבעטן אין די האָטעלן אויף פאַרשיידענע פּאָסטנס. מיט די רוסישע עולים קען מען זיך נאָר פאַרשטענדיקן אין רוסיש אָדער עבריה. אַ קליינער טייל פאַרשטייט אַ ביסל ענגליש, אָבער רעדן נישט אויף דער שפּראַך. דאַקעגן מיט די ישראלים, ספּעציעל מיט די יוגנטלעכע קען מען זיך שוין גאַנץ גוט אויסשמועסן אין ענגליש. מיט די עלטערע איז נישטאָ קיין בעסערע שפּראַך ווי יידיש.

מען קען גרינג באַמערקן דעם אונטערשייד צווישן די ישראלים און די ניי-געקומענע. די אָרטיקע בירגער זיינען געקליידט לויט דער לעצטער מאָדע, כ'וואָלט געזאָגט: שענער, רייכער און געשמאַקער ווי ביי אונדז אין קאַנאַדע. אַ חוץ די שיינע קליידער און שיך, טראָגט כמעט יעדע פרוי צירונג, און נישט סתם ביליקע „קאָסטיום"-צירונג, נאָר אמת'ע 14- אָדער 18-קאַראַט גאָלדענע זייגערס, בראַסלעטן, קייטלעך און אַנדערע זאַכן, גאַנץ שווערע אין וואָג. מען זעט דאָס איבעראַל: אין די טראַמ- ווייען, רעסטאָראַנען, האָטעלן, טעאַטער און אויף אַ שפּאַציר אין גאַס.

זייער אָנזעעוודיק איז די צאָל אינוואַלידן פון אַלע מלחמות צווישן ישראל און אירע אַראַבישע שכנים. מען זעט פאַרברענטע פּנימער, אָפּגעהאַקטע הענט און פיס, אויסגעשטאָטע מיט באַקוועמע, קאָסטבאַרע פּראָטעזן און אויף „רעדער-שטולן" („וואַהילטשעירס"). אַלץ ווערט געדעקט פון דער רעגירונג. די אינוואַלידן קריגן אַ גוטע לעבנסלענגלעכע פּענסיע, באַצאָלטע וואַקאַציעס און אַנדערע בענעפיטן. מען זעט זיי איבעראַל. זיי זיינען שטאָלץ מיט זייערע פּראָטעזן, מאַכן נישט דערפון קיין גרויסן צימעס און פאַרלאַנגען נישט קיין ספּעציעלן כבוד אָדער מיטלייד פון די אַנדערע בירגער.

מען זעט אויך אַנדערע אינוואַלידן, דאָס זיינען קרבנות פון אַראַבישן טעראָריזם. אויך זיי קריגן די זעלבע פּריווילעגיעס און פּענסיעס, ווי די מיליטערלייט. דאָס אַלץ ווערט אויך אויסגעהאַלטן פון דער רעגירונג. אויך די אַנדערע אויסגאַבן פאַר דער פאַרטיידיקונג פון לאַנד, נעמען צו דעם גרעסטן טייל פון ישראל'ס בודשעט. עס איז באמת אַ נחת רוח צו זען די יוגנטלעכע ישראל סאָלדאַטן, בחורים און בחורות, מיט אַ פּלעצאַק אויף די פּלייצעס, אַ ביקס אָנגעהאָנגען ביי דער זייט, אַ טעלעפאָן אויף אַן אַקסל, שפּאַצירן אין די גאַסן. מען קען אַרויסלייענען פון זייערע פּנימער דעם שטאָלץ און ליבשאַפט פאַר זייער לאַנד. דאָס זעלבע קען מען זען ביי די אַנדערע בירגער אין יעדן עלטער.

מען קען נאָך אַ סך שרייבן וועגן אונדזערע איינדרוקן ביים באַזוכן באַזונדערע טיילן פון לאַנד, וועגן דעם גרויסן אויטאָ-פאַרקער אויף די שאָסייען, די פריילעכקייט אין די גאַסן אין די אָוונטן, און ספּעציעל וועגן אונדזער באַזוך אין „יַד ושם", וואו מען האָט ערשט צוגעבויט אַ נייעם פליגל, חדר הילדים, לזכרון די אומגעקומענע יידישע קינדער אין דער שואה. אָבער מאַנגל אין פּלאַץ דערלויבט נישט מער. וועל איך בלוז, ביים סוף, געבן דעם לייענער אַ גוטע עצה: גייט אַהיים, פּאַקט איין די וואַליזקעס און פאָרט קיין ישראל. איך וועט עס זען מיט די אייגענע אויגן און טאַקע אויך האָבן אַ גייסטיקן פאַרגעניגן. שלום!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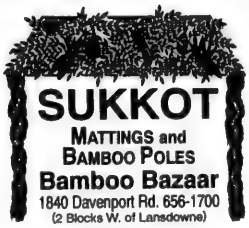
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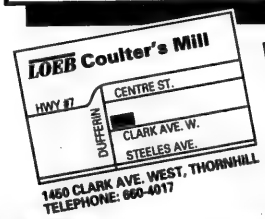

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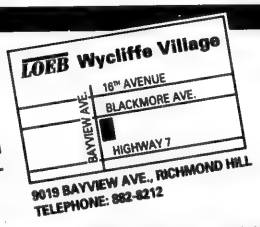

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CJC-Q urges hiring extra referendum staff

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q) said it is urging Quebec's chief returning officer, Pierre-F. Cote, to hire more staff in order to process potentially thousands of applications from out-of-province Quebecers who want to vote in the referenduum, reportedly almost certain to take place Oct. 30.

Applications to vote coming from outside Quebec would have to be received by Cote's office no later than four weeks before the referendum.

"We want to be sure enough people are hired to process the number of applications," said Casper Bloom, primarily by contacting synagogues across the country.

Last week, the Quebec Liberal Party said it would use funds from its own coffers to try to directly reach potential out-of-province voters. Cote said his office could CJC-Q director Jack Jedwab, since Cote's office might find itself swamped by a flood of applications.

CJC-Q has been cooperating with the overall effort to reach an estimated 40,000 to 50,000 eligible out-of-province voters, launched by Montreal lawyer not do so since it would require "consensus" from both of Quebec's two main parties.

Inside the province, where 42,000 enumerators spent last week compiling the province's first permanent electoral list in time for the referendum, Jedwab said initial reports were that the "process was going smoothly," the result of an "effective" information campaign aimed at making sure that as many Quebecers as possible register and have proper documentation on hand.

At writing, Jedwab said there appeared to be only "very rare" instances in which enumerators may have abused their powers.

In one instance, Congress sent a letter to Cote asking that he fire one Parti Quebecois enumerator in the riding of NDG for stating that he would ask for proof of Canadian citizenship based on the "race" of the person being enumerated.

In general, Jedwab said Cote has appeared to be dilligent in protecting against possible abuse.

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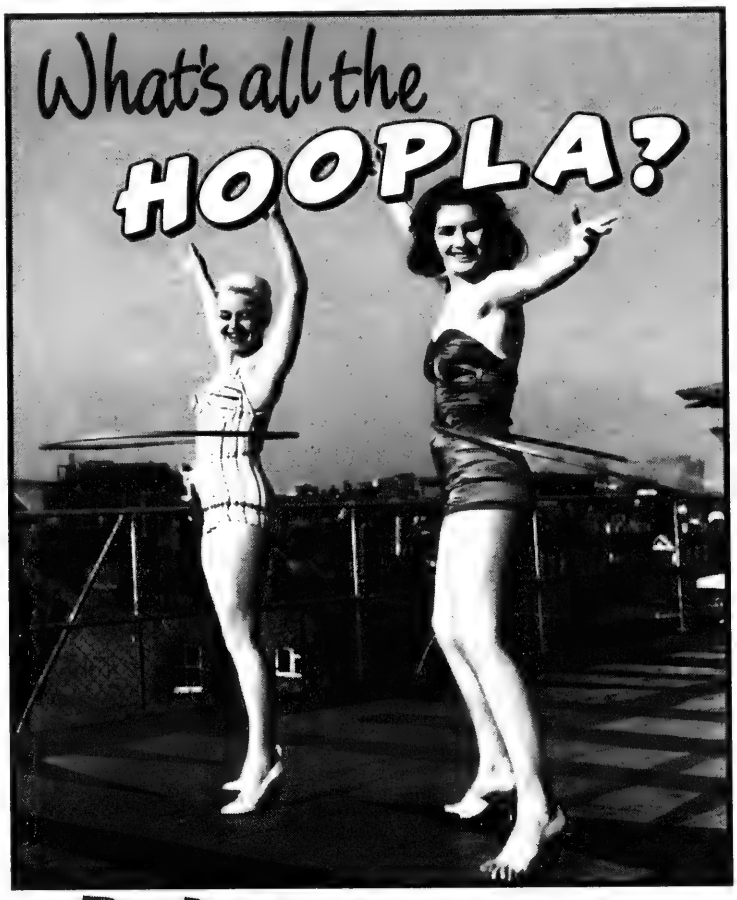
Ruth Ben-Tzur, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Toronto (left) and former Israeli consul general to Toronto and Western Canada, Dror Zeigerman (centre), recently traveled to Calgary to present Alberta Premier Ralph Klein (right) with the Shalom Tourism Award. Klein led an economic and trade mission to Israel earlier this year. [Neil Loomer Photo]



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Court rejects refugee claim by ex-Soviet olim

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For the second time in less than a year, the Federal Court of Canada has upheld a decision by an immigration panel that denied asylum to Russian emigres who came to Canada after fleeing Israel.

The ruling is another chapter in a continuing dispute between Ottawa and Jerusalem over Canada's policy of accepting claims by ex-Soviets that they were persecuted in Israel.

In an August 24 ruling, Justice John Richard agreed that an Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) panel was right to reject the refugee claims of a family from the former Soviet Union who argued that while in Israel, they were harassed and persecuted because of their questionable status as Jews.

In 1991, Yuri Botnarenko, his wife Aksana and their son Yulian moved from Ukraine to Israel, where they received citizenship under the Law of Return.

But the family claimed they fell into the category of "non-Jews" — those whose parents are not Jewish but who have at least one Jewish grandparent — enough to satisfy the Law of Return.

The family alleged that in Israel, Aksana had been sexually harassed; that Yuri was detained by police after he confronted neighbors who had been threatening his wife; and that their son was mistreated at a nursery — all due to their mixed status.

In rejecting their bid for refugee status, the IRB tribunal had concluded there would be no serious possibility of persecution if the family returned to Israel "since they were subject only to discrimination, and the State of Israel [had] the ability to protect them."

Richard agreed the family failed to show that Israel was incapable of protecting them.

The ruling is similar to one issued by the Federal Court last December, in which it upheld the IRB's denial of refugee status to a family, originally from Kazakhstan, who springboarded to Canada from Israel.

In that instance, the court agreed with the IRB that there was no evidence that Israel persecutes "those persons whom they have invited to come to their country."

The court held that discrimination — if there was any — did not amount to persecution.

Despite the court rulings, the long-simmering dispute between Canada and Israel is bound to continue in light of the number of refugee claims accepted from Israeli citizens, the vast majority of them from the former Soviet republics.

In the first six months of 1995, Canada accepted 67 refugee claims from Israeli citizens, out of 238 initiated.

And last year, Canada accepted more refugees from Israel — 380 — than in the previous five years combined.

That's despite ongoing efforts by Israel to convince Canada that it does not produce refugees and that claims of persecution by ex-Soviets are spurious.

Those claims typically allege harassment, mistreatment of children, job discrimination and even beatings and rape because of mixed marriages and family histories.

Susan Davis, national executive director of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, said there are many instances of "personal bias" on the part of IRB members.

"It's hard for board members to understand that there can be a democracy in a religious state," Davis said, adding that Israel has had difficulty in proving that ex-Soviet olim are not persecuted.

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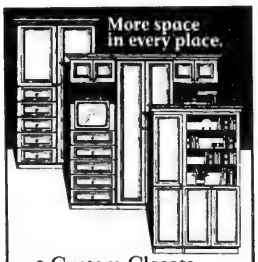

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Jewish TV show to debut soon

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Canada's first-ever national Jewish-content television program may be on the air as soon as next month.

The Jewish Journal, a 30-minute magazine-format show, will be broadcast on Vision TV, which reaches more than six million households.

The show is scheduled to debut in late October or early January.

Executive producers Doris Strub Epstein and Tamara Ushakova, both with extensive media experience, have joined forces with Janice Maser, the director of business development and marketing, to form a non-profit corporation.

"We have a sense of mission," says Epstein, though all three organizers have other professions. "We have joined forces out of a commitment to fill this unmet need in the Jewish community."

Ushakova, an artist, filmmaker and businesswoman, came to Canada nine years ago from Tbilisi, Georgia, where she worked in television, film and theatre.

She says she was surprised to learn there was no Jewish television show in Canada. "There is so much Jewish talent and so many resources — it's unbelievable and a shame that these are not being used."

It's time, she said, that someone said something positive and realistic about Israel and the Jewish community in North America.

"Children and young people must see themselves as Jews in a positive way."

Maser says there's a lot of interest in sponsoring and supporting the program.

"We are determined that high-quality, Jewish programming will reach every corner of our country, particularly [to] those who are not affiliated, our youth and those isolated Jewishly. And we hope that this will be the first step to a Jewish television channel."

To be hosted by author, raconteur and humorist Allan Gould, the program promises an exploration of Jewish life in Canada, Israel and around the world.

Among the topics planned are neo-Nazism as seen through the eyes of a Canadian journalist who secretly infiltrated the movement; the meaning behind Jewish jokes; and questions facing the Jewish community.

Books and theatre reviews, Klezmer and other music, Jewish personalities, news from Israel, business, Jewish cooking and historical events are other segments proposed.

Along with commercial sponsorships, the producers are looking for individuals and foundations to underwrite special programs, such as biographies and shows on travel.

The producers have received encouragement and good wishes from politicians and community leaders, including a letter from Israel's minister of Foreign Affairs Shimon Peres and a note from Israeli vice consul in Toronto, Haim Waxman.

New radio show in Toronto see page 7

From coast to coast

JNF names Pacific shaliach

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — An Israel Defence Force brigadier-general is the new Jewish National Fund (JNF) shaliach for the Pacific region.

Yitzhak Fuchs succeeds Gideon Shavit, who has returned to his home in Beersheva.

Fuchs' appointment was announced last week by JNF regional chair Ruth Freeman, who said the new emissary is planning the annual Yom Kippur campaign and will make his first visit to a major British Columbia Jewish community, Victoria, on Sept. 17.

Fuchs, 46, was born in Germany and brought to Israel by his parents after the War of Independence. He has served in the IDF for 28 years and saw action as a paratrooper in the Sinai in the Yom Kippur War.

He has been a military man almost all his adult life, except for time spent at Bar Ilan University, where he got his BA in Social Services and an MA in Political Science and International Relations at the University of Haifa. He is also trained in management and systems analysis.

Before taking a leave of absence to come to Canada, Fuchs was deputy chief of the IDF personnel branch, where he was responsible for manpower policy. He was also the IDF's liaison to civilian groups.

Fuchs is married and he and his wife have three children who, he says, are "thrilled" to be in Vancouver, especially because it's the first time the family has lived outside of Israel.

Fuchs says the recent forest fire near Jerusalem was the largest and most devastating in Israel's history. The destruction of millions of trees and many homes "adds a sense of urgency to the JNF role in Israel — and adds a degree of importance to my job here."

Alberta gets emissary

CALGARY — There's a new JNF shaliach in Alberta: Lt.-Col. Ron Krumer replaces Shemi Attar, who returns to Israel after a three-year stint.

Krumer has worked in the prime minister's office for the past three years as first assistant to the Director General. He has 20 years service in the IDF and was the IDF's chief liasion officer to the press during the Gulf War.

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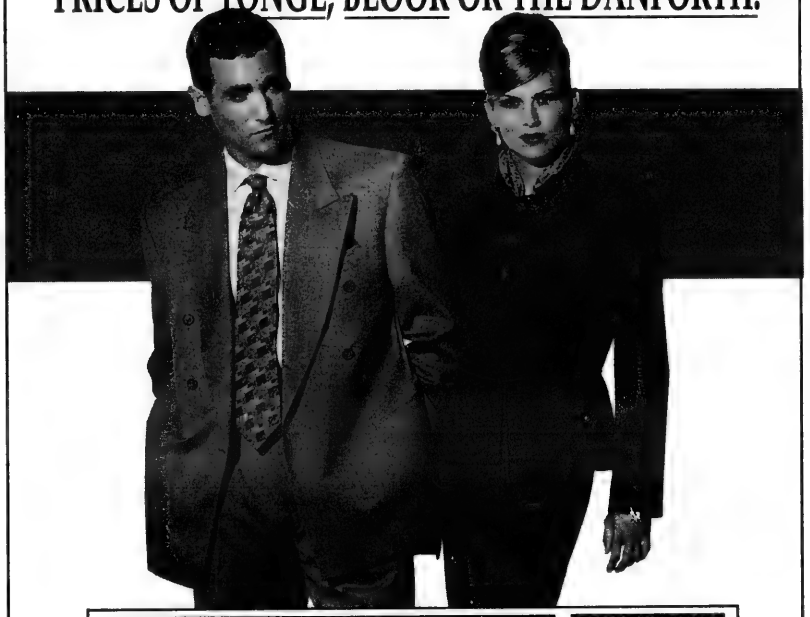

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Jews, Ukrainians, Mennonites aim to build bridges

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — "A lot of preparatory work has to be done before a bridge can be built," noted Helmut-Harry Loewen in addressing North America's first-ever Jewish-Mennonite-Ukrainian conference. "Before you begin to build the bridge, you need to plunge into the depths of the murky water below and survey the bottom to clear away obstacles."

Building bridges was the theme of the recent three-day meeting held at the University of Manitoba's St. Paul's College. Speakers expressed surprise that it had taken the three ethnic/religious groups this long to come together, considering their shared history of religious and cultural persecution in Ukraine and their experiences in Canada.

Gerald Ramsay, professor of geography at the University of Windsor, said Canada's policies on multiculturalism keep ethnic groups apart.

"If these three groups can establish good relations now," he said, "it is a good sign for Canada as we enter the 21st century. If not, the omens for our society are dark indeed."

The conference grew out of a joint program four years ago that was co-sponsored by the Jewish Historical Society (JHS) of Western Canada, the Mennonite Historical Society and the Manitoba Historical Society.

Over 40 scholars, writers and community activists from across the continent presented papers to the conference on historical, cultural, religious and political issues affecting the three communities.

"We adopted the theme of building bridges," explained JHS president and historian Harry Gutkin, "because we were aware of the tensions between the communities, which goes back to shtetl days in Czarist Russia and continued after the three groups came to Manitoba. We felt it was time to explore all areas of the relationships."

Prof. Lionel Steiman of the University of Manitoba gave an overview of the history of anti-Semitism in Canada, highlighting the role of the Catholic Church and Abbe Lionel Groulx in Quebec; the fascist Adrien Arcand; and Goldwin Smith, an anti-Semitic polemicist in Ontario. Although Smith died in 1910, his writings influenced many Canadians, including former prime minister MacKenzie King, Steiman said.

Loewen, chair of Mennonite Studies at the University of Winnipeg, spoke of a "dark period" in Mennonite history — the inter-war years — when many Mennonites, particularly those in Germany — discarded their centuries-old principles of non-violence and flocked to Adolf Hitler.

They, like many others in the 1930s, saw Hitler as their savior from Communism, Loewen said.

While most Mennonites lost their enthusiasm for Nazism after Hitler's atrocities against the Jews came to light, Loewen noted that anti-Semitism remains among some Canadian Mennonites.

Aware of history

He identified some who are prominent in hate groups or have been charged in hate-related violence, alleging there is a predominantly Mennonite town in Alberta where support for neo-Nazism is strong and where many receive German-language mailings from Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel.

Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, spoke of the often stormy relationship between Jews and Ukrainians in Canada, describing how they have taken opposite sides on issues ranging from prosecution of Nazi war criminals to how each views Ukrainian nationalist figures.

But Littman observed how well the new generation of Jewish and Ukrainian Canadians work together in many professions.

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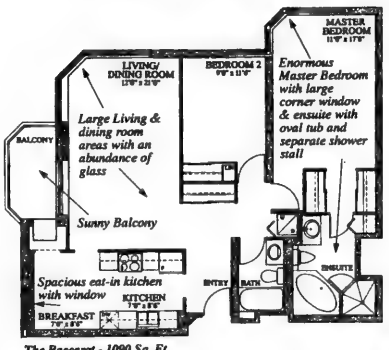

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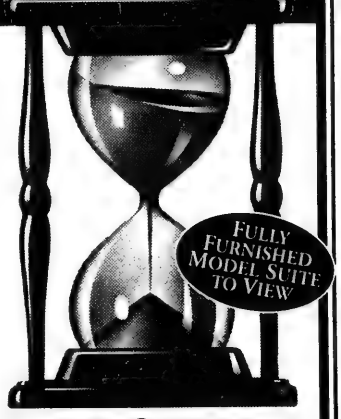

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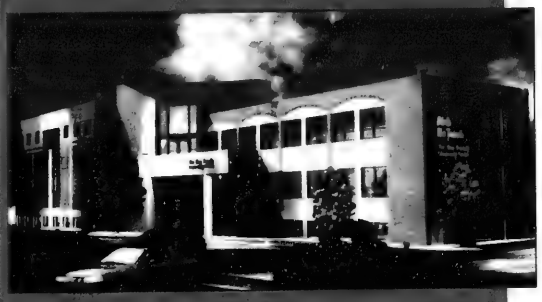

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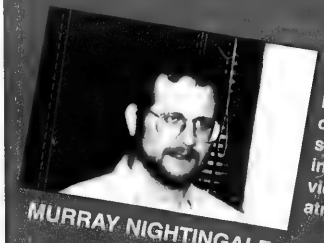

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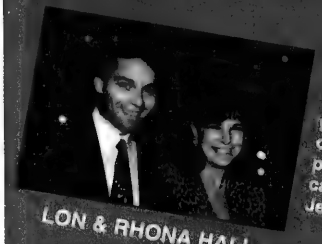

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As a service to the community, the Kashruth Council provides kashrut and food-related information to thousands of families across Canada and the United States, and as far as Israel and Europe, says Rabbi Mordechai Levin, the council's executive director.

Esther Schwartz, the council's kosher food consultant, prepares and tests the recipes. The recipes for Rosh Hashanah 1995-5756 include ratatouille soup, Polynesian pot roast, lemony carrots, individual potato kugels and apple pie.

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Here is a sample from this year's Rosh Hashanah flyer.

RATATOUILLE SOUP

Make ahead to enhance flavor. Freezes well.

2 tbsp. olive oil
2 large onions, sliced
2 large garlic cloves, crushed
2 medium zucchini, sliced
1 medium eggplant, peeled and cubed
1 green and red pepper, seeded and cut in chunks (or any color pepper)
1 28 oz. can crushed tomatoes
2 cups vegetable or chicken stock
Salt and pepper to taste
1 tsp. basil
½ tsp. thyme
½ tsp. oregano
Pinch cayenne (optional)

In a large saucepan, heat oil. Add onion and garlic; saute only until soft and transparent. Add zucchini, eggplant and peppers. Cook five minutes until softened. Add the crushed tomatoes, stock and seasonings. Bring to a boil, reduce heat to low and simmer, covered for one hour. Serve chunky or transfer to food processor and blend until smooth. Serve hot or cold. Serves 6 to 8 (or more).

Note: If too thick, add extra stock.

POLYNESIAN POT ROAST

2 tbsp. oil
1 4-lb. chuck or brisket roast
¼ cup flaked coconut (optional)
¼ cup apricot preserves
1½ tsp. vinegar
1½ tbsp. soy sauce
½ tsp. ginger
½ tsp. grated lemon rind
1/8 tsp. pepper
¼ cup juice from canned pineapple or ¼ cup water
4 tbsp. cornstarch
2 tbsp. cold water

Garnish: Pineapple rings, watercress.

In hot oil, brown meat in a large skillet or Dutch oven. Combine remaining ingredients except for corn starch and water. Cover tightly; simmer until meat is tender, 2-2½ hours. Remove meat to heated platter. Skim fat from pan juices. Blend together the cornstarch and water. Add to pan juices; cook and stir until sauce thickens. Spoon some sauce over the roast: serve remaining sauce. Garnish with pineapple rings and watercress. Serves 6 to 8.

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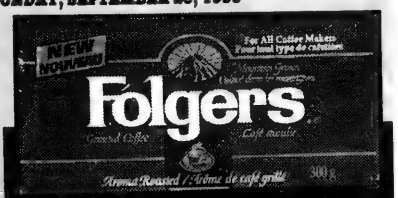

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Food

Go for the garlic, or baste it with basil

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

If the kitchen is the heart of the home then herbs must be the soul. For thousands of years we've looked to herbs to season our foods, sweeten our hair and beautify our bodies. Not bad for plants that, for the most part, look like weeds.

Every country on this planet has specific herbs that are unique to its terraine. These indigenous herbs have a way of putting a distinctive flavor into a dish that makes you identify it with its country.

Face it, the difference between Pad Thai noodles from Thailand and noodles with a pesto sauce from Italy is that one uses basil and garlic and the other doesn't (well, actually there are a few other differences like peanuts and chili peppers, but you know what I mean).

As any good chef will tell you, fresh is best. However "fresh" isn't always available. In the event you don't grow your own herbs relax: fresh herbs are usually available at your local grocery.

As a last resort you can always use the dried stuff. It tastes almost the same as the fresh picked. It does however, lack the subtleness of the flavor you get when you use fresh herbs. The rule of thumb for dried versus fresh herbs is one to three. So if a recipe requires ½ teaspoon of dried dill you'll need 1½ teaspoons of the fresh.

So, throw caution to the wind and go for the garlic. Toss on the dill and baste it with basil and know that which ever herb you choose the next one's flavor is just a pinch away.

SAVORY BISCUITS WITH TOMATO BASIL BUTTER

Tomato Butter
½ cup peeled, seeded and chopped ripe tomatoes
1 stick unsalted butter
¾ tsp. minced garlic
1½ tsp.fresh thyme or ½ tsp. dried
3 tbsp. chopped fresh basil or 1 tbsp. dried
salt and pepper to taste

Savory Biscuit
2 cups all purpose flour, sifted
1 tsp. salt
1 tbsp. baking powder
1 cup plus 2 tbsp. whipping cream
2 tsp. chopped fresh basil or ¼ tsp. dried

Preheat oven to 425. Place the tomatoes, butter, garlic, thyme and basil in the bowl of an electric mixer or food processor.

Beat or blend until the mixture is smooth and creamy and a light red color (about 3 to 4 minutes for the blender and 1 or 2 for the food processor). Season with salt and pepper. Shape butter into a log about 12 inches long and 1½ inches thick. Wrap tightly in plastic wrap and refrigerate for at least 30 minutes. This can be prepared up to two days in advance.

To prepare the biscuits in a large bowl, sift together the flour, salt, basil and baking powder. Gradually stir in 1 cup of the cream and mix to form a soft dough. Knead lightly on a floured surface. Do not over knead. On a floured surface, roll out the dough to about ½ inch thick. Cut into rounds. Place on ungreased cookie sheet and brush top with remaining cream and bake for 13 to 15 minutes. Serve immediately with tomato basil butter. Makes 25 biscuits.

CHERRY TOMATOES WITH HERBED CHEESE STUFFING

8 oz. kosher ricotta or cottage cheese
⅔ cup grated kosher mozzarella cheese, divided
¼ cup kosher Parmesan cheese
¼ tsp. crushed red pepper flakes
1 tsp. grated orange zest
2 tbsp. chopped fresh basil
⅔ tbsp. chopped fresh mint
1 tbsp. minced garlic
Salt and pepper to taste
2 pints cherry tomatoes, stemmed
Sprigs of basil and mint for garnish

Preheat oven to 350. Combine the ricotta, ⅓ cup mozzarella and Parmesan cheese in a mixing bowl. Add the red pepper flakes, orange zest, chopped basil, mint and garlic. Mix well. Season with salt and pepper to taste. This filling can be made one day in advance. Cover and refrigerate.

Cut a thin slice from the bottom of each tomato so that the tomato will sit flat on the cookie sheet. Cut off the top of the tomato and scoop out the insides with a small spoon. Season the cavities generously with salt and pepper. Turn the tomatoes, hollowed out side down on paper towels and drain for 15 minutes. Stuff the tomatoes with the cheese filling, rounding the tops. Sprinkle generously with the remaining mozzarella cheese.

Place the tomatoes on a greased cookie sheets. Bake for 3 to 5 minutes. Remove and arrange on serving plate. Garnish with basil and mint sprigs. Serve hot. Makes about 40.

COLESLAW WITH DILLED MAYONNAISE

1 green cabbage, about 2 lbs., shredded
2 carrots, grated
1 small red onion, diced
⅓ cup chopped fresh dill or 5½ tsp. dried
Lemon juice
Salt and pepper to taste

Dilled Mayonnaise
1 cup mayonnaise
3 tbsp. chopped dill
1 tsp. ground mustard seed
¼ tsp. paprika
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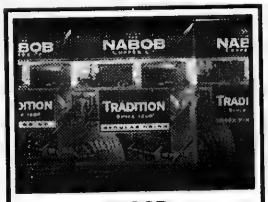

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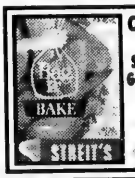

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RUTABAGA AND CARROT SOUP

(Serves 6 to 8)

The flavors of rutabaga, carrots and apples make this a delicious soup the whole family will enjoy.

1 rutabaga
6 carrots
1 apple (optional)
2 cans (10 oz. kosher) condensed chicken bouillon
1 tsp. dried dillweed
1 tsp. brown sugar
½ cup non-dairy creamer
3 tbsp. chopped fresh dill

To make rutabaga easier to cut, microwave on double thickness of paper towel on High power for 7 min. Meanwhile, peel carrots and apple (if using); cut into ½ in. chunks. In large microwaveable bowl, combine carrots, apple, bouillon, dillweed and sugar; set aside.

Because of wax coating, remove rutabaga with 2 forks; rinse with cold water until cool enough to handle. Slice off peel; cut into ½-in. cubes and add to bowl. Cover with waxed paper; microwave on High power until vegetables are very tender, 15 to 20 min., stirring every 5 min.

In food processor, puree soup, in batches, until fairly smooth. Return to bowl. Add up to 3 cups water, ½ cup at a time, until almost as thin as desired. Stir in creamer (optional). Microwave until hot. Stir in 3 tbsp. fresh dill. Serve sprinkled with more fresh dill if desired.

RED CABBAGE AND PASTA SOUP WITH BEANS

(Serves 4)

2 cups chopped red cabbage
2 tbsp. lemon juice
4 tsp. olive oil
1 onion, chopped
2½ cups chicken broth
1 cup undrained canned tomatoes
Pinch hot pepper flakes
⅓ cup orzo (rice-shaped pasta)
1 can (19 oz.) Romano beans, drained and rinsed
Salt and pepper
Chopped parsley

Toss cabbage with lemon juice and set aside.

In medium saucepan, heat oil over medium heat; cook onion for 3 min. Add cabbage and cook, stirring, until tender, about 2 min. Stir in chicken broth, tomatoes, 1 cup water and hot pepper flakes; bring to boil. Add pasta and beans; return to simmer and cook, uncovered, for 6 to 8 min., stirring occasionally.

Season with salt and pepper to taste. Serve in heated bowls sprinkled with parsley.

ICED CUCUMBER SPINACH SOUP

(Serves 6)

1 tbsp. vegetable oil
2 medium onions, chopped
2 cucumbers, diced
1½ cups pareve chicken broth
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. pepper
2 cups spinach leaves
¼ cup chopped fresh dill (or 2 tsp. dried dill)
1 cup buttermilk

In large saucepan, heat oil over medium heat. Add onions and cook 10 min. or until soft. Set aside 1½ cups diced cucumber. Add remaining diced cucumber, broth, salt and pepper to saucepan. Cover and bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer, covered 5 min. Stir in spinach and simmer 5 min. Puree in blender or food processor. Stir in dill. Chill 3 hr. or until serving time. Stir in buttermilk and reserved diced cucumber.

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Food

Rebbetzin a big winner with video that cooks

Esther Winner with her gala Shabbat table.

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

OK, I confess. I love watching cooking shows.

I love them even if the ingredients are ones I could never find in Toronto, if the recipes aren't kosher or if the methodology is so complex that it takes a chemistry PhD to work it out.

So imagine how pleased I was to discover *A Taste of Shabbos, with Rebbetzin Esther Winner*.

It's all kosher (as one would expect from a Lubavitch production), and the ingredients, while interesting and even at times somewhat exotic, are accessible in a good grocery store.

The video presents the preparation of a complete Shabbat (or holiday) meal, from challah, to gefilte fish or salmon a la sea breeze (a butterflied salmon stuffed with gefilte fish), 2 eggplant appetizers, chicken and cornish hen, kugels, cholent and several tantalizing-sounding desserts.

Interspersed with the cooking demonstrations are suggestions for making Shabbat dinner more festive, including wines, garnishes and a centrepiece of chocolate-dipped strawberries.

While some of the recipes are a little heavy in the cholesterol department (would we really want six eggs in the kugel, four in the fish and five in the cake? No matter how luscious they all sound?), Winner uses vegetables liberally and is not afraid to use spices, a cooking style she explains that she began to use in her years with her husband as Lubavitch emissaries in Argentina.

The recipes are demonstrated clearly, with precise instructions.

Her enthusiasm and humor is infectious. An elegant platter is shown off with exclamations of "Wow!" and "Isn't that great!" And who could object to her solemn declaration that "We all know Shabbos is spiritual — so calories don't count."

A Taste of Shabbos is probably not for the working wife. While she points out that it is not necessary to make all the recipes for each Shabbos, many of them take a great deal of time. Zesty marinated chicken, for instance, calls for a sauce that cooks for two hours, marinating the chicken overnight, stuffing it with a kishke stuffing, and finally cooking the dish for an hour and a half.

For those of us who barrel in the house two hours before candlelighting, it's a little impractical.

Nevertheless, it is hard not to get inspired by her enthusiasm and, especially, by how gosh-darn great everything looks at the end.

The video is infused with a substantial smattering of chassidic philosophy, but always in a gentle, appealing style.

A Taste of Shabbos is available from Chabad Lubavitch of West Brighton, P.O.B. 245491, Brooklyn, N.Y. 11224, or at some bookstores.

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1 tsp. salt
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2 eggs, divided
2 tsp. rosemary leaves

Mix flour, sugar, baking powder, thyme, salt and garlic powder in food processor or large bowl. Cut in butter with food processor with on/off motion or by hand with pastry blender or two knives, until butter resembles coarse crumbs.

Combine corn and 1 egg in large bowl. Stir in flour mixture, just until dry ingredients are moistened. Turn out onto floured board; knead gently 10 times or until smooth.

Place on greased 15 x 10-inch baking pan. Roll with floured rolling pin to 12 x 6-inch oval. Cut two ¼-inch deep slashes down length of loaf. Beat lightly 1 egg; brush over loaf. Sprinkle rosemary on top.

Bake at 425F for 20 to 25 minutes or until golden brown. Remove from pan and cool on rack. Serve warm.

Hint: For light and flaky bread, use cold butter or margarine to cut in evenly.

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Food

Cookbook's recipes full of fun and flair

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

I'm always suspicious of cookbooks that call themselves "the best of." "The best" according to whom? Often this format seems to be just an excuse to pump out another version of a tired collection of recipes.

A welcome switch is *Canadian Living's Best*, a series of magazine-size, paperback cookbooks by well-known Canadian cookbook author Elizabeth Baird, the food writer of *Canadian Living Magazine* and the Canadian Living Test Kitchen (Ballantine Books, 1995).

Many of the recipes in the series were created especially for it, and show a flair and a sense of fun — not to mention good taste. The book is replete with colored photos of such good quality that even the spices seem to jump out at you.

The volumes sent for review were *Vegetables*, which will surely make the most ardent veggie-hater at least reconsider, and *Easy Cooking*, which manages the difficult feat of combining ease of preparation with lip-smacking appeal.

The treatment of vegetables has mercifully advanced from soggy boiled cabbage and lumpy potatoes. *Vegetables* tosses them with rice or pasta, adds interesting things to pizza (like potato, for instance), slices eggplants and rolls the slices up with a cheese and spice filling, glazes tomato slices with Dijon mustard and light mayonnaise and makes luscious salads with perky dressings.

True, not all the recipes in either book are kosher. Those that are not, however, can usually be easily adapted.

The chapters dealing with specific vegetables have a "close-up" feature, which gives suggestions for choosing, storing and preparing the produce, as well as nutritional information.

Notes beside each recipe suggests alternatives (Mustardy Brussels Sprouts, the book says, can be used for green beans as well) or accompaniments.

Easy Cooking will be especially welcome at High Holy Day time, when Jewish cooks are constantly looking for ideas that are simple to make, tasty, and different enough that your guests will go away wondering how you produced such a feast with your busy schedule.

Roasts are presented side-by-side with barbecue, fruit fools and salads and those much-needed meals for between-yontif suppers.

Spices are used imaginatively — coriander in white bean spread and pickles in that stand-by the tuna melt, for instance.

Here are just a few samples from this delightful series of cookbooks.

(From *Easy Cooking*)

SALMON AND POTATO STRATA

1 can (7½ oz) salmon
2 stalks celery, sliced
1 onion, chopped
4 eggs, lightly beaten
1⅓ cups milk
¾ tsp. each paprika and salt
½ tsp. each pepper and dried tarragon
4 potatoes, peeled and thinly sliced
½ cup dried bread crumbs
¼ cup chopped fresh parsley
2 tbsp. butter, cut into bits

In large bowl, mash salmon, juices and bones with fork. Stir in celery, onion, eggs, milk, paprika, ½ tsp. salt, pepper and tarragon until well mixed.

In greased 8-cup casserole, arrange half of the potatoes over bottom of dish; sprinkle with remaining salt. Pour salmon mixture over top; layer remaining potatoes over top.

Combine bread crumbs and parsley; sprinkle over potatoes. Dot with butter. Bake in 350 oven for 75 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Makes 4 servings.

GREEN BEAN SALAD WITH JULIENNE OF TURKEY

2 tbsp. kosher cider vinegar
1 tbsp. kosher olive oil
1 clove garlic, minced
1 tsp. kosher Dijon mustard'
½ tsp. salt
¼ tsp. sugar
¼ tsp. cracked peppercorns
½ cup slivered red onion
1 lb. green beans
1 bay leaf
8 oz. cooked turkey, sliced
1 cup cherry tomatoes, quartered
red lettuce leaves
2 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley

In large bowl, whisk together vinegar, oil, garlic, mustard, salt, sugar and peppercorns; add onion and toss well. Set aside.

In large pot of salted, boiling water, cook beans and bay leaf for 5 to 7 min., or until beans are tender-crisp. Drain and refresh under cold water, discarding bay leaf; drain again and pat dry. Add to bowl.

Cut turkey into strips; add to bowl along with tomatoes. Toss to coat well. Serve on lettuce-lined plates; garnish with parsley. Serves 4.

From *Vegetables*

MAPLE BRUSSELS SPROUTS WITH ONIONS

1 tbsp. vegetable oil
1 large onion, halved and sliced
1½ lb. brussels sprouts
2 tbsp. kosher maple syrup
salt and pepper

In large skillet, heat oil over medium-low heat; cook onion, stirring frequently, for about 20 minutes, or until tender and golden.

Add brussels sprouts and ¼ cup water; increase heat to high, cover and cook for 5 min.

Stir in maple syrup; cook, uncovered and stirring, for 5 to 10 min., or until liquid has evaporated and brussels sprouts are tender and coated. Season with salt and pepper to taste. Makes 4 servings.

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Nopalito sabra proves popular

By DANIEL ROGOV
Jerusalem Dateline

With their large flat pads, their thorny fruits and flowers that blossom annually, the sabra cactus is an inescapable and charming part of the Israeli landscape.

Since the sabra cactus, which is a member of the genus *Opuntia*, grows easily in the sandy and limestone soils of the country, and because the direction of its growth is easy to control, these sprawling cacti are planted by farmers as windbreakers and field dividers.

It surprises many to learn that even though there are 375 varieties of cactus that are native to the region in which Israel is located, the sabra is not one of them. The simple truth is that the sabra, with its large flat oval joints, barbed spines and edible fruits, was imported from New Mexico and Arizona to the Holy Land only in the 19th century.

Despite their more or less recent introduction to the land, the sabra cactus and its fruits are very much a part of the folklore of the nation.

For example, regional stereotypes compare the personality of native born Israelis with the fruits of these cacti. According to the image generated by this stereotype, both are tough and thorny on the outside but sweet and soft inside. Both the cactus fruits and native-born Israelis are known as "sabras."

The unique taste of the sabra fruits, which are also known as "prickly pears," is known to nearly everyone who has ever visited Israel. They are sold mainly by young boys with street side carts who clean and peel the fruits and hand them to you to eat straight away on the street.

As popular as they have been, their tough skins and sharp spines make them difficult to harvest and even more difficult to peel, so the fruits of the sabra have never become overly commercialized.

Agronomists and genetic engineers working at the Hebrew University Faculty of Agriculture at Rehovot started, several years ago, to explore the possibilities of developing a cactus fruit that would be free of sharp spikes. This particular plan has not yet come to fruition but the scientists have succeeded in adapting at least one type of *Opuntia* cactus so that it now produces spineless and edible pads.

Named "nopalitos," because of their similarity to the pads of certain closely related Mexican cacti, the pads are easy and painless to harvest and equally easy to peel. Whether fried and eaten like vegetables, or served as fruit-like ingredients to salads, nopalitos are rapidly becoming a part of the Israeli diet.

Tinned or fresh, Israeli-raised nopalitos are now being exported to several European, African and Asian nations. And, perhaps to close the circle completely, they may also be found on the shelves of supermarkets in Arizona and New Mexico. To prepare fresh nopalitos, simply soak them in water overnight. After the water has been discarded the nopalitos should be cut into long, thin pieces (there is no need to peel them), and are then ready to be mixed with lettuce, tomato and onion in a salad or for use in any of the recipes that follow.

Banana and Nopalito Soup

- 10 under-ripe bananas, in their skins
- 4 nopalitos, ready for cooking
- 1 tsp. powdered cinnamon
- ½ tsp. oregano
- ¼ tsp. crushed cloves
- ¼ cup butter or vegetable shortening
- ¼ cup olive oil
- 4 medium tomatoes, peeled and chopped
- 2 sweet green peppers, peeled and chopped coarsely
- 1 medium onion, chopped coarsely
- 1 tsp. salt

In a saucepan with 4 cups of water cook the bananas, in their skin, over a low flame, for 10 minutes. Remove the bananas, peel and mash them together with the nopalitos, cinnamon, oregano and cloves. Knead the mixture thoroughly, add a pinch of salt and let stand 5-10 minutes.

In a skillet heat the butter or shortening and fry the banana and nopalito mixture in this until lightly browned. Transfer the mixture to a deep serving dish and set aside to keep warm.

In a large skillet heat the olive oil and in this saute the tomatoes, peppers and onion until the onions are translucent. Add the salt, mix well and then pour the sauce over the banana and nopalito mixture. Serve hot. (Serves 6 - 8.)

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Food

Nutritious recipes feature lower fat, higher flavor

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Healthy eating does not necessarily have to mean boring eating.

Case in point — *The Vitality Cookbook*, by Monda Rosenberg and Frances Berkoff (Harper Collins, 1995).

The Canadian Cancer Society, in its introduction, explains that the recipes feature "lower-fat cooking, emphasize dark green and orange vegetables and orange fruits," a style of cooking that "promotes well-being and reduces the risk of developing health problems such as cancer, heart disease, diabetes and obesity."

Using triple-tested recipes from *Chatelaine* magazine, Rosenberg and Berkoff have managed to turn ingredients chock-full of nutrients into imaginative and appealing dishes. Sidebars offer suggestions for quick extras (What could be wrong with nectarine, plum and fresh mint salsa?) alternatives or short-cuts.

Nutrition information is helpful, especially in a cookbook whose main premise is, after all, good nutrition.

An introductory chapter gives suggestions for adding extra goodness to meals, from adding raisins to cereal, topping tuna salad or peanut butter with shredded carrots, to stocking your glove compartment with bags of dried apricots and small cans of vegetable juice.

Also included are lists of what vitamins and minerals are in different vegetables and fruits.

CARROT-BUTTERNUT SOUP WITH FRESH CORIANDER

1 butternut squash or small pumpkin, about 3 lbs.
2 large onions, coarsely chopped
1 tsp. kosher olive oil
6 to 8 cups chicken broth or bouillon
1 tbsp. ground cumin
1 tsp. coriander (opt.)
1 tsp. curry powder
¼ to ½ tsp. cayenne pepper
6 carrots
1 cup uncooked red lentils or drained canned lentils (opt.)
1 cup orange juice
1 bunch fresh coriander (opt.)

To make squash or pumpkin easier to cut, make a small slash in skin with point of a sharp knife. Place whole squash in microwave and cook uncovered on high for 10 min.

Meanwhile, place onions, oil, 1 cup broth and seasonings in a large saucepan. Bring to a boil over medium heat and cook uncovered, stirring often, until onions are soft, about 10 min.

Peel carrots and slice into 1-inch pieces. Rinse lentils, if using. When onions are soft, stir in 5 cups broth, carrots, lentils and orange juice. Cover and bring to a boil.

Cut squash in half. Remove seeds and cut away peel. Cut pulp into 1½- inch pieces or, if soft enough, simply scoop out of skin. Stir pulp into soup. Cover, reduce heat and simmer, stirring often, until lentils and carrots are soft, about 20 to 35 min.

Puree soup in several batches in a food procesor or blender, until smooth. If thicker than you like, thin with broth, stirring in no more than a ½ cup soup just before serving.

Covered and refrigerated this soup will keep well for several days and also freezes well.

ELEGANT EASY-AS-APPLE PIE

½ pkg kosher frozen puff pastry dough, thawed
6 to 8 apples
½ to ¾ cup sugar
1 cup dried apricots
1 tsp. cinnamon
2 tbsp. cornstarch
1 tbsp. milk (or non-dairy creamer)
1 tbsp. sugar

Preheat oven to 475. Sprinkle counter with flour and lay pastry on top. Dust rolling pin with flour. Roll pastry into a thin circle, at least 14 to 16 inches across. Don't worry if edges are very uneven. Fold pastry in half and lift into a 9 in. pie plate. Unfold pastry. It will hang over sides of dish and onto counter. Using your fingers, gently press pastry against bottom edges of pie plate.

Peel, core and very thinly slice apples, about 1/8 in. thick. You should have about 8 cups. Slice apricots into thin strips. Place apples and apricots in a bowl. If apples taste sweet, use ½ cup sugar; if apples are tart, use ¾ cup sugar. Stir sugar with cinnamon and cornstarch until evenly blended. Sprinkle over fruit and gently mix until evenly coated.

Turn fruit into pie plate and pour any juices over top. Gently press down and smooth top. Fold pastry over apples, overlapping edges as needed. Centre of pie will not be covered with pastry and edges will be uneven.

Brush top of pastry with milk, then sprinkle with 1 tbsp. sugar. Place pie on lowest rack of oven. Immediately turn temperature down to 350 and bake until apples are tender when pierced with tines of fork and pastry is golden, about 45 to 55 min.

Place hot pie on a rack, and let cook until lukewarm before cutting.

A lighter supper

Keep the feeling of summer through the holidays with these light supper ideas from the Ontario Berry Growers Association.

MEXICAN STYLE LAYERED BERRY SALAD
(Serves 4)

This salad can be served as an appetizer or as 4 individual salads.

2 cups crushed kosher tortilla chips
1 tbsp. lemon or lime juice
2 ripe avocados, peeled, mashed
2½ cups shredded lettuce
1 cup sour cream or yogurt
2½ cups sliced strawberries or raspberries
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What's New and About People deadlines — Thursday, Sept. 14 is deadline for Sept. 28 issue and Thursday, Sept. 21 is deadline for Oct. 5 issue. I receive calls and sort mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, Sept. 14

HEBREW HERITAGE

Registration being held for Riverdale Hebrew Heritage Program, Withrow School, 25 Baine Ave., 2nd floor. Call **Janet**, 461-9589 or **Barbara** 463-3930.

SINGLE PARENT LECTURES

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue Single Parents' monthly lecture series presents **Beth Feffer**, who will lead an informal discussion about coping with holidays and major life cycle events, 8 p.m., at the synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd. For information call 633-5500.

Saturday, Sept. 16

COLT MEMORIAL LECTURE

Adath Israel Congregation and Adath Israel adult education present the annual Sidney and Tillie Colt Memorial Lecture, A Time to Remember, A Time to Forget, with **Prof. Michael Brown**, director of Centre for Jewish Studies, York University. Question period 10:30 p.m., Selichot services 11 p.m.

BETH TZEDEC SELICHOT

Rabbi David Golinkin will speak on How to Survive the High Holidays, Beth Tzedec Synagogue, 1700 Bathurst St. Pre-Selichot reception 10 p.m., lecture 10:30 p.m. Selichot services, midnight.

POWER OF PRAYER

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue's Selichot program includes social hour 9:45 p.m. followed by discussion with **Dr. Elliot Melamed**, who will talk on Do Our Prayers Reach Heaven? Does G-d Respond to Them? Selichot services at midnight. Call 633-3838 for information.

DOWNTOWN MINYAN

Selichot service and melody workshop with **Jessie Caryll**, in preparation for High Holy Days, 9 p.m., Downtown Reform Minyan, Bloor JCC. No charge. Call 905-844-9341.

Sunday, Sept. 17

SPIRIT OF SURVIVAL

Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association presents The Spirit of Survival, a story told through words and music featuring violinist and composer **Shony Alex Braun**, 7:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst. Tickets and information, call 782-2711.

RUMMAGE SALE

Aviva branch, National Council of Jewish Women of Canada is holding a rummage sale, Council House, 4700 Bathurst St., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

ADULT EDUCATION

Temple Sinai adult education program features a talk by **Rabbi Lawrence Colton** of Temple Sinai. Services 9:30 a.m., breakfast and lecture follow. Breakfast is $3.

OHR SOMAYACH

Get together with **Rena Schochet** and see how to take the stress out of the holiday season, 8:30 p.m., 446 Spadina Rd.; **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**, presents a pre-Rosh Hashanah talk, 613 Clark Ave. Admission $5. Call 905-886-5730; **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz** will discuss The Mystery of Shofar, 9 a.m., 446 Spadina Rd. Call 483-0883.

Monday, Sept. 18

DIABETES MEETING

Jewish Diabetes chapter meeting, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue features speaker **Dr. Albert Kirshen**, director of diabetes programs, Baycrest Centre. Members $1, non-members $2. Call **Esther Schwartz** 782-2176 or **Shirley Glatt**, 225-1989.

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Dr. Arna Poupko of Montreal

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will speak on the centrality of intimacy in Jewish marriage, 7:30 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, 613 Clark Ave. Evening features musical and comedy entertainment. Cover $5. Call **Moira Kirzner**, 905-764-8637.

SHA'ARON CHAPTER

Opening meeting, Sha'aron chapter, Jewish Women International (formerly BBW), 8 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue, features speaker **Zelda Fedder**, who will discuss How to Say No Without Feeling Guilty. Call 905-731-8287 for reservations.

ADATH SHOLOM

Opening sisterhood meeting features **Anne Morse** who will discuss dream interpretations, 8 p.m. at the synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave. W.

AISH HATORAH

Rabbi Berel Wein will discuss If You Were in G-d's Shoes, What Kind of World Would You Make?, 8 p.m., Dan Family Aish HaTorah Community Centre, 949 Clark Ave. W. $5 admission.

FUTURE OF JUDAISM

Association for Jewish Continuity presents a discussion featuring **Susan Jackson**, director, community services and youth activities, CJC, Ont. region and **Prof. Leo Davids**, associate professor of sociology, York University, 12 noon, boardroom, First Marathon Securities Ltd., Suite 3200, 2 First Canadian Place. Light lunch provided. $5 admission.

Tuesday, Sept. 19

SHIRA CHAPTER

Membership meeting of Shira chapter, Jewish Women International (formerly BBW), 8 p.m., Centennial Library, 578 Finch Ave. W. features a career counsellor. Admission $5 in advance, $7 at the door. Call **Mimi**, 658-6879 or **Susan** 483-7531.

ARTHRITIS

Sunnybrook Health Science Centre presents Taking Control of Your Arthritis, 6:30-8:30 p.m., auditorium, 2075 Bayview Ave. Call 480-5792. Admission free but seating limited.

Wednesday, Sept. 20

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Discover what we can offer at Golda Meir chapter, JWI (formerly BBW), at a special membership meeting featuring numerologist **Debbie Rose**, 7:30 p.m. Call **Sheila**, 222-8602.

BOARD CHAIR

Florence Minz Geneen has been appointed as chair of the board by the Board of Directors, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care. She is the first woman to hold this position at Baycrest.

GAYS & LESBIANS

Next meeting of the Jewish Support Group for Families of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple, Enkin Boardroom, 1950 Bathurst St. Call, in confidence, 763-9111.

VILLAGE SHUL

Rabbi Aryeh Pamensky will talk about Rosh Hashanah as the key to self awareness and personal growth, 8 p.m., The Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W.

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Jewish Genealogical Society 10th anniversary celebration, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim, features a retrospective. Call **Alex Korn**, 256-1985.

Thursday, Sept. 21

HOLIDAY WORKSHOP

Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning and Downtown Reform Minyan present a pre-Rosh Hashanah workshop, 7 p.m., Bloor JCC, featuring **Rabbi Ben Hollander**. No pre-registration necessary. Cost $6.

RECEPTION

Beth Tzedec Congregation and State of Israel Bonds are holding a reception in honor of cantor emeritus **Joseph Cooper**, 8 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Keynote speaker, **Mel Lastman**.

For Seniors

Young at Heart's package deal to Florida for one, two or three months includes airfare, all taxes and entertainment, medical according to age. Prices start at $1,660. Partners available. Call **Helen**, 635-6343.

Toronto Board of Education Seniors' Group is holding an art class at Bathurst & Eglinton, Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 30 for beginners and experienced artists. Call 781-8855.

Beth Tikvah Friendship Group is holding an installation dinner, Sunday, Sept. 17, 6:45 p.m. Members $13.50, non-members $15.50.

Senior Adult Services, BJC is planning a trip to Cuba Feb. 15-29. $1884 Cdn. per person double occupancy includes limo service to airport, airfare, transfers, accommodations and more. Sign up Thursday, Oct. 19, 1 p.m. Call **Teme**, 636-1880, ext. 364. On Tuesday, Sept. 19, 1 p.m., Room 206, **Dr. Stephen Speisman**, archivist, will present a slide presentation on the history of Jews in Toronto.

LZA Seniors holds registration for Miami trips Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-noon in the Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Call **Libby** 782-2059 or **Belle** 633-5841. Discussion group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m.; ladies folkdancing, Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays, 15 Hove St. For information call 661-4689.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club opening luncheon Sept. 18, 12:30 p.m. Call **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel, **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Wagman Centre Widow & Widowers Self-help group meets Friday, Sept. 15, 9:30-10:45 a.m. Call 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club Saturday dance Sept. 16; Sunday dance Sept. 17; election day Thursday, Oct. 12; annual bazzar Sunday, Nov. 12.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W., 225-2112.

Israeli cultural club, Etrog, meets Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Call **Anna**.

Wednesday afternoon social, 1:30 p.m., Sept. 20, features North York Seniors Cabaret dancers. Members $3, non-members $4.

at the JCC/BJC

Institute for Jewish Learning, BJC is offering fall term including a trip to Washington to visit Holocaust Museum on Oct. 22-26 and courses in Hebrew, Jewish parenting and enjoying the Bible through psychological insights. Call **Marlee Pinsker**, 636-1880, ext. 352.

Israei folkdancing at BJC, begins Sept. 20, 7:30-8:30 p.m. Call **Teme**, 636-1880, ext. 364.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

SURVIVORS' CONFERENCE

A conference for child survivors takes place in Los Angeles Oct. 6-9. For information call **Pnina Zilberman**, Holocaust Remembrance Committee, 635-2883, ext. 144.

OR CHAIM-ELUL PROGRAM

A pre-yom tov Elul program includes a range of classes offering insight into Teshuva, prayers and the Yamim Noraim. Speakers include **Hilda Weil, Dr. Shoshana Zolty, Rabbi Shlomo Gemara.** Call **Jay Kelman**, 630-6772.

CHAPLAINCY SERVICES

Jewish Family & Child Service chaplaincy services seeks volunteers to share their experience, knowledge, talents, hobbies and interests with others. Call **Toby Maskowitz** 638-7800, ext. 287.

WOMEN'S FOLKDANCING

Beginners folkdancing class for women only features Israeli and simchah dancing, Mondays, 7:30 p.m., Kehillat Shaarei Torah, 2640 Bayview Ave. Call **Sofie** 221-6280.

SECULAR ASSOCIATION

Spaces still available at the Secular Jewish Association's children's Sunday school for grades JK to 7. Call **Karen Levy** 905-731-7066. Seats available for Jewish New Year programs held at North York Memorial Hall, Burgundy Room. For reservations call **Wendy Leve**, 905-886-3475.

HEBREW CLASSES

All levels of daytime and evening Hebrew in a variety of locations including classes for parents with children in Hebrew day schools and classes for seniors. Senior classes begin Oct. 20; all others week of Sept. 18. Call teacher **Yael Lev**, 225-6151.

SENIOR CARE VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to extend your friendship to a senior and have at least one hour available per week, consider becoming a Senior Care volunteer visitor. Clerical help needed to assist with Senior Care's Kosher Meals on Wheels program. Call **Arnold Foss**, 635-2860.

COUNTRY SHUL

High Holy Day services including babysitting and alternative educational programs at Richmond Hill Country Shul. For tickets and information, call **Sarah Weitz**, 905-764-6400.

AT OHR SOMAYACH

Rena Schochet leads a program for university and graduate students, 613 Clark Ave. W., to study *Book of Samuel*, Wednesdays 8:30 p.m. Call 905-886-5730; beginning Sept. 14, 1 p.m. she examines elements of Jewish prayer, Temmy Latner Jewish Learning Exchange, 446 Spadina Rd. Call 483-0883.

THE CHORALAIRS

Volunteer choir singing for seniors and the disabled seeks singers in all ranges, especially basses and tenors. No auditions and ability to read music not required. Rehearsals Tuesdays, 8:15-10:30 p.m., Earl Bales Park Community Centre, Room 2. Membership fees $45 per person; $70 per couple with full tax receipt. Call **Fay Cohen**, 633-7233; **Mussey Eisner**, 636-5566 or **Harry Terrance** 633-0433.

STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS

Jordana Enig Stockhamer, barrister & solicitor, recently spoke to the board of Women's Division, State of Israel Bonds on the new laws pertaining to power of attorney. From left, are Stockhamer; Dodi Weill, chair women's division; and Beverley Fein, hostess.

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From coast to coast

Morris Wosk holds one of four Torahs he's donating to shuls in B.C.'s lower mainland. [Robert Edel Photo]

Vancouver family donates four Torahs to shuls

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Four emerging congregations organized recently in the Lower Mainland (Greater Vancouver area) will have brand new Torahs for the High Holy Days, the gifts of community leaders Morris and Dena Wosk and family.

Although the Wosks have long been members of the Orthodox Schara Tzedeck Synagogue, they did not reserve their gifts for Orthodox congregations. The recipients will be White Rock/South Surrey Jewish Community Centre; Burquest Jewish Community, which holds Traditional services once a month; Or Shalom, Traditional Egalitarian; and Shaarey Tefillah, Traditional.

In a letter to Drew Staffenberg, executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, Wosk wrote, "We are witnessing an historic time in the growth of the Jewish community of Greater Vancouver and we deem it an honor, a privilege and a responsibility to share in the maturation of the children of Israel in our midst."

The Wosks expressed the hope that the new Torahs will serve as a catalyst for continued growth, learning and prosperity in the area's Jewish communities.

"We wish your congregation much success and naches in years ahead," said a letter to the presidents of the shuls.

Wosk told *The CJN* that in buying the Torahs, he enlisted the help of Rabbi Bernard Goldenberg, a former rabbi of Schara Tzedeck, who now resides in Israel.

"We visited Mea Shearim in Jerusalem and met with one of the most highly recommended scribes, and after studying the various calligraphic scripts available, we placed an order for four new Torahs," he explained.

While he had the option of buying pre-owned Torahs at a reduced price, he said, "I wanted to be sure the congregations would receive a scroll written with the particular congregation in mind and that it would serve the community for many years in pristine condition."

Each Torah will have inlaid silver handles, a velvet mantel and a solid sterling silver crown.

One Torah has already been delivered to Vancouver and the others are expected shortly.

"The scribe assured me that the work is at an advanced stage of progress," Wosk said.

CORRECTION

With immense sadness we mourn the loss of
MAGDOLNA VELVART ז"ל
who passed away in Budapest on August. 18, 1995

She will be forever remembered by
her son Richard and daughter-in-law Germaine,
also Eva Lovas and Family, and her many friends.

SEND IN THE CLOWNS

The Jelly Belly Clown Show delighted the many children who attended Reena Fun Day at The Promenade shopping mall. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

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Campaign launched

VANCOUVER — A husband and wife team, Arnie and Susan Fine, are co-chairs of the Combined Jewish Appeal (CJA) campaign, which got underway last week. Women's Division's chair is Gerri London.

Toronto's Judy Feld Carr, who helped spearhead the rescue of Syrian Jewry, was on hand to get the campaign going, speaking to a women's special gifts dinner and a men's special gifts luncheon.

The campaign, operated by the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, will be different this year in that donors will be able to designate how parts of their gifts are allocated.

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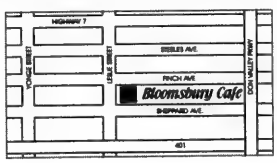

Campus *news & views*

When home isn't home for the holidays

By VIVA PRESS
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — September marks the beginning of a new year. Like many university-bound students, I will be leaving my parents' home.

Thousands of students will be moving into dorm rooms as I did last year when I was a frosh at the University of King's College in Halifax.

But this year, many other returning students like myself will have housewarming parties in our own apartments that we are sharing with the friends we made last year.

The Hebrew month of Tishrei almost always coincides with the month of September.

And this means the coming of the Jewish New Year — Rosh Hashanah. After the shofar is sounded, families get together and share their resolutions as they celebrate their wish for a sweet New Year over apples, bread and honey.

Jewish university students living in cities that are distant from their families will share their resolutions with friends instead — not only with their Jewish friends, but also with friends who, while they are not Jewish, are interested in learning more about Jewish customs and festivals.

This time last year, when I left for Nova Scotia, my anxieties for the beginning of a new year were compounded. I was not only setting out to a university where I knew nobody, but I was also going to spend Rosh Hashanah in a city where the only person with whom I had even a slight acquaintance was a friend of my sister.

I knew that Halifax was not Toronto and the Jewish communities could hardly be compared. After all, in an immediate quarter-mile radius of my home in Toronto, there are at least six synagogues capable of seating thousands of congregants. In the whole of Halifax, there are only two shuls, the Beth Israel and the Shaar Shalom.

The Beth Tzedec just up the road from where I live, has more congregants than both these shuls combined.

A CHAT alumnus, I was on my way to being alone in the middle of the Maritimes. And I was apprehensive.

For my friends at larger universities with substantial Jewish enrolments, there was no need to worry about with whom they would share the *chagim* (holidays).

But at a university where fewer than 20 of the 700 students are Jewish, I had my doubts. There is no Hillel House in Halifax and until I actually got there, I had not heard of the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Student's Federation (APJSF) that is active on the Dalhousie campus, which adjoins King's.

What I found was that Halifax does not really need a Hillel House. Instead, it has a warm and friendly Jewish community, whose homes are always open to the Jewish students.

There is no need to worry about being without family on *chagim*. On the contrary, you will find it difficult to leave shul without an invitation to someone's dinner table. And if for some reason you are overlooked, the APJSF will help you find a family.

The Halifax Jewish community, like other smaller communities, helps make the Jewish student's initiation into a new place much easier.

While my immediate family celebrates Rosh Hashanah in the Toronto community, I know that I can relax and celebrate with my new Jewish community in Halifax. I have no more anxiety about feeling left out.

The first time I went to shul in Halifax on Rosh Hashanah morning, I set off with the uneasy feeling that I might be turned away. I had not bought a ticket for a seat.

I rehearsed the story about my ticketless condition to the officer who would surely be presiding over the entry to the synagogue.

When I got to the Beth Israel, it was explained to me that there are always seats left over for out-of-town students. I was happily surprised and knew that I was going to have a good year.

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Canadians who attended the Hillel International Leadership Assembly in Honesdale, Pa., were (back row, from left) Chaim Motzin, Yakov Feig, Johanna Levitt, Zac Kaye, Ari Fried, Ira Haberman, Erin Sperling, Jonathan Friedman, Shai Spetgang; (centre) Rachel Schoenfeld, Ayala Chai, Dvora Goodman, Terri Rothenberg; (front) Sara Tathan, Judy Karnofsky, Naomi Cohen, Noam Samson, Dena Libman, Sidura Ludwig. Please see related story on page 40. [Shai Spetgang photo]

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Extending *Images* through *The CJN*

By RINAT GREENBERG
and JESSICA PELT
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Welcome to the first-ever Campus News and Views page. It is with great pleasure that *Images* has coordinated this page with *The Canadian Jewish News*.

Images is an independent newspaper produced for and by Jewish students on campuses in Toronto.

Many changes are being made to the campus paper, noticeably the physical size, the scope of articles and increased distribution. In addition, the *Images* office is now located with Jewish Campus Services.

The Jewish Campuses theme around the world this year is Make It Yours. *Images* is proud to fully support that theme and the works of Jewish Campus Services. The theme has been an inherent part of *Images* since the paper's founding and remains the focus of the paper.

Through the monthly Campus News and Views page, *Images* hopes to extend its reach to Jewish students across Canada. The purpose of the page is to connect students and campus activities across the country. Students are invited to submit News and Views items and thus link themselves and their campuses to others.

In addition, all students are encouraged to write for *Images*. Although the paper is currently centred in Toronto, it is looking to expand, in an effort to fulfil the motto of Make It Yours. All topics, issues and genres are welcome and will be considered for publication.

It is the aim of *Images* to cover a variety of topics, to try and reach a majority of Jewish students.

Beginning Sept. 14, the paper will be published monthly and will be available on campuses throughout the city.

Submissions can be sent to *Images*, c/o Jewish Campus Services, 40 Sheppard Ave. W., Suite 707, Toronto, M5N 6K9, or to Rinat by e-mail at yu119083@yorku.ca.

For more information, call 416-512-0814.

Images, its editors, writers, producers and support staff wish the entire community a Shanah Tovah and to all the students, good luck in school.

— York University student Rinat Greenberg and University of Toronto student Jessica Pelt are the co-editors of Images.

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Students explore meaning of Jewish leadership

By SIDURA LUDWIG
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Over 250 university and college students representing more than 115 campuses arrived at Camp Moshava in Honesdale, Pa. on August 23, for the seventh annual Hillel International Leaders' Assembly.

The students, active members of Hillels, represented universities and colleges in the United States, Canada and for the first time, the former Soviet Union, where this past year a Hillel was developed at the Moscow University.

All arrived enthusiastic about the next four days.

"The purpose of the Leaders' Assembly," said Amy Bebchick, conference coordinator, "is to bring together Jewish student leaders from all over to share ideas on leadership, so that these leaders may return to their campuses and strengthen the involvement of other Jewish students in Hillel and their communities."

The conference offered guest speakers, leadership labs and text study sessions to explore the meaning of Jewish leadership.

Organization development consultant Nancy Ferst spoke on Learning and Leading: Developing Your Leadership Style. She helped the students to evaluate their own leadership qualities and determine what type of leader each one is.

Edgar Bronfman spoke about the change in the Jewish community as a whole, or, as he termed it, the Jewish Renaissance.

He also remained for the leadership labs the next morning.

The leadership labs, led by members of the conference staff, focused on topics such as Meaningful Jewish Programming, Conflict Management and Stress Control.

Students attended two sessions, listening and then discussing the topic, comparing it with real scenarios from campus life.

Text study sessions allowed the students to focus on Jewish themes, choosing from sessions such as Shabbat as a Mystical Experience and Women in Talmud. Besides getting to know each other through study, many were exposed to new ways of thinking about various Jewish topics.

As Jonathan Friedman, from the University of Toronto put it, "The conference was a terrific opportunity to spend four days just being Jewish."

The assembly also offered religious services, a learners' service and a Rosh Chodesh women's group, all mainly student run. The moving Kabbalat Shabbat services set the tone for the weekend.

Other activities included a Program Shuk, where student participants held 20-minute sessions focusing on successful events held at their Hillels in the past year, with the goal of sharing new ideas to bring back to their respective campuses.

A program titled Partner Agency Lunch and Shuk brought together 26 partner agencies from the Jewish community, who spent the lunch hour providing information on their various objectives and allowing the students one-on-one conversations to answer specific questions.

Through all of the exhausting sessions with overwhelming amounts of information, the assembly proved that the students' spirit was heightened by the experience. Dinners were followed by rounds of song, which turned into spontaneous dancing, at times lasting over half an hour.

A talent show titled Saturday Night Live showcased student enthusiasm in song, music, dance and skit and the final program, a candle-lit kumsitz, brought all participants together for two hours of non-stop song.

Shai Spetgang, from York University said, "The conference allowed me to recharge my batteries for the coming year."

Sidura Ludwig was one of 11 Toronto students who attended the Hillel Leadership Assembly under the auspices of the Central Campus Services Agency.

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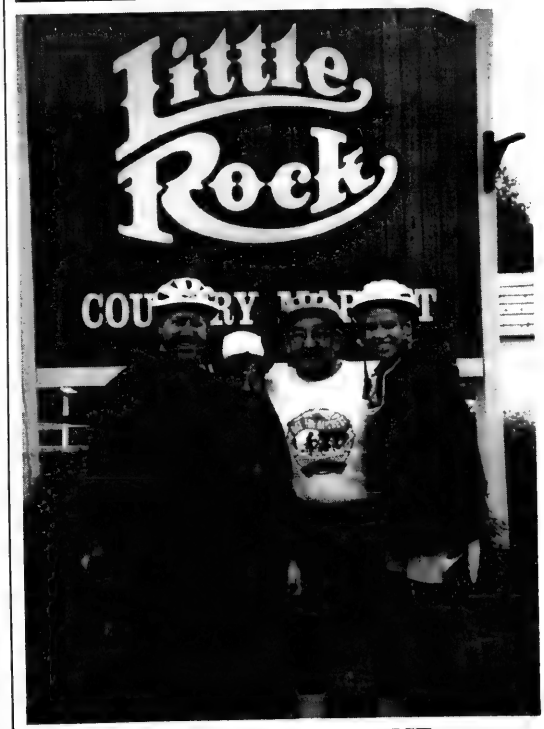

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1,000 Israeli reservists refuse to uproot settlers

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Some 1,000 reserve soldiers have signed a document stating they will not obey orders to uproot Jewish settlements, Col. (res.) Moshe Leshem, one of the heads of an organization fighting the Oslo accord, said last Wednesday.

The document was sent to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Leshem, of the Action Committee for the Abolition of the Autonomy Plan, said about a third of the document's signatories hold the rank of staff-sergeant and higher.

He said the signatures include the person's army ID number, home address and telephone number.

Leshem said the group will embark on a nationwide campaign to get more than 20,000 other signatures.

"The purpose," he explained, "is to let the government know that it will not have the soldiers needed to uproot Jews."

The document reads: "Uprooting settlements and Jewish residents by the IDF is inhuman, anti-Zionist, and runs contrary to my conscience as a person, citizen and Jew. As such, I am honored to inform you that if you give me an order to do this, I will not carry it out. I am convinced that such an order is completely illegal."

Said Leshem: "The Oslo process is leading us in the opposite direction of all my Zionist beliefs. My belief is that where you plant a tree, where you clear a rock, that is your land. I oppose the Oslo process. I will not carry out such an order, and will try to influence those under me."

He said that for "technical" reasons, the petition was circulated mainly among reservists.

Col. (res.) Shlomo Baum, another committee member, said the organization will soon open "recruitment centres" for a project called Israel Responsible One for Another.

Its purpose, he said, is to recruit volunteers to resist the uprooting of settlements and to staff armed patrols on roads in the territories when the IDF redeploys.

"We will oppose force with force, but not with weapons," Baum said. "It is inconceivable that any government will use guns against Jews. If they come to pull us out by hand, we will fight by hand, and if they come with clubs, we will fight with clubs."

Terror's toll

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Eighty-three Israelis were killed in terror attacks over the past year, while one Palestinian died at the hands of Israeli civilians, the group Peace Watch reported last Sunday.

According to Peace Watch, the number of Israelis killed in terror attacks rose by 73 per cent over the previous two years.

There have been 149 Israelis killed in terror attacks since the agreement — 66 the first year and 83 the second, compared to 86 in the two years prior to it.

The report shows a sharp drop in the number of Palestinians killed in clashes with Israeli security forces. From October 1993 to August 1995, 159 Palestinians were killed in clashes, while from October 1991 to October 1993, the number stood at 264.

Peace Watch found that the number of lethal attacks on Jews decreased last year, from 44 in 1993-94 to 20 in 1994-95. The reason for the larger number of fatalities is the more lethal nature of suicide bombings, which increased this past year, the group explained.

According to the organization, Hamas was responsible for 85 of the murders since the agreement, and Fatah for eight.

One Palestinian was killed in unprovoked attacks last year, compared to 38 the year before (including the Hebron massacre in which settler Baruch Goldstein killed 29); seven in 1992-1993; and none the year before that.

The organization's figures show a dramatic drop in violent acts in Gaza over the last four years: from 1,091 between October 1991 and October 1992, to 84 from October 1994 to August 1995. Peace Watch attributed that to a sharp decrease in Gaza of a Jewish presence.

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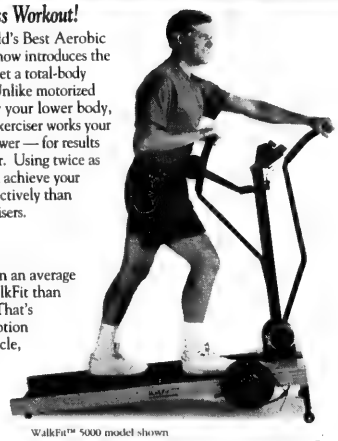
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Oslo accord ushered in a new era

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Two years after it burst upon a stunned world, the Oslo accord is a mixed bag of accomplishments and disappointments.

The historic agreement signed by Israel and the PLO, ratified in Washington on Sept. 13, 1993, has launched the makings of a historic peace process that could ultimately transform the Middle East.

But Oslo, the culmination of a year of secret diplomacy, has also triggered a fierce backlash. There has been a spate of Palestinian terrorism, as well as a sporadic campaign of civil disobedience by Jewish settlers and their right-wing supporters.

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

The Oslo talks produced a Declaration of Principles (DoP) outlining an ambitious blueprint for peaceful coexistence. It provides for Palestinian self-rule in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank (a pilot project of sorts is currently under way in parts of Gaza and the town of Jericho). It calls for an eventual Israeli evacuation from the territories, populated by about 130,000 Jews and two million Arabs.

But the crucial make-or-break details — security arrangements, the depth of an Israeli withdrawal, the status of the Jewish settlements and of Jerusalem, water rights, Palestinian refugees — have yet to be resolved. These devilishly difficult issues are supposed to be addressed at final status talks due to start in 1996.

In the meantime, Israeli and Palestinian negotiators are working to complete the second phase of Oslo, which has fallen more than a year behind schedule.

One of the reasons for the delay is terrorism. In a bid to derail Oslo and to discredit the leadership of PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, Palestinian rejectionists, mainly Islamic radicals from Hamas and Islamic Jihad, have perpetrated a series of gory suicide bombings, which have killed and maimed numerous Israelis.

These random acts of violence have dispirited Israelis, divided the country, jolted Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's Labor government and emboldened Jewish rightists who regard the West Bank as a sacred trust and/or a strategic asset. Nevertheless, the majority of Israelis still support the architecture of peace as envisaged in Norway and see no viable alternative to Oslo.

The sickening succession of bombings has increased Israeli pressure on the Palestine National Authority (PNA) in Gaza and Jericho to crack down on the terrorists. Slow off the mark, the PNA has only begun to do this. Has Arafat finally realized that there is a direct correlation between the virtual suppression of terrorism and the attainment of Palestinian autonomy?

As expected, the spinoff effects of Olso have been of immense benefit to Israel.

Thanks to Israel's rapprochement with the PLO, King Hussein of Jordan entered into a full-blown peace treaty with Israel last October. Jordan thus joined Egypt in ending its state of war with Israel.

The spirit of Oslo has had an impact elsewhere in the Middle East: Morocco and Tunisia have established low-level diplomatic relations with Israel, and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) — Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates — has abolished the secondary and tertiary economic boycott against Israel.

Israel, too, has forged informal links with at least two GCC members — Oman (which Rabin has visited) and Qatar (which has expressed an interest in shipping gas to Europe via Israel).

Lastly, the new era ushered in by the DoP has enabled Israel to open or reopen diplomatic ties with more than 20 countries, the majority in Asia and Africa, where lucrative markets beckon.

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Sept. 4

• *Ha'aretz* reported that Israel will ask Russia for details of its agreement to sell nuclear reactors to Iran. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin is expected to focus on the issue when he meets this week with Russian Prime Minister Victor Chernomyrdin. Chernomyrdin has reportedly sent a letter to Rabin saying the arrangement would not endanger Israel.

Sept. 5

• *Davar* reported Israel will propose to the Palestinian Authority that the IDF remain responsible for security throughout Hebron. According to the report, Israel will call for an extensive IDF presence in the city during the interim stage and will reject the Palestinian demand that the IDF remain only in Jewish neighborhoods.

Sept. 6

• Speaking in the Knesset, Rabin said the peace process with the Palestinians will be stopped if the PLO covenant is not amended within two months of elections in the West Bank. He also reiterated that Palestinians who are in Israeli jails for murder will not be part of a prisoner release; nor will Jewish settlements be evacuated.

• Justice Minister David Libai submitted requests to the Palestinian Authority for the extradition of seven Palestinians suspected of having killed Israelis.

Sept. 7

• Talks between Shimon Peres and Yasser Arafat concluded in Taba. *Ha'aretz* reported that progess had been made on the issue of sharing water. The Palestinians agreed to the Israeli proposal to double the current West Bank water quota over the next five years, with 20 per cent of the increase to be supplied within the first year. The two sides could not agree on the subject of Hebron. "There is still a significant gap that is difficult to bridge," Peres said.

• *Ha'aretz* reported that, according to a senior IDF officer, there is a significant decrease in Hamas' popularity in the Gaza Strip.

Sept. 8

• *Yediot Aharanot* reported that Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama will arrive this week for a historic two-day visit, the first ever by a Prime Minister of Japan to Israel. Murayama will begin his tour in Saudi Arabia and will also visit Egypt, Jordan and Syria.

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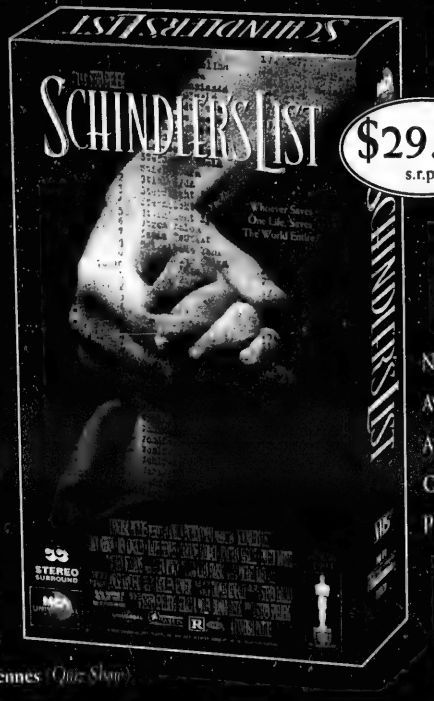

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Bomb explodes at Jewish school

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

LYONS — France has heightened security nationwide in the wake of a car bomb that exploded outside Lyons' largest Jewish school last week.

Across France, "more precautions" are being taken at buildings and schools, both Jewish and non-Jewish, as a result of the blast in the Lyons suburb of Villeurbanne, Serge Cwajgenbaum, secretary general of the European Jewish Congress, said in an interview from his home in Paris.

The blast occurred last Thursday, just minutes before the 700 pupils at the school were to be dismissed at 5 p.m., Cwajgenbaum said.

It injured at least 14 people, one of them seriously. Two parents waiting for their children outside the school, along with two owners of nearby shops, were among the injured.

Six people were hospitalized and three children suffered smoke inhalation.

Because the school clock was apparently running a few minutes late, the students had not left the school when the bomb went off.

The gas bomb, consisting of an explosive mixture placed in a canister filled with nails and bolts, was similar to those used in five previous bombings and attempted bombings in France since late July.

Four of those bombs exploded on the streets of Paris and in the city's Metro. The fifth was an unexploded bomb found near Lyons.

No group immediately claimed responsibility for Thursday's bombing, but police suspected Algerian Muslim extremists who have threatened France for backing the military government in Algeria.

More than 30,000 people have been killed in Algeria in clashes between security forces and Islamic militants since January 1992, when the army cancelled national elections that the Islamic Salvation Front was poised to win.

French police reportedly detained for questioning a man who was seen running from the site of the attack before the bomb went off.

While the other attacks in France appeared aimed at creating terror in French society as a whole, this was the first attack targeting the French Jewish community.

The bomb outside the Jewish school shattered classroom windows, leaving glass shards in some of the children's hair, according to reports. Students and teachers dove to the classroom floors for cover.

Cwajgenbaum said he had "no doubt" that the targeting of a Jewish school was tied to the recent bomb attacks and that by targeting a Jewish school, the perpetrators were seeking increased publicity.

Some 50,000 Jews live in Lyons, making it the third largest Jewish community in France, Cwajgenbaum said.

Police arrest stabbing suspect

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Israeli security forces have arrested a man believed responsible for last Tuesday's stabbing of a Jewish family in the West Bank.

The assailant was identified last week as Hamadalleh Abdel Hadi Abdel Aziz, 20.

The suspect has a criminal background and fingerprints were found linking him to the attack, an Israel Defence Force statement said.

Aziz is believed responsible for the stabbing death of British immigrant Daniel Frei, 28, and the wounding of his wife, Mara, 29, in the Sept. 5 early morning attack at the family's home in the settlement of Ma'aleh Michmas, near Ramallah north of Jerusalem.

The couple's 18-month-old daughter, Rachel, who was sleeping in the house at the time of the attack, was unharmed.

Doctors at Hadassah Hospital said last Wednesday that Mara Frei's condition had improved significantly.

She was moved from the intensive care unit after undergoing surgery for multiple stab wounds to her lung, liver and arm.

Frei, who was three months pregnant, lost the baby as a result of the attack.

Israel's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau visited her in the hospital and offered prayers for a speedy recovery.

Security forces said Aziz was believed to have collaborated in the past with Israeli authorities. A motive for the attack was being investigated.

Israel Radio reported that the stabbings might have been motivated by the alleged killer's desire to prove he was not an Israeli informer.

Last Tuesday, an anonymous caller phoned a news agency in Jerusalem and claimed responsibility for the attack in the name of George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP).

"This operation is our reply to the arrest a week ago of three of our activists in Ramallah and the continued detention by the forces of occupation of Mustafa Katamish," the caller reportedly said.

Katamish, a member of the PFLP politburo, has been in an Israeli jail for the past three years.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said he is not certain the attack was related to the peace process.

"There was terror before the peace and if there won't be peace there will be more terror. It happened in an area which is under our responsibility," he said in an interview with Israel Radio.

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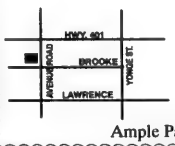

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Questions raised about Canadian non-participation

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According to Rodney Moore, a Foreign Affairs spokesperson in Ottawa, Canada has "no formal position on [participating] at any level in any festivities."

Foreign Affairs received "a number of calls" asking about Canada's absence, Moore admitted. And everyone who called was told simply that Berger wasn't present because he had not received an invitation, "and any other questions on this sort of thing were really hypothetical."

Eli Yerushalami, the chargé d'affaires at the Israeli Embassy in Ottawa tells another story. He says that as far as he knows, Berger was invited.

"You say that Foreign Affairs says he wasn't invited?" asked an incredulous Yerushalami. "That's the first I've heard of that. All the ambassadors were invited. It's hard for me to believe that he wasn't.

"From our point of view, we think every ambassador should have been there. It's the birthday of a city, a city that although we won't give it up, is a city that is not just Jewish but is for Christian and Muslim.

"It's not a political event," Yerushalami said. "It's for everyone to take part in."

He added that although Jerusalem 3000 was a national celebration, the city of Jerusalem was organizing the festivities.

They wanted as many diplomats attending as possible. It just wouldn't make sense to deliberately leave out Canada, one of the friendliest nations towards Israel.

The festival, the brainchild of former Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, was initiated long before the signing of the Oslo accord, which calls for negotiations on the city's permanent status to begin next year.

Upon assuming the mayor's job, Olmert also took over the reins of the festival. The mayor dismisses claims that the event has become politicized and accuses the Europeans of introducing a political element into what is essentially a cultural festival.

He noted that the program pays homage to the importance of Jerusalem to Christians and Muslims, as well as Jews. But Olmert does not hide his view that Jerusalem is Israel's capital alone and that its importance for the rest of the world lies in its religious significance, not its political centrality.

He has repeatedly called on Jews of the world to congregate in Jerusalem this year, to demonstrate the Jewish connection to the city.

"We are opening our celebrations here, in the original City of David, to tell ourselves and the entire world that our roots in this land predate Zionism, predate the Diaspora and even predate the Holy Temples," said Olmert at last week's gala opening.

Kollek has criticized the handling of the festival, calling it "a missed opportunity ... to strengthen our position in the world."

The trimillennium could have been a historic landmark — a step toward peace and recognition of our sovereignty — instead of just a good show," he wrote in a newspaper column last week.

The former mayor accused organizers of preferring noisy declarations to quiet, behind-the-scenes work, a policy that convinced other countries the festival was "something they are better off avoiding."

Anti-Israel rhetoric absent at UN conference

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"I've had great conversations with women from Tunisia and had a debate with a Kuwaiti woman over reproductive rights. We had discussions with Jordanian women. Some at the Arab tent didn't want to talk to us, but that's the exception, not the rule," Price said.

She and others cited movement in the Middle East peace process as the foundation for the relatively comfortable dynamic between Arab and Jewish delegates.

Although there was criticism of Israel at some of the 300 workshops held each day at the NGO forum, held in Huairou, a town 50 kilometres north of Beijing, "it certainly isn't the issue it was before," said Marlene Post, national U.S. president of Hadassah.

"We were prepared to defend Israel on a variety of issues but the rhetoric has been limited," she said.

In one workshop where Israel was attacked, the moderator repeatedly urged the Palestinian panelist to "have civility," and succeeded in preventing the rhetoric from exploding into the torrent that fueled anger at earlier conferences, said Price.

"There have been negative things said about almost every country, including the United States. This is a dramatically different atmosphere" from conferences past.

In addition, "the Palestinian women aren't a united front" with a coordinated strategy for enlisting other Arab and Muslim delegates' help in attacking Israel, as they did at each of the previous three conferences, said Price.

Anti-Semitism permeated UN women's conferences in Mexico City in 1975, where Zionism was equated with racism for the first time in any international forum, as well as in Copenhagen in 1980 and in Nairobi in 1985.

Jewish delegates came together several times in Huairou and Beijing during the NGO forum, Lieberman said.

Some 80 Jewish women from North America, Israel, Europe, South America, South Africa and Australia met on the opening day of the conference to introduce themselves and talk about the issues they consider a priority.

Youth, aging, health care

Topics they raised included youth, aging and health care, Lieberman said.

Jewish delegates met again two days later to report back on what they had heard at workshops. They were joined afterwards by 15 Jewish residents of the Chinese capital — all of them American and European expatriates in the business community — who hosted Shabbat services and dinner for members of the caucus.

Last Tuesday, a smaller group of Jewish delegates to the NGO forum and the official government conference met to discuss what had transpired in the workshops about the Middle East.

"People who had been at Nairobi said they didn't think it was anything like it was in the past," said Lieberman.

Jewish attendees, who may total as many as 200 according to delegates, are a tiny fraction of the estimated 40,000 people who attended one or both of the international gatherings.

But Jewish women have particular experience and expertise to contribute to the women at the conference, the majority of whom are from developing nations, said Beth Wohlgelernter, U.S. Hadassah's executive director.

"We have a lot of experience organizing at the grassroots level and on issues of education and health care," she said.

And though unanimously greeted with relief by Jewish delegates, the shift from the extreme stress of being the focus of international conflict at past conferences requires a shift in internal focus, they said.

"There are so many other issues out there that we're no longer that interesting," said Hadassah's Post.

"Do we miss the spotlight? No, no," she said, laughing.

Naomi Chazan, a member of Israel's Knesset and part of that country's delegation to the UN conference, told Jewish delegates that what happened in Beijing between Jewish, Israeli, Palestinian and Muslim women "is a revolution."

"We have to get used to not being in the centre of attention," she added.

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Power-hitter gets scholarship to NCAA school

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jason Gold has to be feeling pretty good about himself as he gets ready for another year playing U.S. college baseball.

Last year, the power-hitting native of Toronto attended Sauk Valley Community College, a good team in the National Junior Collegiate Athletic Association. There he got to play opponents from schools like Joliet and Triton (Kirby Puckett's alma mater) and was scouted by major league teams.

But this year he's set his sights a little higher. He's turned down several offers for a full scholarship at other Division 2 schools and accepted a three-quarter scholarship to Drexel University, an NCAA Division 1 school in Philadelphia.

Gold believes he has the best chance of improving his baseball skills and getting noticed by pro scouts if he attends a Division 1 school.

"This is the top league," he said, prior to heading south for the season. "It doesn't get any better than this. It's more competitive. I'll have a better chance of being drafted."

Gold, 21, has been playing baseball since Moses was a boy and like many others (with less talent), he dreams of playing in the majors.

"My dad [Allan] really loves baseball. He taught me all I know about the game. I've been playing it all my life. That's all I do. I watch it, I eat it, I sleep it," he said.

Last year, in 36 games for Sauk, Gold hit .328, including seven home runs, 34 RBIs, 10 doubles and three triples. The freshman third baseman led the team in ribbies, homers and doubles.

Over the summer, he played for North York in Toronto's top senior league where he hit .448 and led the team with 12 home runs. A six-foot-two, 205-pound power hitter who likes to go for the fence, he also hit three triples and 10 doubles.

In previous years Gold played juvenile baseball for Thornhill Reds in the Leaside Junior League and in 1988 and '90, he was on two Toronto gold medal winning teams at the Maccabi Youth Games in Chicago and Detroit, captaining the '90 squad.

Gold has seen his game improve from year to year; so he believes he still has a chance to realize his dream and get drafted by a major league team, even though he was passed over in his first year of eligibility.

"I'm only 21. I still have a pretty good shot," he said.

"I'm a lot more patient at the plate," he continued. "I'm a fastball hitter, but I hit the offspeed pitch and curve much better than I used to. That'll help me a lot, because a lot of the guys [in college] change their speed and have good control."

Gold has already been told he's likely going to start at first base and hit in the middle of the lineup, around fourth or fifth.

When he's not studying the fine art of hitting curve balls, Gold will hit the books in his chosen field of study, sociology.

Jason Gold swings for the fences

Israeli soccer squad wins Maccabi tourney

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Soccer, as everyone knows, is Israel's national sport.

That became even clearer this summer, when an Israeli soccer team visited Montreal and won what was described as the first ever Maccabi International Soccer Tournament.

The polite members of the Israeli soccer squad from the Amal School in Petach Tikvah, coached by David Spivak, had been to Montreal last year for an exhibition match.

But the team's politesse only went so far. The players weren't the least bit reluctant about beating the Golani Montreal team, coached by Iftach Levi, 4-3 in the second, final round on the Wagar High School playing field.

The losers of the first round, Maccabi Cote St. Luc (which had lost to Golani in an exciting overtime shootout) and Maccabi Oldtimers (which had gone down 3-1 to the Israeli Amal team), met for the consolation game, which the Oldtimers won 3-2.

All in all, an exciting, energetic tournament, said one of the organizers, Leon Elfassi.

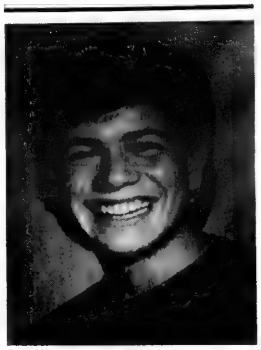
Israel's consul general in Montreal Daniel Gal came by despite drizzly weather, to hand the plaque to the victors.

"We plan to have the tournament every year," Elfassi said, even if the higher calibre of the Israeli squad made the outcome predictable.

"Some of the Israeli players," Elfassi noted, "are on the junior national team."

Still, for Elfassi, who works as a fitness consultant and coached the Maccabi CSL team, and for the sponsoring organization, Maccabi Canada, the tourney provided the perfect pretext for giving "great exposure" to the organization and to its soccer component.

The Maccabiah Games — or "Jewish Olypmics" — are less than two years away.



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The summer has been a busy one for 14-year-old Alex Iscoe. Over a one week period, the teen, who is legally blind in his right eye, scored a hole in one in the 140-yard seventh hole at the Don Valley Golf Course, was chosen valedictorian for his Grade 9 class at St. Andrews High and was accepted at Upper Canada College for Grade 10. He's played MTHL hockey for seven years, captained the team for three seasons and coaches a Tyke select hockey team.

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Hebrew language software finding market

By MYRON LOVE
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WINNIPEG — The initial response to his line of Hebrew educational software is promising, says Ron Ben-Ari of Horizon Enterprises.

"I have already received several phone calls about the programs and I have several demonstrations lined up," says the Winnipeg-based importer-exporter.

Ben-Ari has been operating Horizon Enterprises since 1988. "I look for good quality, innovative products," he says.

He is the Canadian distributor for an Israeli-designed welder's helmet where the screen changes color and provides immediate eye protection, as compared to present helmets where the wearer has to lower the screen manually.

Ben-Ari notes that Compedia Software Development Ltd., the Israeli creator of the educational software, has been trying for three years to have him represent the company in Canada.

When he was in Israel in May, he visited the company, was impressed with their products and brought back some of those he considered most suitable for Hebrew as a Second Language students.

The first four programs Ben-Ari has available include Alef-Bet Balloons Plus, a learning game for the Alef-Bet and basic words; Thinking Games, a series of logic activities at varying levels of difficulty designed to develop and improve thinking skills; the Isle of Numbers Plus, an adventure story that introduces children to the world of numbers; and Word-Land, a game where learning and games are combined to make reading and comprehension fun.

"These educational programs are designed for children from ages 5 to 11," Ben-Ari explains. "I realized the tremendous value of these programs when I ran the software on a friend's computer and was pushed aside by her kids who attend one of Winnipeg's Hebrew bilingual programs. We couldn't peel the kids away from the computer."

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Zionist song competition

Chaim Parchi of Newton, Mass., a multi-talented composer, choreographer, music teacher and specialist in Sehpardi and Yemenite music, won the second annual North America Zionist Song Competition sponsored by the American Zionist Movement (AZM).

A number of the more than 100 entries in this year's contest, including the winning song, reflected dedication to the goals of the peace process and an idealistic concept of brotherhood between Arab and Jew, says AZM president Seymour Reich.

The winning song, *From Moses To Mohammed*, represents an unusual musical effort to bridge the chasm separating Jews and Arabs. It was chosen by a panel of judges representing songwriters and leaders of the American Jewish Community.

Chaim Parchi

The song competition was held on the campus of the University of Massachusetts.

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Yippee! The Yiddish magical mystery tour is coming to take you away.

Actually, it's the Bubkes Jewish Community Players (all the way from Bubkes, Sask.) on their big national tour. Except they've been inadvertently booked into the basement of St. Rebecca of Perpetual Guilt.

That's the premise for *Chutzpah à go-go*, a gregarious musical celebration of Canadian Jewish culture and of the Yiddish language. It's much less a story than a cabaret-style review, as the performers warble and shtick their way through a number of tunes that tell the tale of the fictional prairie town of Bubkes.

Actors David Gale and Randy Vancourt wrote the musical in 1991 and teamed up with director Jordan Merkur to unveil it a year later at the Under the Umbrella festival. Since then, the production has expanded to two acts and played at Canadian Stage's Berkeley St. Theatre and the Factory Theatre. It hit the road in 1993 to play at the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre.

Chutzpah à go-go is simply a hoot. It gives a loving caricature of Jewish culture that simultaneously lampoons and embraces the idiosyncrasies of that community. The performances are high-energy and warm, inviting everyone — Jews and gentiles alike — to share in the in-jokes. For those of us whose experience with Yiddish is limited to shtick, shmaltz, shmuck and shlong, the program comes complete with a mini Yiddish-to-English dictionary.

And the music rocks too. It spans a variety of styles, from klezmer to vaudeville to torch song. The tunes are cunningly written, giving the show a delightfully unpredictable pace. Just when you think the performers are heaping on the saccharine, they turn around and kick you (and often themselves) in the *tuchas*.

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MICHAEL KEARNS

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Tara Charendoff appears in National Lampoon, Senior Trip.

Rising Star: Tara Charendoff, a 20ish actor from Toronto who now lives in Los Angeles, began her career singing in Yiddish and other theatrical productions. Having plunged into television and animated features and made a big splash, she has become the voice of the new cartoon series *Gadget Boy*, and has just finished a cartoon for Walt Disney called *Duck Daze*, featuring Donald Duck and his nephews.

She also appears in a new comedy, *National Lampoon, Senior Trip*, that opened last week in Toronto and a couple of weeks ago in Los Angeles. She plays the part of Carla Morgan. The film is a collaboration between Alliance Films of Toronto and New Line Cinema of Los Angeles.

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Attention Writers and Poets: The Writers' Union of Canada's third annual Short Prose Competition for Developing Writers offers a $2,500 first prize and $1,000 to the runner-up. Open to all writers who have not been published in book format. A $25 entry fee should accompany submission of 2,000 to 2,500 words. Nov. 5 deadline. WUC, 24 Ryerson Ave., Toronto M5T 2P3.

The League of Canadian Poets is offering prizes of $1,000 and $500 for the top three poems in its annual poetry competition. There is a $6 entry fee per poem. Deadline Jan. 31, 1996. Ninth National Poetry Contest, League of Canadian Poets, 54 Welseley St., Suite 204, Toronto M5T 1A5.

Harbourfront Literary Fest: Pierre Berton, one of Canada's pre-eminent men of letters, is to be feted at the 16th annual International Festival of Authors at Toronto's Harbourfront, Oct. 12. The Berton tribute is to feature appearances by Margaret Atwood, Alan Borovoy, Michael Bliss, Mary Carpenter, Arthur Hailey and Charles Templeton. The festival features more than 80 authors from over 30 countries and runs Oct. 11 to 21. Call 416-973-4760.

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In Brief: The Lenny Solomon Quintet pays tribute to George Gershwin at the Top O' The Senator, from Sept. 13 to 16 at 9:30 p.m., and Sept. 17 at 8:30 p.m., 249 Victoria St., Toronto.

Robert J. Waskul, award-winning portrait photographer, has opened a new gallery, at 556 Edward Ave., Suite 83, Richmond Hill, 905-883-3051.

The Bubbie Break, the first North American TV series to focus on the concerns of grandparents, began on a single station in Peterborough. Shown in Canada on The Women's Network, the show recently entered its fifth season. Congrats to hostess Marion Schwartz.

Two prominent art galleries in Toronto's Yorkville, the Drabinsky Gallery and the Marianne Friedland Gallery, merged Sept. 1 to form the Drabinsky & Friedland Galleries, at 122 Scollard St.

Still the Night: A musical play of this name explores the theme of survival, told through the stories of two young girls in the Polish underground of 1939. The material comes from Yiddish vaudeville, klezmer tradition and songs written in the ghettos between 1942 and 1945.

A workshop of the play, starring Theresa Tova with Liza Balkan, is being performed at the Theatre Centre East, 142 George St. (near Jarvis and Queen), Toronto, Sept. 17, 8:30 p.m. Reservations, 416-538-0988.

Business Briefs

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Tadiran Supplies Batteries For Highway 407

JERUSALEM — An Israeli comany, Tadiran Batteries, has won a contract to supply lithium batteries for roads in Canada.

The tender was held by Mark IV, a Canadian company in charge of construction of Highway 407. So far, Tadiran has received a $125-million order from Mark IV.

Carlsberg Buys 20 Per Cent Of Israel Breweries

JERUSALEM — Carlsberg announced last week it has purchased 20 per cent of Israel Breweries.

The Danish beer manufacturer refused to disclose the sum paid for the transaction.

Air Force, Rada Sign Pact

JERUSALEM — Rada Electronic Industries signed a $10.5-million agreement for the sale of its Fatigue Autonomous Combat Manoeuvres Evaluation System (FACE) to the Royal Netherlands Air Force.

System delivery will begin next year and continue through 1997. The contract does not include add-ons, which may be purchased at a future date.

Leumi Earnings Soar

JERUSALEM — Bank Leumi reported a 162 per cent growth in second-quarter net profits to NIS 71.8 million ($31.59 million), from NIS 21.3 million ($9.37 million) in the same period last year.

Half-year net profits increased 84.4 per cent to NIS 241 million ($106 million) from NIS126.9 million ($55.84 million).

Meanwhile Bank Hapoalim also reported profits including a 43.6 per cent rise in second-quarter net profits to NIS 182.4 million ($80.26 million) from NIS 127.1 million ($55.92million) in the corresponding period last year.

Shohat OKs Coverage Increase For Exporters

JERUSALEM — Israel's Finance Minister Avraham Shohat has authorized, at the request of the Israel Foreign Trade Risks Insurance Co. (IFTRIC), an increase in the amount of coverage for exporters, giving them mid- and long-term credit similar to that now available only in the short-term, the Treasury announced last week.

Mid- and long-term credit — for periods up to 10 years — will be increased from 82.5 per cent to as much as 90 per cent.

Shohat said the increase was mandated because of increasing international competition in the export of capital, industrial equipment, and medical and hi-tech goods.

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Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

Einstein Exhibit: The Hebrew University of Jerusalem has opened a new, permanent Albert Einstein exhibition. The display includes reproductions of the scientist's manuscripts, correspondence, cartoons, newspaper clippings and photos.

Visitors can view Einstein's Nobel prize medal, the paper on which he jotted down his legendary E-MC2 formula of relativity and correspondence with President Franklin Roosevelt and Sigmund Freud. Custody of Einstein's literary estate and personal papers has belonged to the Hebrew University since 1982.

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Jerusalem 3000 Study Tour: The Kolel Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning has organized a study tour to Israel, Jan. 21 to Feb. 1, 1996, in commemoration of Jerusalem 3000. The tour focuses on biblical and rabbinic sites, with study sessions each day to prepare for the next day's journey. The tour includes a week in Jerusalem studying at liberal yeshivot with distinguished scholars; two days in the Galilee, studying the development of the Kabbalah; and a rich historical overview at the Diaspora Museum in Tel Aviv. A day is also spent on tzedakah projects at old-age homes and orphanages in Jerusalem.

According to a Kolel press release, this tour "is for those who want to travel with a Bible in their hands and get involved!" Call 905-709-1900 for details.

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Hotel Happenings: Four Seasons Hotel Toronto is offering six new special packages from now until the end of June 1996. They include the Privileged Shopper, the Night at the Theatre, the Extra Long Weekend and the self-created Dream Getaway. For details, call 964-0411 in Toronto, 800-268-6282 elsewhere in Canada.

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Israel's National Parks: Israel is spending millions of dollars to lure visitors to its national parks. Over the past three years, the National Parks authority has invested $200 million in improvements to its 43 sites. Last year, more than four million people passed through park gates.

Israel's national parks are actually outdoor museums of history and archaeology. They include Masada, where Jewish zealots committed suicide rather than submit to Roman conquest; Tzippori, which was once the seat of the ancient Sanhedrin; Sde Boker, the burial location of Israel's first prime minister, David Ben-Gurion; and Beit Guvrin, adorned by hundreds of caves. The authority's green card ($16 US) covers entry to all of its facilities. Individual park fees range from $3 to $5.

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Jewish Singles Travel: Founded in 1983, the Pennsylvania-based Hands Across the Sea Corporation works in cooperation with various Jewish federations internationally to offer trips for Jewish singles. The next destination is Miami Beach, scheduled for Nov. 2 to 5. In February 1996 it's Acapulco; in June 1996 it's Spain; in October 1996 it's Sao Paulo, Brazil. For details, write to 5 Concord Lane, Yardley PA 19067 or phone Sherry Muss, 305-864-7276.

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USAir Update: At a time when many airlines have cut back on first-class service on transborder flights to squeeze more passengers aboard, USAir has retained a first-class compartment on its two daily flights between Toronto and Washington D.C. USAir is the only carrier operating a first-class service on non-stop flights between Toronto and Washington D.C.

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Wild West, Jewish Style: Tombstone, Arizona, traditionally conjures up images of Wyatt Earp, his brothers and Doc Holliday shooting it up with the notorious Clanton gang at the OK Corral. Half a mile beyond the OK Corral is a graveyard where many victims of Old West gunplay are buried. According to Travel Talk reader Paul Levin of North York, if you go past these graves and walk down the hill, you'll find a Jewish cemetery.

"There were Jewish merchants, miners and investors," Levin writes. "Names like Bloom, Freudenthal, Lesinsky and Lewisohn were among the original settlers."

However, much of the cemetery is now in ruins, save for a monument featuring names from some of the unreadable headstones.

Levin is president of the Puce Creek Central Railroad, a Toronto-area company that sells model trains.

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Harold Wolinsky on August 19, 1995, late of 115 Fairholme Ave.
Rae Pancer on August 17, 1995, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Julie Sokoloff on August 18, 1995, late of 12 Bonnacord Dr.
Kiva Barkin on August 20, 1995, late of 99 Combe Ave.
Leonora Neiger on August 20, 1995, late of 429 Walmer Rd.
Helen Levovitz on August 21, 1995, late of 55 Ameer Ave.
Hester Alexander on August 21, 1995, late of 42 Elsa Vineway
Reuben Seigel on August 20, 1995, late of 7 Arleta Ave.
Sara Bruker on August 23, 1995, late of 193 Woodside Drive
Ida Lester on August 23, 1995, late of 20 Shalimar Blvd. #1303
Jacob Koskie on August 25, 1995, late of 3560 Bathurst Street
Irene Berkelhammer on August 25, 1995, late of 66 Hove Street
Jancu Gropper on August 24, 1995, late of 5 Kenneth Ave. #1802
Freida Lichtenstein on August 28, 1995, late of Valleyview Hospital
Dora Lipsky on August 30, 1995, late of 36 Amsterdam Ave.
Stacey Levitt on August 30, 1995, late of 518 Briar Hill
Frances Green on August 31, 1995, late of 3 Marwood Rd.

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Botnick, Rachel on September 3, 1995, late of 339 Hillhurst Blvd.
Caplin, Gershon on September 5, 1995
Wisilcki, Rose on August 28, 1995, late of 19 Terrydale Dr.
Weinberg, Marilyn on August 29, 1995, late of 246 Old Forest Hill Rd.
Lapides, Philip on August 30, 1995, late of 69A Claxton Blvd.
Factor, Joseph on August 30, 1995, late of 56 Charlton Blvd.
Kazman, Morris on September 1, 1995, late of 15 Sandle Garden
Teukerman, Vitaly on September 3, 1995, late of 21 Bead Fernway
Fouks, Revekka on September 3, 1995, late of 5935 Bathurst St.
Khazak, Ginda on September 1, 1995, late of 6030 Bathurst St., #1601
Rosenzweig (Ross), Ruth on September 1, 1995, late of 6200 Bathurst St., #1401

Steeles Memorial Chapel

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of Sara Regina Bordan ז"ל will take place
Sunday, Sept. 17th 11:30 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Community Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late MYER HOLDER ז"ל will take place
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Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
(Bathurst So. of Steeles)
Shomrai Shabbos Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

335 UNVEILINGS

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late Marilyn Kleman ז"ל will take place
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Lambton Hills Cemetery
Koil Yankov Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late Edythe Spinner Unterman ז"ל will take place
Sunday, Sept. 17th 1:00 p.m.
Roselawn Cemetery
Agudas Achim Synagogue Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late PHIL LAPIDES ז"ל will take place
Sunday, Sept. 17th 12:30 p.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
(Bathurst South of Steeles)
Chenstochover Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late JOSEPH KISLUK ז"ל will take place
Sunday, Sept. 17th 11:00 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Beth Emeth Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late Genia Teitelman ז"ל will take place
Sunday, Sept. 17th 10:30 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Farband Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

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335 UNVEILING

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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will take place
Sunday, Sept. 17th
1:00 p.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
All For One Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of
Samuel Aaron Smith ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 17th
10:45 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
(Bathurst South of Steeles)
Shaarei Shomayim Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Louis (Pip) Snider ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 17th
11:30 a.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Bathurst South of Steeles
Beth Emeth Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Morris Atteslander ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 17th
11:00 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Beth Tikvah Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the beloved memory of the late
Al Lofchick ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 17th
11:15 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
ERNEST BRAUN ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 17th
1:30 p.m.
Bathurst Lawn Memorial Park
Beth Torah Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Ben-Chorin Littner ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 17th
10:00 a.m.
Dawes Road Cemetery
Temple Sinai Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
JACK DREZNER ז"ל
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 17th
10:00 a.m.
Pardes Shalom Cemetery
Maramoresher Society Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Sonya Voldimer ז"ל
(mother of Lil Roy & Morris Voldimer)
will take place
Sunday, Sept. 17th
12:45 p.m.
Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Pride of Israel Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Morris Erlichman ז"ל
will take place
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11:00 a.m.
Lambton Hills Cemetery
(Royal York Road)
Chmielniker Society Section
Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
Sarah Applebaum ז"ל
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Dear Jesse,

My father died three weeks ago. While my 72-year-old mother appears to be managing, we are concerned. She is more quiet and stays at home most of the time now. My brothers have decided to clear our father's belongings out of their home as soon as possible. They feel that this will keep her from being constantly reminded of her loss. Are we doing the right thing?

A. L.

Dear A. L.,

While you may have the best of intentions, clearing out your father's belongings may not be the key to your mother's well-being at this time.

The death of a spouse is a devastating life event; this loss can be compounded during the senior years, when individuals face a number of difficult challenges. The death of your father is very recent. Your mother needs time to grieve in her own way and at her pace. You can all help your mother to maintain her physical and emotional health by encouraging her to be checked medically, and to obtain regular sleep and nutrition, as grieving can be draining. Let her know that you are there to listen when she is ready to talk. Your and your family members are all mourning a loss and may benefit from sharing your feelings.

Respect your mother's wishes in every way possible. Do not clear out your father's belongings right away. If possible, major changes and important decisions should wait until they are not so overwhelming. Ask your mother to let you know when *she* feels better equipped to deal with this task. Her permission and readiness are essential in the healing process.

Readers are invited to send any questions they have for Jesse to The CJN. *Jesse is the executive director of Jewish Support Services for the Elderly (JSSE) in Montreal.*

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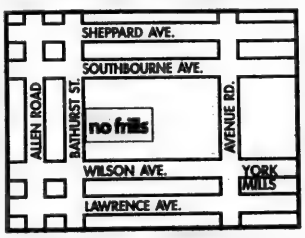

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Sciarrino's eye enhances Horvath legacy

Beauty may be in the eye of the beholder, but when the beholder is Sam Sciarrino staring through the lens of his camera, enough people agree to keep his wedding photography schedule heavily booked.

It's the subtleties that separate Sciarrino's work from the run-of-the-mill. It goes beyond the mere technical excellence you'd expect from a professional photographer to convey all the nuances of emotion and mood. His photos freeze the moment in a time capsule, to be recreated each time you look at them.

Though weddings are his mainstay, Horvath's services are increasingly in demand for bar and bat mitzvahs. As with adult portrayals, his eye sees beyond the stereotyped "cutesy" poses to reflect the innate character of his subjects. A quick perusal of his portfolio explains why he was hand-picked by the late Tibor Horvath to run the business.

For all his talent, you'll find Sciarrino extremely down to earth. Consultations are relaxed; you can loosen your tie, or even better, leave it in your closet. At weddings, however, he's all business, and dresses like a guest (suit and tie) to allow himself to blend in. This in turn allows his subjects to be more natural because "they forget I'm there."

Some of Horvath's most memorable outings have involved shooting his subjects under seemingly "ordinary" conditions, like a walk in the woods. "Sometimes the simple pleasures we enjoy every day are overlooked in favour of 'spectacular' poses," says Horvath. "They shouldn't be."

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Sam Sciarrino carries on the tradition of quality and excellence people have come to expect from Horvath Studio

Bridal Registry with the experts

Brides have flocked to Bronson's Fine China and Gifts for 15 years because of good service, quality merchandise and good prices.

"Customer service is the most important aspect of our business. We have grown and prospered because of our policies and we are always friendly, non-intimidating and helpful," says Ilene Bronsteter who co-owns the store with Bonnie Silver.

She says expert staff spends at least 45 minutes with every bride helping to co-ordinate table settings. "We also help them mix and match with items they already own. We help them choose a dinnerware set that will reflect their taste and lifestyle and even set a table for them so they really get a good feel for what they've chosen. We've noticed that a lot more men are coming in to help decide on a colour or design which proves that choosing a dinnerware pattern is something to be taken seriously. It is no longer left to the bride and her mother to choose, the groom wants to be part of the decision making process."

Budget is a high priority when choosing gifts and the staff at Bronson's knows how important it is to stick to that budget. "We help them pick in the proper price range and show them that there are ways of remaining on budget while making elegant, tasteful choices for their kitchen and dining room. We pride ourselves on always matching another store's prices."

Bronson's is chock full of merchandise from table settings to vases, tablecloths, placemats and some kitchen utensils which are imported from places like Italy, France, Japan and Germany. The leading companies are represented here which gives our customers a great variety of styles and shapes to choose from.

She says colours, which make a statement about a couple's tastes, are quite important in tableware and even glassware. "Transitional china, a nice set which can be used every day and then taken into the dining room for more elegant dinners has become very popular. There is also a lot of mix and match dinnerware — colours that blend and designs that complement. What a lot of people tend to forget is that they spend a lot of time eating and everything tastes better when it is served on tableware that they've chosen and that looks good."

Always stressing customer service, Ilene says Bronson's wraps gifts and has them delivered. Out-of-town guests can call toll-free to purchase a gift. **2 Steeles Ave. W., Thornhill L4J 1A1. (905) 881-9930, (416) 398-3539, 1-800-387-2766.**

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Beverly Hills Caterers puts Le Parc's kosher kitchen on map at $65 a plate

With the brand new kosher kitchen of Le Parc about to open, Raphy Amar of Beverly Hills Caterers has decided to introduce it to the community at the unbelievably low price of $65 a plate (plus taxes and gratuity, minimum125 people). The limited-time promotion will allow simcha-makers to enjoy the most elegant, refined kosher cuisine in Toronto's premier catering facility at a price that must rank as one of the finest values in Toronto kosher catering history.

In one of Le Parc's five splendid banquet halls — each equipped with its own private bar, piano, and foyer — you'll enjoy a full five-course meal (including full open bar and sweet table) that your guests will savour and remember fondly for years.

Should you decide on an even more elaborate menu, a quick perusal of your choices reveals so many wonderful gourmet dishes that you could almost pick blindfolded. But don't; you'll enjoy mulling over the delicious details.

Choice, choice, and more choice

Hors D'oeuvres. From the international selection of hot and cold hors d'oeuvres, you have a choice of traditional, Italian, Chinese, Mediterranean, Middle Eastern and West Coast favourites.

- Traditional: Ramakis with honey orange sauce;
- Italian: mini pizzas with grilled chicken and tomato pesto sauce;
- Chinese: sui kow with sweet and sour sauce;
- Middle Eastern: Moroccan cigars (mild or spicy);
- West Coast favourites: potato skins filled with chili sauce, or a sushi bar.

Appetizers. Here again, choice and gourmet taste reign supreme:

- Fresh filet of Atlantic salmon over a bed of linguine primavera with a light tomato basil and olive oil sauce;
- Le Parc's special antipasto: roasted peppers and eggplant with melon wedge, avocado bruschetta, strawberry and orange wedge;
- The New York style smorgasbord, which includes a variety of stations that will attract more "passengers" than Grand Central at rush hour. The first stop is the Montreal Hand-Cut Smoked Meat Station. From there you'll hop a plane to the Israeli Station, for houmous, tehina, babaganouch, and falafel with pita. Then it's on to the Chinese Station for oriental wok cookery and your choice of Szechuan orange chicken, Shanghai noodles, and stir-fried Chinese vegetables. Swinging seaward, you'll hook up with the Salmon Station and a selection of gravlox, decorated and carved poached salmon. Finally, a pit stop in sunny Italy for a trifecta of pasta dishes: linguine with sundried tomatoes in a basil pesto sauce garnished with pine nuts; penne arrabiata; and gnocchi with a basil pesto sauce.

Now that you've "oversampled" a few of the appetizers, you can turn over a new leaf with the salads. East and West meet beautifully in Raphy's San Fernando Valley style Chinese chicken salad, as julienned grilled breast of chicken hobnobs with Boston bibb lettuce, green onions, mandarin oranges and bean sprouts in a mandarin sesame oil dressing. Back to Italy for a sharp *radichio Italiano* with radichio, belgium endives, hearts of palm and toasted almonds in a raspberry vinaigrette dressing, served with foccacio.

Don't tell us you're full already; Raphy's just getting warmed up!

Main dishes. Your choice of:

- **Beef:** Beef wellington in a mushroom bordelaise sauce; or
- **Veal:** Veal marsala with marsala wine demiglass; or
- **Lamb:** Rack of lamb aux fines herbes; or
- **Chicken:** Chicken piccata with lemon and caper sauce; or
- **Fish:** Halibut cajun style.

For the *kinderlach* who aren't quite ready to appreciate the finer points of gourmet cooking and are sold on "fun food," there's a children's menu that includes egg rolls with plum sauce, choice of pasta, hamburgers, chicken fingers, submarine sandwiches, french fries, onion rings, and corn on the cob.

Dessert, anyone?

Confirmed chocaholics will stake a claim to the frozen chocolate kahlua cake, the hazelnut mocha *dacqoise* and the chocolate raspberry torte; others will gravitate towards the *crème anglaise* with raspberry sauce, the *charlotte Russse* and the fresh fruit tarts. Beverages include coffee, tea, Irish coffee, Spanish coffee and espresso.

Strict adherence to kashruth

Since becoming the exclusive Kosher Caterer at Le Parc, Beverly Hills Caterers has hosted several large organizational affairs (over 500 guests). With its expert kitchen and wait staff, Le Parc is well equipped to handle functions of any size, and with Beverly Hills Caterers' savoir-faire and strict adherence to kashruth, it's a marriage made in kosher catering heaven.

Catering is "more than a business to me," says Raphy. "Food preparation and presentation are everything to me." Even before you taste the fruits of his labours, a quick glance at any table bearing his handiwork reveals an almost fanatical attention to detail. His sweet tables in particular show a Picasso-esque talent for sculpting (see the carved watermelons on the cover). Many caterers promise original cuisine, but this California *wunderkind* really delivers.

During his ten-year stint in Los Angeles, Raphy served as exclusive kosher caterer to Beth Jacob Synagogue, L.A.'s largest orthodox congregation. He had the opportunity to host many gala affairs and theme parties, many involving the "who's who" of Hollywood. He even catered to the M.A.S.H. crew! His expertise is now at your disposal, and he's more than happy to help you coordinate all aspects of your simcha.

Raphy is a Shomer Shabbos caterer and can meet any requirements, including Lubavitch Schechita. Mechitsas can be arranged on request.

Elegant glatt kosher dining at Le Parc is now within reach

Having your simcha at Le Parc means enjoying a number of features you won't find at any other catering facility. For example, each banquet room boasts its own private entrance (through stately *chuppa*-like vine-clad arches) and foyer, bar, dance floor, piano and bride's room. Sprawling skylights spanning the building's exterior let the sun shine in on lush gardens within, providing a compelling backdrop for any *chuppa* arrangement.

Each of these halls (ranging in capacity from 150 to 1,000 people) is a little world unto itself which affords you and your guests complete privacy.

At last, the ultimate in kosher cuisine in the ultimate facility at a highly approachable price. It's an opportunity whose time has come, and Raphy is "thrilled and delighted" to help you make the most of it.

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- *Choice of Dessert*
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Also included in this offer, valid to Dec. 31/95, are the use of a banquet room with private bar, dance floor and piano; wait staff; table linens; and coat check.

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Can a glamorous, romantic gown also be elegant and simple? Joy Cherry says Yes

When Joy Cherry converted the second floor at 3323 Yonge Street into a bridal salon, she envisaged it as a natural extension of the trend-setting environment that has made the main floor a Toronto fashion landmark.

"Many brides get flustered in their quest for the right gown because they feel they're leaving the world of fashion and entering a world of endless ruffles and lace," says bridal consultant Carol Gold. "After a while, all the gowns start to run together." At Joy Cherry, on the other hand, "picking a wedding gown is like picking out a dress – a beautiful dress that's a joy to wear, no pun intended." That's because, according to Carol, Joy Cherry "is always on the cutting edge of fashion so that we can offer our brides today's look of sophisticated, understated elegance — not an outdated stereotype of what a bride should look like."

Does that mean that Joy Cherry Bridal has forsaken romance? Far from it, says Carol. Each of the designer lines Joy Cherry carries – most of them exclusive to her in Canada – is hand-picked not only for its originality but also for the specific niche it occupies in the spectrum of bridal "moods." For the old-fashioned (but still sophisticated) romantic look, there's Priscilla. For a more European/Victorian look, Joy gives you Christos. Then there's Vera Wang, who pioneered the "less is more" look of understated elegance fast becoming a fashion standard in the bridal industry. It's a look that harks back to the glamour of black-and-white movies and conjures up images of Lauren Bacall and Humphrey Bogart. (Look in the mirror when you're trying on a Vera Wang and you may see Lauren staring back at you approvingly. If you spot Bogey lurking in the shadows, you'll understand that he's simply ill at ease with today's "No Smoking" code.)

Mirror, mirror, on the wall . . .

One of the reasons Vera Wang's work is in such demand now, says Carol, is that brides are more mature now, and often prefer a simpler, sophisticated look to the fanciful frills of yesteryear. The gown that's just right for you should stand on its own merits as a fashion garment, Carol says; a wedding dress is, after all, a *dress*. If it doesn't work fashion-wise — the fit, the cut, the style, the colour — then "no amount of frills or lace will make it better."

Dress must stand on own merits

To help clients avoid the pitfalls of overkill, she encourages them to "forget they're buying a wedding dress and look at it for a moment as simply a dress. Does it work? Is it something you'd be proud to be seen in?"

The advice Carol gives is Golden from the get-go. The term "consultant" is loosely used in the bridal industry nowadays, but in Carol you're getting the real McGold. Her many years of experience in the fashion and bridal industries are at your disposal. A mirror for your thoughts and needs (with all due respect to Lauren), her expert counsel is as indispensable as the surround mirrors that envelope the bridal stage perched in the centre of the salon, affording an all-angles view of your dress. Carol strives for that magic moment when "the dress is just right and you know it's right." Then and only then does she allow herself to feel that the consultation has been a success.

Being a fashion pioneer carries the responsibility for steering your customers in the right direction. "We're a leader," says Gold. In the bridal salon, as on the main floor, Joy Cherry never stands still, always moving forward with the latest fashion looks. This is the standard her clients have come to expect, and she "wouldn't have it any other way. Our customers expect the world, and we deliver it — on a silver platter."

Once your lofty expectations of a bridal gown are duly met, you can crown yourself with an exquisite porcelain headpiece (made exclusively for Joy Cherry) and embellish your digitary extremities (i.e. decorate your hands and feet) with a full range of bridal accessories. "Another advantage our brides have is that they can accessorize on the spot", says Carol. "Taking swatches to jewellery stores and shoe stores is guesswork at best. Here you get the total look under one roof, and the result is far superior to buying piecemeal." It also saves scads of valuable time. Shoes, jewellery, undergarments — all can be purchased in the friendly confines of Joy Cherry Bridal, in total comfort and privacy.

One-stop *haute mode* shopping

It comes as no surprise that Carol's appointment book reads like a "who's who" of the Jewish community. What *is* surprising is that you can purchase one of these marvellous gowns, together with custom fittings as needed and unparalleled personal service, for as little as $1500. The salon's level of activity indicates that its clientele feels comfortable with the quality and service they're getting for a gown they won't find anywhere else.

From Christos, empire waistline guipire lace top with A-line skirt and full chapel train with silk shantung lace appliqués and pearl bows

Much more than bridal

On the main floor, you'll find all the special occasion wear one needs. Designs by Eavis & Brown, Thierry Mugler, Angel Sanchez, Louis Féraud, Peter Keppler, and Vera Wang are hand-picked by Joy with you in mind. But, as Joy explains, hand-picking is a two-way street.

"We hand-pick our designers, but they also hand-pick us," she says. "Though Vera Wang is very big now, she won't sell to just any store." Joy Cherry isn't just any store, and it's the only store in Canada that carries Vera Wang.

When you ascend Joy's "staircase to bridal heaven," it's only fitting that you should be greeted by a massive skylight that spans the entire salon, letting the sun shine in on your hopes and dreams. You have the rest of your life to be down to earth; now is a time for Joy.

Funny how brides who want the utmost in personal service when choosing the most fabulous gowns in North America's most striking skylit bridal salon always wind up at Joy Cherry

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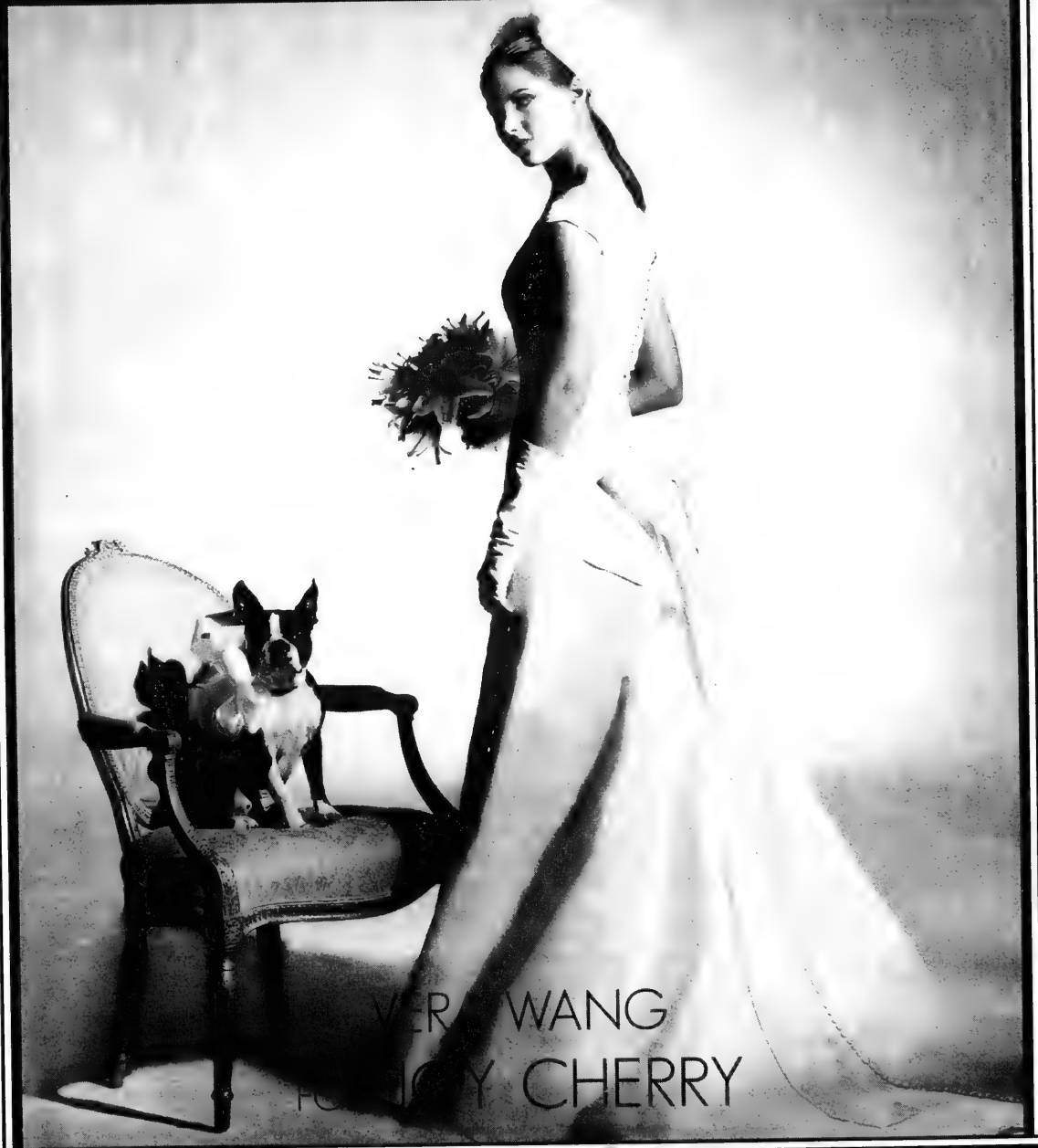


25 Years of Service

Buying a gown at Lina's Boutique is an experience in attention to detail. Every single aspect of the fit and fittings is examined under a microscope — a trait that's helped forge the enviable reputation that has earned Lina's the Toronto Sun's "Reader's Choice" award on more than one occasion.

Though Lina's doesn't advertise itself as a custom house, by the time you leave, your "ready-to-wear" gown has become the equivalent of a custom creation at a nominal alteration charge. As manager Patricia Pollari explains: "Garments come in standard sizes. Peple seldom do. A Lina's client has the right to expect her gown to fit like it was made for her alone."

At Lina's, there are four separate bridal salons, each with a full-time bridal consultant. Each consultant has an average of 10 years' experience; the alterationists who work with them are skilled veterans as well. Pollari herself has worked as a designer, and has also travelled as a buyer.

Lina's is a family business. Owner Lina (Patricia's mother) is active daily in running the operation. With continuity stretching over two generations, the daughters of brides who bought their gowns at Lina's have become clients in this generation.

Over half of Lina's business comes from referrals; consistent high quality of service has kept the referral network constantly growing. They operate on the principal that each customer is unique and it pays to take the time to ensure her fashion needs are met.

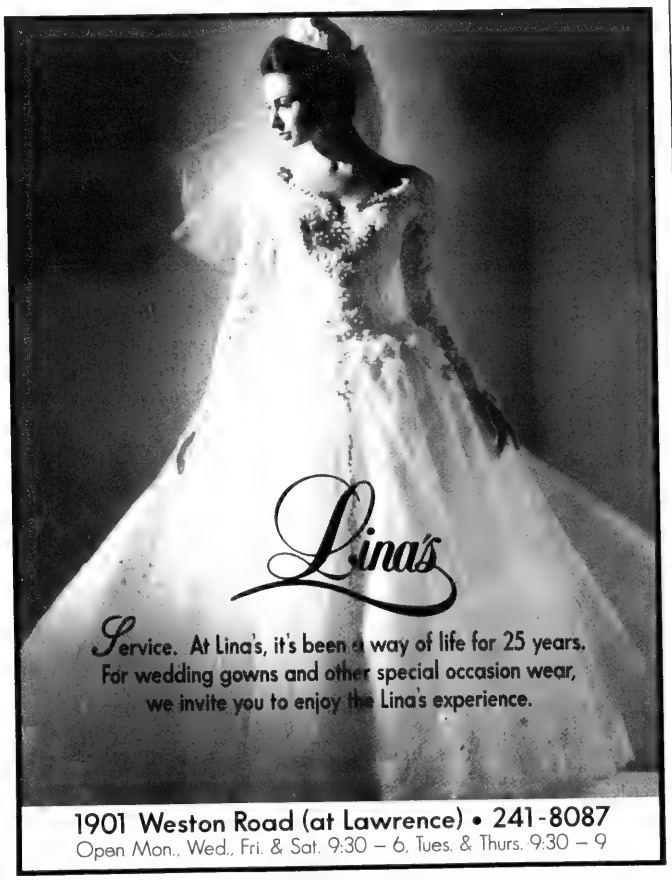
To meet that need, Lina's carries designer gowns from such traditional centres as New York and Italy as well as Texas, Las Vegas, Montreal and our own Toronto. Wedding gowns and virtually all associated accessories carry designer names like *Eve of Milady, Sposabelia* and *Scaasi*; there are mother-of-the-bride gowns from Italy and a quality mix of conservative and avant garde cocktail gowns and dresses bearing designer, private and exclusive labels. Consultants will also design gowns and accessories — even a pair of gloves! — from a picture brought in by a client.

For variety's sake, Lina's is adding more accessories, like gift boxes and invitation books. This gives the bride the opportunity to match complementary items on the spot.

Lina's has been in business for 25 years, 20 of them at the current location. As we go to press, some bargain hunters are taking advantage of their annual bridal gown sale on Sept. 10 at the Jupiter Ball Room of the Constellation Hotel.

Lina's will participate in the bridal shows held in September and January at the Convention Centre, and in February at the Automotive Building.

Lina's Boutique is located at 1901 Weston Road, at Lawrence, on the north-east corner; phone **(416) 241-8087.**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Ital Florist makes festive addition to Hazelton Lanes

The word "flowers" conjures up images of glorious colour. Yet sadly, colour is the one ingredient often lacking from some of today's "minimalist" floral showrooms.

At Ital Florist in Hazelton Lanes, however, your encounter with colour will be close and of the first kind. In the grand tradition of old-fashioned flower shops, Ital is crammed with wall-to-wall arrangements, showering the Lanes with a rainbow of colour from its vantage point in the west wing of the lower concourse.

Manager Evelyn Paris (whose father Eligio founded the business 20 years ago and still runs the original store in Etobicoke, with his son Italo and daughter Ester) promises clients three things for their wedding and other special occasion needs: Service, Service, and more Service. "We'll not only visit the site on your wedding day to see you through, we'll even go there a few months in advance to make sure the arrangements are perfect," she says. If the ceremony and the reception are being held at different sites, she or Italo will be happy to transport your flowers from the synagogue to the reception site at no additional charge. Consultations are extensive and complimentary.

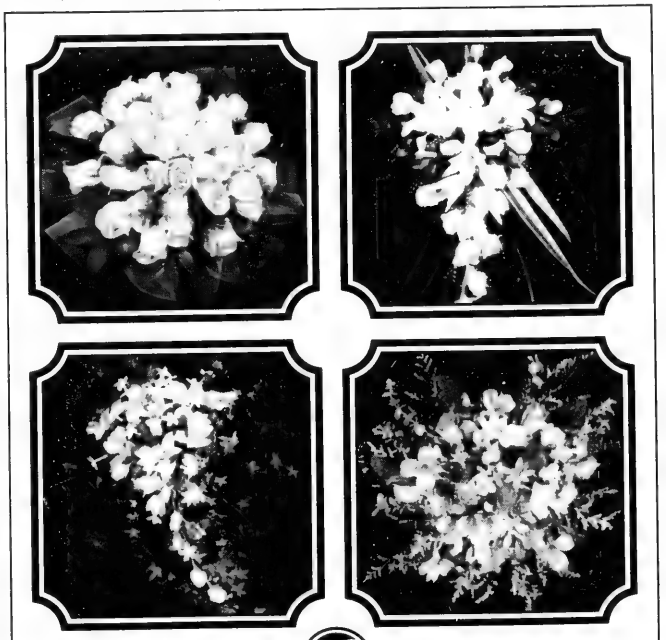
Despite the Hazelton Lanes location and the quality and style you'd expect with it, Evelyn affirms that Ital's prices are "highly competitive; in fact, no one in the city can offer more for the price."

Ital's arrangements run the gamut from traditional to elaborate, and are designed to suit your taste while keeping pace with the latest floral trends. According to Paris, roses are in, as are summer flowers, Queen Anne's lace, Casablanca lillies, fillers, lots of ivy and other greenery for a cascading effect. Such highlights are particularly popular for decorating chuppahs, of which Ital offers a variety, from the very simple (sometimes without any flowers at all) to the intricately wreathed and layered.

"The exotic look is out, the soft, natural look is in," says Evelyn. In keeping with today's environmentally-friendly philosophy, many people want a romantic look that blends seamlessly with the site as opposed to making an overpowering statement. "You want your guests to remember the flowers in the context of the ceremony or reception, not as a sideshow," says Evelyn. Selection is critical in achieving this effect, and that's where Ital's expertise comes into play. And having a multitude of real flowers on hand – as opposed to just photographs – makes the selection process easier.

Paris jokes that she'd "love to sneak out in the middle of the night and decorate the entire Hazelton Lanes" with beautiful flowers, but "management might have a word or two to say about that."

Then again, after seeing her work, maybe they wouldn't mind at all.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Clients choose Regal for all the right reasons

Whether for your wedding or any other function, choosing a Kosher caterer can be as simple as dialing a number. Once you start weighing the pros and cons of caterer A versus caterer B, however, choosing the right one can become a decision of epic proportions.

Then there's Regal.

Under the management of principals Joe Elmaleh, C.A., Rabbi A.J. Eisenberger, and Irwin Diamond, Regal has emerged as a compelling alternative to other caterers, by offering clients a host of "pros", in both senses of the word.

First, Regal offers a huge menu, ranging from traditional to contemporary, from Far Eastern through Middle Eastern to Continental; they cover almost every corner of the culinary globe. More important, their European chefs have the professional expertise to deliver an authentic dining experience in each category.

"Selection is only meaningful when you have the talent in the kitchen to carry it off," says catering manager Joanne Katz. "When we offer our clients a range of choices, we do so with the conviction that each menu will be customized to the needs and wants of each client. Each choice is distinctive."

Among Regal's delicacies are *Chicken Venezia*, a fully deboned half chicken marinated and grilled to perfection, complemented by steamed garlic vegetables and mini roasted potatoes. Or try the *Rib Eye Steak*, delicious with button mushrooms in Bordelaise sauce, accompanied by stir fried vegetables and rice or potato. The *Fresh Rainbow Trout* is always popular, broiled with fresh salsa, accompanied by stir fried vegetables and mini red potatoes.

Pastas galore

There are many pastas, enjoyable as a starter – such as *Fussili Primavera*, a 3-color spiral pasta salad tossed with fresh vegetables, garlic and extra virgin olive oil. Pasta dishes may also serve as health-conscious alternative entrées. Any entrée can be complemented with Regal house salad, and either *Bruschetta allia*, *Napolitana* or tasty garlic bread.

To end the meal, desserts run the gamut from a simple sorbet to a full mouth-watering sweet table with mousses, assorted cakes, *petits fours*, and mirrors of beautifully presented fresh fruit.

Regal is also committed to keeping Kosher food available to everyone at reasonable prices.

As with the food, so with the service. "Quality," says Joanne, "is achieved through attention to detail, and to the wishes and needs of the individual client."

Judging by the numbers of weddings, engagement parties, showers, and bar or bat mitzvahs they're booking with Regal, the clients must agree. The catering office is always delightfully busy, a humming, bustling beehive of activity.

Drawing on her years of experience in Kosher catering, Joanne dispenses both professional knowledge and a bubbly, high-energy enthusiasm. She is not shy about enumerating the merits of partying "chez Regal". This extroverted approach has endeared Joanne to clients and employers alike.

You can't argue with success. Already, after just 1 1/2 years, Joanne can take pride in the fact that her approach has brought many new clients to Regal, and increased repeat and referral business. She feels that her clients have become her friends.

Regal offers one significant plus which other caterers don't: a permanent Glatt Kosher restaurant, King Solomon's Table, on the same premises as the dining facilities. With its own permanent Kosher kitchen located at the Montecassino Place Hotel, at 3710 Chesswood Drive in Downsview, just north of Sheppard between Keele and Dufferin, Regal offers Kosher customers the opportunity to dine there throughout the simcha period. If you're in from out of town, this is very convenient.

Glatt kosher restaurant on site

If you loved a dish and would like to enjoy it again, you can. The fare at King Solomon's Table runs the same eclectic gamut as the catering menus, allowing you to recreate the pleasure of the experience as often as you want. Regal Kosher Caterers also supplies the Wok 'N Deli, at 441 Clarke Avenue West in Thornhill.

Because both restaurants are also available for smaller functions, many clients take advantage of them for events like business luncheons or intimate dinner parties. If, on the other hand, it's in-home catering that you need, you will be given the care and attention your event deserves. No party is too small.

Joanne states that it is "a privilege and a pleasure" to work with her clients, and will take every step to ensure that your wedding, engagement party, shower or other affair is a success. To book your special occasion, call Joanne Katz at **(416) 630-0303**.

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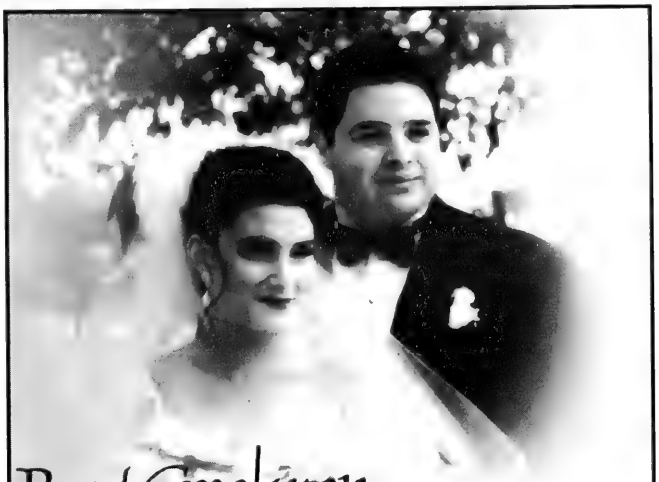

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As the New Year arrives, Les Firestone reflects on the great affairs of the past year. "Value for the dollar will always be in style," he says. "If we put smiles on our customers' faces, we've done our job. The proof that our approach works is in the many letters of thanks we get after the job is done." Also, he gets great satisfaction from the number of customers who come back for their next simcha.

Innovative menus make each party exciting and unique, for the caterer as well as the customers. The selection ranges from traditional meat dishes to vegetarian, and the Firestones keep pace with trends like the growing preference for lighter foods. They offer more vegetarian dishes than ever before, and more original ways of preparing chicken and fish. Everything is cooked to order.

Menus can be customized to suit individual tastes and budgets, with price options ranging from modest to lavish. Some clients don't even look at the set menu, and have everything customized. "We never forget the kids," Les adds. "Today, their tastes are often quite sophisticated."

The team relies on a low-key, no-nonsense approach; the customer wants to see the fine points looked after, right down to the color of the decorations. Because a great chef is indispensable, executive chef Jimmy Lyras and his team are always available to assist the customer.

Sam and Les combine the experience of skilled veterans with the energetic enthusiasm of youth. While Sam is active as a consultant, Les, as catering manager, does the hands-on work, from the initial interview until the affair ends. Les is always the last one to go home. "It's all part of the job," he smiles. "We give extra, but we don't charge extra – and that philosophy applies to our time as well as the food."

Firestone is Glatt Kosher, under strict supervision of the Kashruth Council, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (C.O.R.). There is a full-time mashgiach on the premises.

Firestone caters all occasions: weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs, engagement parties, receptions and sports banquets.

The best dates go fast, though, so call now to book your wedding or other special event. Sam Firestone Caterers is in Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, at 470 Glencairn Ave.; ask for Les Firestone at **782-8022** or **221-6329** (fax **789-1728**).

Stavros craftsmanship prized by discerning men the world over

What do comedian Jerry Lewis and King Constantine of Greece have in common? They both have ordered custom-made suits from Stavros Master Tailor and Shirtmaker. Located in the heart of Yorkville, the store at 95 Cumberland St. re-opened recently after extensive renovations designed to further enhance its appeal as **the** custom tailoring destination of choice.

Owner Stavros Theodoro-Poulos, who trained as a master tailor in his native Greece, has been making suits for influential executives and celebrities for more than 40 years. Stavros, as he prefers to be called, said his clients come from as far away as England and San Francisco because they want the quality and craftsmanship he offers.

It takes 32 hours to make one of his suits, 90% of which is hand-sewn. The cloth is hand-picked by Stavros from the finest mills in England and Italy.

Stavros says the fit of made-to-measure suits, cut from individualized paper patterns, is far superior to factory-made ones. A made-to-measure suit fits like a glove and is tapered at the waist, hips and chest to follow an individual's body shape. "The end result is far more flattering" than a loose or ill-fitting factory-made jacket, says Stavros.

The outer cloth of a Stavros suit is hand-cut and stitched onto a canvas foundation in the shoulders and the front torso which holds the shape of the suit. "The foundation of the suit is like the foundation of a house. Without the canvas, the suit bags and sags."

According to Stavros, the detailing on his suits cannot be replicated by machines: each button hole is sewn by hand, the breast pockets are angled so that the pattern of the material can be matched vertically and horizontally, and the cuffs are all surgeons' cuffs — the buttons actually open and close, unlike those on the cuffs of off-the-rack jackets, which are merely decorative.

But the hand-made tailored suit may go the route of the dodo bird. Stavros said he is concerned custom tailoring is a dying craft: most European-trained master tailors are in their 50s and 60s and there's no one in the following generation to replace these artisans.

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The festivities begin at 6 p.m. with a one-hour cocktail reception featuring complimentary piano player, open bar and hot and cold hors d'oeuvres. This is followed by an elegant four-course dinner with imported wine, and sparkling wine afterwards for toasts. There is a four-hour host bar after dinner, and coffee and tea service at midnight.

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Rates start at $155 for a single or double room, with special rates during the slow season. When they arrive on their wedding night, the bride and groom receive a complimentary suite and chilled champagne. Before setting out next morning on their honeymoon, they are served a continental breakfast (sliced fruit, Danish pastry, croissants and coffee).

If you wish, Hotel Inter-Continental Toronto will be pleased to organize every aspect of your wedding within the domain of the hotel, from flowers to entertainment. The catering manager will attend to every detail to ensure all goes smoothly. This level of service is in keeping with Hotel Inter-Continental's profile: it's a "boutique hotel" for individual business travellers, families, intimates and small groups (and possibly a celebrity or two in search of privacy and quiet).

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Taps' Bath Boutique has everything and then some

Everyone advertises selection, but at Taps they really mean it. Try over 100 — count 'em! — different towel bars, from the most basic ceramic models to the most extravagant gold-plated masterpiece. They have literally hundreds of shower curtains priced from $24 to over $200, in solids, patterns, and stripes, many with unusual weaves and finishes — if there's an art gallery for shower curtains, this is it.

One of the hottest items, reports manager Sally McKay-LePage, is a heated towel bar that "toasts" your towels on those cold fall/winter mornings when you really don't feel like getting out of a warm bath or shower (we trust you'll have a few of those). "It's a novel gift idea that's both whimsical and practical," says Sally. "It makes the wake-up call a lot easier." You can choose from a variety of models, from the most basic to a computer-controlled deluxe model with a timer.

Need some towels to toast? Taps has the Rhapsody Royale line, 100% Egyptian combed cotton, in 18 fashion colours. If your tastes run to the exotic, there are exquisite designer towels with intricate tassels and weaves made in Paris by Yves Delorme.

Taps carries the finest brand names in the business to ensure quality and satisfaction: shower hardware by Spirella, mirrored medicine cabinets by Manhattan, wall-mounted accessories by Inda, Aqua Brass, Baldwin and Jado; cosmetic bags by Maggie B.; toiletries for men and women by Caswell-Massey; and more.

Even the seemingly mundane items like towel stands (in a variety of colours and finishes), toilet paper dispensers (dozens to choose from) and toilet bowl brushes (in 16 vibrant decorator colours) become a home fashion event at Taps. "What makes our selection so unique is that most of these items are generally overlooked when people are shopping for gifts," says Sally. With this in mind, Taps created a Bridal Registry in June; you can arrange an appointment with Sally at (416) 785-0224.

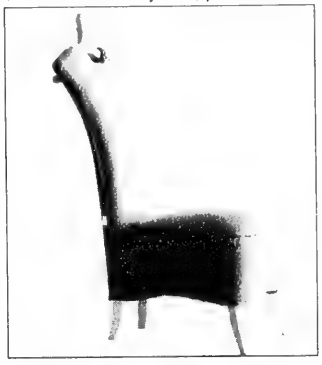
Taps also carries a large variety of bathroom safety bars, which make a thoughtful anniversary or birthday present for anyone who is physically challenged due to age or infirmity.

When you shop for bath accessories at Taps, you have the advantage not only of a knowledgeable staff, but also of having some 16 model bathrooms on the premises in which to view items before you decide which ones to buy.

Palazzetti beautifies newleyweds' homes with unique, practical items

If there's a home in your future and you're looking for a gift of lasting value, Palazzetti (located in the TAPS building at 1020 Lawrence Avenue West) is brimming with unusual pieces that will add panache to any living environment.

The lady of the house will enjoy the *Ancella* chair (pictured below), which also doubles as a jacket, pant and coat hanger, and stores socks, belts or scarves under the seat. In a monumental design feat, Mauro Lovi has integrated all of these functions into an extremely compelling package with beautiful flowing lines that would do justice to any living room.



Palazzetti's pieces not only look good, they're easy to live with, says owner Fabia Sadoch. "We're seeing a trend away from the extreme designs of a few years ago that sacrificed comfort," she says. "Today people want a sofa or chair that's both stylish and easy to sit on."

Items marrying diverse elements such as wood and stone, wood and metal, and glass with both of the above are in demand now, says Sadoch. Palazzetti has a variety of unique night tables and coffee tables of this type.

Accent pieces abound, from designer lamps to French coatracks to the much-in-demand *Fornasetti plates*, two of which are pictured below. The collection is the work of Italian artist Piero Fornasetti, now deceased, whose legacy lives on through the eyes of the mysterious woman that graces each of his plates.

One of the factors that has spurred Palazzetti's sales, according to Sadoch, is customers' growing awareness that they sometimes have to grab items they like when they see them, since none are mass-produced and cannot always be re-ordered promptly. As clients become more attuned to their own tastes, they tend to trust their instincts more readily, she says.

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Adele Wechsler's secret: making every detail count

Simple, clean lines are clearly making a comeback in bridal circles, reappearing in wedding gowns after decades of dormancy. In Adele Wechsler's case, however, no "comeback" was necessary, such attributes having remained firmly in her repertoire (and evident in her work) throughout her career.

While containing less fabric and usually less layering than the traditional wedding gown, this type of dress can be even more difficult to construct, says Wechsler. "When you reduce a gown to the basics — to the geometry of the female form, the drape of the fabric over the body – there's far less margin for error, and no frills to hide behind," she says. "A poor fit is immediately apparent. There may be less detail, but there's as much *meaningful* detail – sometimes more."

In the latter regard, Wechsler's couturier skills have stood her in good stead. The consummate craftswoman, she draws not only on her formal fashion training, but on an extensive design career which began in custom knits. The unusual juxtapositions of fabrics and textures which characterized her early work have resurfaced in her bridal and special occasion wear, and are her signature. Intricacy without overkill permeates her collections; even pieces that tend towards the whimsical are always eminently wearable. Silk peau-de-soie, silk ribbon lace, and guipure lace are strategically applied in just the right quantities to make the garment come alive.

Women looking for a gown with a distinctive personality – off the mainstream, but not overstated – actively seek Wechsler out for their wedding and other special occasion needs. "The secret is not in the amount of detail," says Wechsler, "but in making every detail count."

Deblins Linens offers brides boutique quality at warehouse prices

The Chitiz family of **Deblins Linens**, with 47 years in the linen trade, have the knowledge and experience that enable them to offer what president Ellis Chitiz calls "boutique quality at warehouse prices".

Deblins is a family business with a dedicated staff who maintain a level of service that keeps regular customers coming back. Deblins also draws many referrals, including hard-to-convince customers who comparison shop before they decide.

When the Chitiz family created their warehouse Superstore at 39 Orfus Rd. in 1994, they wanted to offer their customers the four things which had enabled their business to grow over the years: quality of merchandise, selection, low prices, and service.

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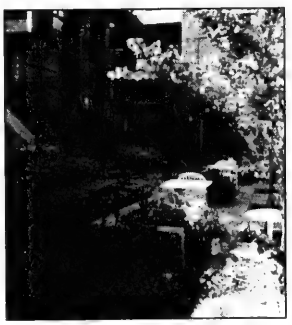

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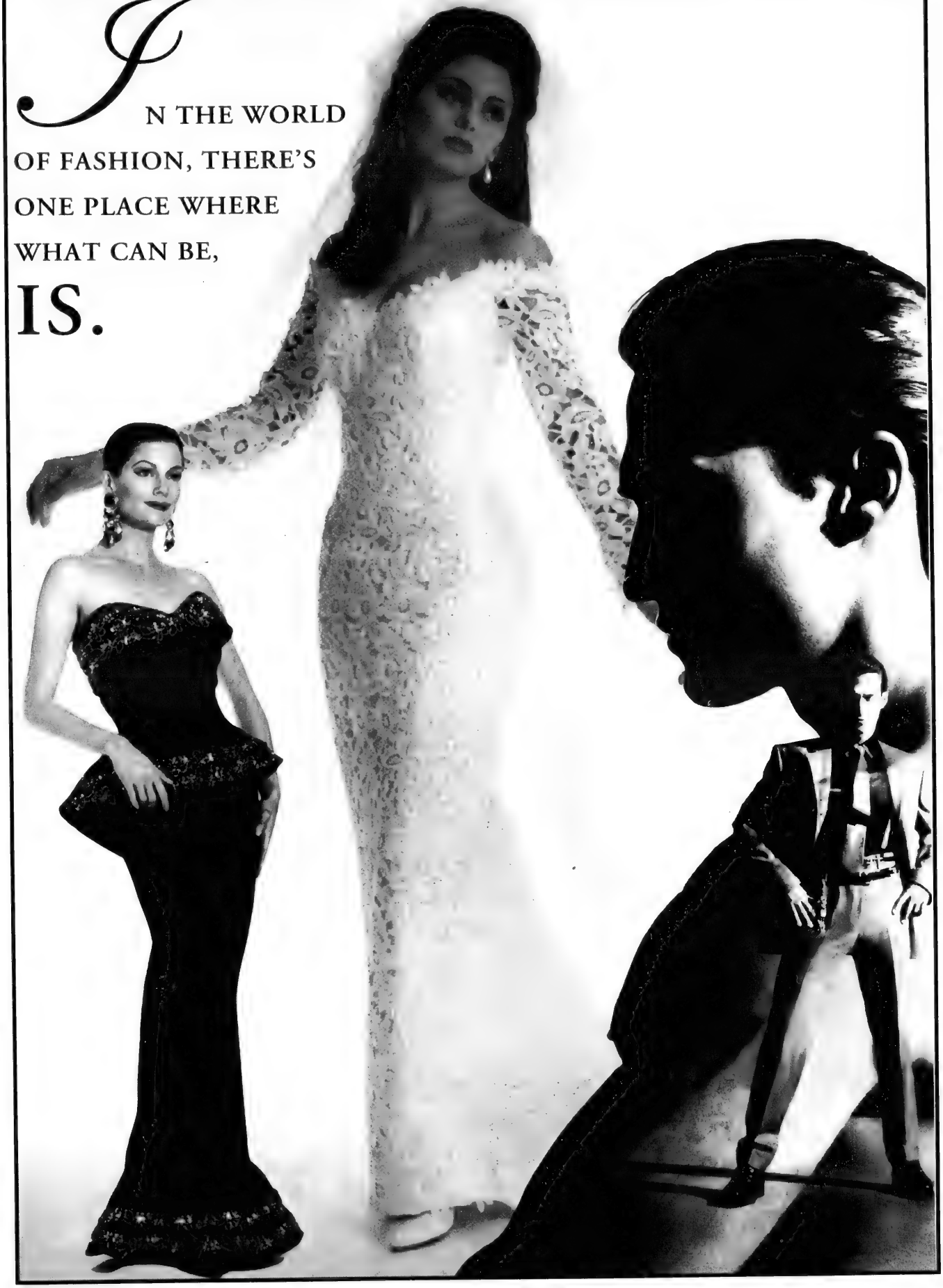


Welcome to

Having flirted for years with Hazelton Lanes from his neighbouring perch at 33 Avenue Road, Alan Cherry now anchors it with a trio of world-class stores – and he's loving every minute of it. If Hazelton Lanes is Toronto's answer to Fifth Avenue, then it's only fitting that Alan should emerge as its heart and soul.

With his foot firmly planted on the accelerator of life, this nimble sexagenarean has not merely reversed the aging process, he's turned it upside down and shaken it for all it's worth — which in the case of Alan Cherry (his pre-eminent ladies fashion store), Alan Cherry Bridal, Lox Stock and Bagel, and now, Alan Cherry for Men — is considerable coin.

At a time when far younger men are contemplating the downside of their careers, Cherry is busily forging ahead in search of new fashion horizons. Neat to a fault, impeccably groomed, he's the kind of person who cares if his socks are creased. Hardly the sort of preoccupation you'd expect from a kid who grew up over a store in Toronto's tough east end and fought his way up through the hockey ranks to the point where, as a Toronto Marlboro, he was considered a prospect for the Maple Leafs before injury cut short his career. As former teammate and lifelong friend Billy Harris notes in his book *The Golden Years*, he's "considerably better dressed now" than he was then.

Obsessed with fashion

But not that much better. From "as early as age five", notes Cherry, he was obsessed with fashion. "I can remember my mother dressing me in knickers, which all the kids wore in those days. I was so embarrassed that I would sneak out to the garage, take them off and put on a pair of long pants. When I came home, before going into the house I'd slip into the garage and change back into my knickers." No fool, his mother quickly caught on, but was apparently impressed enough by his fashion resourcefulness to turn a blind eye.

But how was he able to reconcile his penchant for fancy dressing with the values of the rough-and-tumble crowd he ran with? "I wasn't," he smiles. Those who initiated the inevitable physical challenges (being Jewish and different made Cherry an inviting target) quickly learned that the feisty fashion maven's fistic expertise matched his sartorial savvy, and a reputation was born. Cherry witnessed a curious turnaround: neighbourhood kids who'd ridiculed him as a "Fancy Dan" would discreetly pull him aside to seek some fashion advice. Then, as today, he was more than happy to oblige.

"He was different from the word go," says an early coach. "He always marched to his own drummer." The beat goes on: though usually sporting a suit, he's been spotted in a gem-studded jacket that would be the envy of Michael Jackson. "Fashion is an expression of individuality," says Cherry. "Although we've chosen the business suit as our work uniform, there's no law that says we have to wear it twenty-four hours a day."

Christian Dior, exclusive to Alan Cherry Bridal: making dreams come true

World-renowned for his furs, Alan Cherry offers exclusive designs under his own label

The stores, like the man who builds them, are immaculate: nary an imperfection in sight. A notorious "neat freak," Cherry overlooks nothing. A tiny scratch on a window pane? Alan wants it sanded smooth. A fleck of paint missing? Alan wants it recovered. Now, today. His obsession with perfection carries over to the squash court, where he has ranked among Canada' top five seniors players for two decades and won an Olympic bronze medal for Canada in the Masters Olympics held recently in Denmark. (Father Harold was an Olympic cyclist). Alan's competitiveness is legendary; more than one disgruntled opponent has suggested that he should be reclassified in the younger age pool "where he belongs. No one over sixty can be that quick." Young or old, no opponent considers Cherry easy pickings.

Scooping Creeds

His competitiveness in the retail arena has won him many friends, and a few enemies. His penchant for outrageously brilliant promotions has endeared him to shoppers, but not to some merchants who've witnessed the osmosis of shopping dollars from their till to his.

A few memorable incidents spring to mind. Some years ago, when Holt Renfrew opened their doors on Bloor Street, neighbouring Creeds, perhaps edgy at the prospect of competition, suggested that they had they carriage trade and named Alan Cherry as one of the retailers who didn't. Without blinking an eye, Cherry rounded up a fleet of horse-drawn carriages bearing the message "We may not have the carriage trade, but we have *carriages* to escort you to Alan Cherry for cappucino and *biscotti*." Cherry's wagon train hit the road, "just happening" to roll up to the front door of Creeds. Before Creeds knew what had hit them, Cherry's equine army had diverted a large portion of their prospective clientele to 711 Yonge Street for the promised capuccino and *biscotti* – and the odd fur coat. Needless to say, Creeds was not amused.

Then there's the time Cherry decided to "clone" himself ("way before people were even talking about cloning", he interjects) by having lifelike Alan Cherry busts sculpted and placed in his store windows, so he could be there to "personally" greet shoppers. "In squash, I'm all over the court," he says, "so I figured, why not be all over the store too?" Startled shoppers did double takes at the likeness: was it real or was Cherry-all? Only their favourite haberdasher knew for sure.

Noting that women always stopped to admire cats in rustic shop windows, Alan quickly developed a pet project: why not have a cat visit the store every Saturday (shabbos calls?!). Problem: no cozy little window for the cat to curl up in — just big sprawling picture windows. Solution? Get a *big* cat — say, a 1,400-pound Bengal tiger. ("A little overkill never hurts)," twinkles Cherry.

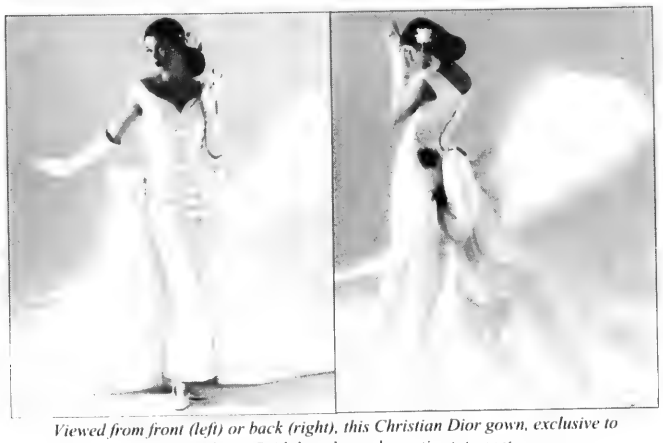
Voice belies image

For all Cherry's flamboyance, he's a soft-spoken man who rarely raises his voice. "I don't believe in shouting," he says. "I think I'm sensitive to others' feelings, and you can't communicate with people by steamrollering them." His dulcet tones, delivered in an almost Bing-Crosby like croon, coupled with an impish grin and outrageous sense of humour, give him a boyish charm that belies his sixty years.

Remembering the lessons of

Special occasion shoppers make a beeline for Alan Cherry

Alan Cherry



Viewed from front (left) or back (right), this Christian Dior gown, exclusive to Alan Cherry Bridal, makes a dramatic statement

teamwork from his Marlie days, Cherry has surrounded himself with a coterie of loyal associates whom he considers family. John Speziale, General Manager of his flagship men's and ladies' store and now General Manager of the 33 Avenue Road store, has been with Cherry for over 20 years. "We're growing young together," says Alan. Maria Arrigo, Vice-President of Alan Cherry Bridal, is new to the Cherry tree but boasts the extensive fashion background that is *de rigueur* for Cherry associates. "I don't hire salespeople; I *work with people* — people who love fashion," says Alan. "If you know what you do, and you love what you do, your knowledge and enthusiasm will rub off on the customer."

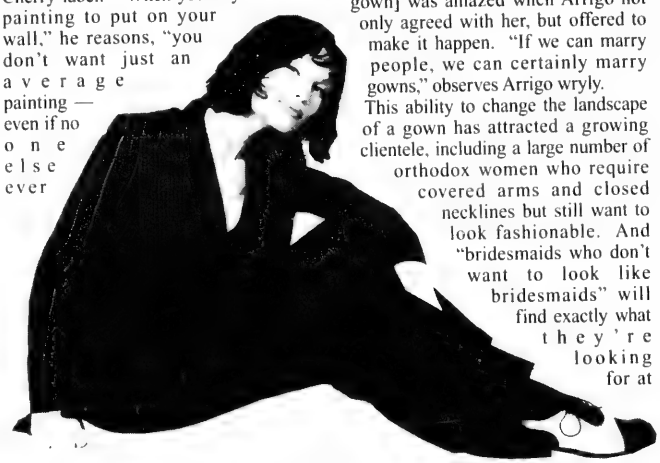
Usually it does. And once you've decided to buy from Alan Cherry, you're treated to a level of service that has become legendary. In the unlikely event you don't find what you need in his shop, Alan will order it for you in almost any size and colour, including the hard-to-find larger sizes, and have it custom-fitted on arrival – even direct from Europe.

Running the marathon

"I don't believe in "can't", he says. "Sometimes people think I'm too demanding, but I only demand of others what I ask of myself. Once a customer walks in your door, they are king or queen. Of all the hundreds of doors they could have walked into at that moment, they've chosen yours. That's significant. That's flattering." To reciprocate the flattery, service at Alan Cherry starts where other stores stop, he says. "Most stores are happy to go the extra mile for their customers; here we run the marathon."

Also flattering is the fact that many of his contemporaries – even competitors – shop at Alan Cherry. Recently, a well-known dress designer who was far too busy preparing her own line to make something special for herself breezed into Alan Cherry and whisked out minutes later with exactly what she wanted. Veteran shoppers who routinely make the rounds of Toronto's finer boutiques have found this to be the rule rather than the exception. Indeed, the notion that "Alan will have it" has become so ingrained in the consciousness of fashion lovers that Alan Cherry is their *de facto* destination for any kind of special occasion wear.

Another reason shoppers make a beeline for Cherry's shop is the knowledge that an Alan Cherry garment is distinctively different from any other on the market. Watching trends like a hawk, Cherry culls ideas and fabrics from the world over, retools them, embellishes them, and submits them to his European design team with a mandate to produce "an original garment that makes a statement." Many a sample is rejected before it's considered worthy to bear the Alan Cherry label. "When you buy a painting to put on your wall," he reasons, "you don't want just an average painting — even if no one else ever sees it. So why would you dress yourself in an average *garment* when the rest of the world is watching?"



It's easy to look casually stunning when you shop at Alan Cherry

One big *famiglia*

At Alan Cherry Bridal, Vice-President Arrigo has reinforced the Cherry credo that co-workers be *famiglia* by teaming up with designers Nancy DiCroce (whom she lured away from a high-ranking position at an esteemed Italian fashion house) and consultant Sabrina Corrado to offer customers warm personal service in addition to considerable expertise. So close are the trio that they see themselves as a modern version of "Little Women" — though they clearly have an edge over the Louisa May Alcott threesome in the accoutrement department.

In addition to carrying famous designer labels like Jim Hjelm, Carmela Soutera, and Helen Morley (the latter exclusive to Alan Cherry in Canada and "extremely hot", according to Arrigo), Cherry has quietly sewn up the exclusive Canadian rights to the bridal collections of Christian Dior and Guy Laroche.

Arrigo and DiCroce travel regularly to Paris to ferret out the hottest new designs for their ready-to-wear clients, and the finest fabrics for those who prefer custom work. Laces in particular are a Cherry specialty, and Arrigo makes a point of seeking out the most intricate fabrications for incorporation into original designs and for adding finishing touches to ready-to-wear.

Customers who come to Alan Cherry Bridal for fittings and consultations are treated to couturier service in the grand European tradition. Veteran seamstresses are on the floor at all times to work with the bride, pinning, nipping and tucking until the fit is absolutely perfect. Arrigo will even structurally redesign a dress to a client's taste if needed. A customer who remarked wistfully that "If only it [the gown with the bodice she wanted] had that neckline [the neckline of another gown] was amazed when Arrigo not only agreed with her, but offered to make it happen. "If we can marry people, we can certainly marry gowns," observes Arrigo wryly.

This ability to change the landscape of a gown has attracted a growing clientele, including a large number of orthodox women who require covered arms and closed necklines but still want to look fashionable. And "bridesmaids who don't want to look like bridesmaids" will find exactly what they're looking for at Alan Cherry, says Arrigo. Originality and innovation reign supreme, she says: "Why be a step ahead when you can be a hop, skip and a jump ahead?"

The bottom line for Alan Cherry brides is that they rarely have to suffer the embarrassment of seeing the same gown on another woman. Even the accessories are unique: you'll find a dazzling array of headpieces, veils, shoes, jewellery, and undergarments that will make any gown shine.

Everything to suit your taste: Alan Cherry carries "the largest selection of ladies' suits in Toronto" according to General Manager John Speziale

"You knew we'd be back"

So secure is Arrigo in her conviction that a bride can make her dreams come true at Alan Cherry that she actually encourages customers who are undecided to shop around. Almost invariably, she says, they return sheepishly a week later saying, "You knew we'd be back, didn't you"? Usually, they tell her, they found at least one wonderful dress in each of the other salons they visited, but at Alan Cherry "you have so many of them."

The environment, in the finest Cherry tradition, is as breathtaking as the gowns it ensconces. Italian marble floors merge strikingly with antique furniture, while mirrors with gilded, imported Venetian frames add to the palatial aura. The bride takes centre stage under a hand-painted, frescoed *cupola* mounted on Italian marble columns.

In Alan Cherry's original store at 33 Avenue Road, mothers-of-the-bride — and any woman searching for the perfect special occasion dress — are treated to equally compelling originality in both fashion and architecture. The store is divided into several charming enclaves. The upstairs portion of the store consists of four connected but distinct areas for suits, dresses, coats, and accessories. The downstairs houses the fur salon, where you'll find everything from the most exquisite Italian black glama mink coats to the most unusual sheared beaver coats and jackets. "Ninety percent" of the merchandise in the store bears the Alan Cherry label, says General manager John Speziale. "We take great pride in our label, and women take pride in wearing it. They

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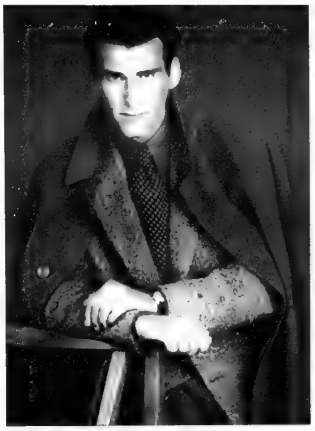

Allan "couldn't wait to get back into the men's wear business" to offer customers ensembles like this

know they're getting something they won't find anywhere else," he adds, since these garments are "designed expressly for Alan Cherry."

Always an innovator, Cherry introduced Hugo Boss and Giorgio Armani to Canada, and watched their merchandise fly off his shelves before other men's wear stores followed suit. Now, some three years after relocating to his ladies-only store at 33 Avenue Road, he's back in the men's wear business "because I missed it." It, apparently, missed him too. "I couldn't believe how many men called me or came up to me in the street and said, "Alan, we want you back. Men's wear is no fun any more," he grins. "There's a special kind of camaraderie that develops on the sales floor. I missed the excitement of having my personal taste reaffirmed, and I missed the kibbitzing."

Aiding and abetting Cherry in his men's wear venture is Santo De Rose, who brings to the table some twenty years' experience in men's retail and, according to Cherry, has "excellent taste and is easy to work with." De Rose offers the very latest men's fashions from Ferre, Lubiam, Marco Azzali and Zegna, among others, as well as the Alan Cherry private label. Made-to-measure suits "in the most luxurious fabrics" are available for the ordering, and the shop carries a large selection of tuxedos to complement the bridal salon next door. Since opening September 1, De Rose has been "run off my feet" by clients eager to celebrate the return of Alan Cherry to the men's wear arena.

"No restauranteur, but ..."

Last but not least, the unprecedented success of Lox, Stock and Bagel in Hazelton Lanes underscores Cherry's uncanny knack for picking winners. Undaunted by a string of failures experienced by other restaurants in the very same location, Cherry cheerfully signed a long-term lease, and within days of opening, had his New York style deli humming to rave reviews and lineups that have not abated since. Though Cherry readily admits that "I'm no restauranteur," he saw a niche for casual, healthy dining and, encouraged by the success of his original Lox Stock location on Eglinton, moved quickly to fill the void. "There was a need for a restaurant where people could relax and be themselves, bring their children, that wasn't being fulfilled in Hazelton Lanes at the time," he says. Lox Stock has now taken over the outdoor patio in centre court, and has become a favourite spot for relaxing and meeting friends for a meal or a drink.

Another factor in Lox Stock's success is Hazelton Lanes' policy of offering customers two hours' free parking with a $10 purchase. Many shoppers are delighted to discharge their parking obligations by stocking up on Alan's baked goodies, like the seven-grain

Cherry relaxing with feline friend

bread he consumes daily and the coffee cake and *rugelach* (eleven varieties) he loves but avoids "as much as possible" in order to stay in fighting trim on the squash court. "If I ate all the goodies on my menu, my opponents would eat me for breakfast," he says.

That other Cherry

Speaking of sports, Cherry smiles when asked if he's ever had any communication with the "other" Cherry, Don, of Boston Bruins and Hockey Night in Canada fame. "He called me last year. He said, "Cherry, I want a raccoon coat wholesale. I'm related to you."

Though this fashion/food visionary usually presses the right buttons, he's not always right. "Fifteen years ago, [NHL player agent] Gus Badali came to me and said he had a hot young prospect that could promote my store if I gave him a few of my suits," Cherry relates. "I told him I was interested, but when I saw the kid, he was so skinny and scrawny that I just didn't think he fitted the image of my store."

The kid's name? Wayne Gretzky. Cherry recently encountered The Great One on a visit to Centro, and Gretzky was quick to remind Cherry of his boo-boo.

Though he's built up a thick skin in the retail and athletic wars, Cherry admits to a vulnerable side that few people see. "What really hurts," he says, is the notion espoused by some that he's merely a cocky promoter with a green thumb. "I've worked hard all my life," he says. "I eat, sleep and breathe this business [of fashion]. I'm a slave to it as much as any man is to his job." The wacky promotions that have rubbed some competitors the wrong way "especially back then, not so much today" were merely his way of advertising, he contends. "While they were complaining about my methods, they were spending just as much if not more on mainstream advertising. I never told anyone else how to run their business, what to promote or what not to promote," he continues. "You do your thing, I'll do my thing, and if we meet at Lox Stock, it's beautiful."

Less known than Cherry's business acumen is the fact that he's formally trained in fashion and design, having studied at Gallasos Institute and the Ontario College of Art, and has considerable input not only into the designs of his private label garments, but also into the architecture of the stores that house them. "Clothing, like architecture, tells a story," he says. "Whether it's the room you walk into or the outfit you wear, it says something. My stores and my outfits aren't neutral, because I'm not neutral. I have something to say."

The fashion *cognoscenti* are all ears. Having written his share of chapters in an extraordinary family clothing saga that now spans seven decades, Cherry is comfortable in the knowledge that when his customers need a special dress or suit, they also have something to say.

"Alan will have it."

Helen Morley, exclusively for Alan Cherry Bridal. Morley's work is also featured on the cover of this section.

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Canoe is vintage Oliver and Bonacini in room with a view

A ground-level perspective of Bay and Wellington Streets reveals little but concrete and glass, but a quick jaunt up the TD Tower to Peter Oliver and Michael Bonacini's new **Canoe** opens up new vistas for the eyes and the palate.

Celebrating our Canadian heritage and landscape in both theme and menu, this eclectically-decorated 54th floor dining room resembles a canoe in its long streamlined shape and in the elliptically shaped benches which flank some 300 feet of window space, affording Toronto's most spectacular view to date. Though Oliver insists that "the view is secondary," you simply have to see it. High enough to reveal the whole broad sweep of Lake Ontario, yet low enough to allow you to almost reach out and touch the Toronto Harbour, Island and Airport, it reminds one of the cliff scene overlooking the Saguenay River in *Black Robe*, where real Indians paddled.

Canoe shrugs off uniformity in a variety of table shapes and surfaces, some clothed, some not. Floors and ceilings marry diverse elements and textures of wood and stone to echo, in a modern setting, the diversity of the Canadian shield. Pale pine ceiling panels coexist happily with oak floor panels in a raised portion of the dining room, while polished concrete flooring reflects exposed ceiling ducts in the larger area that runs along the windows. It's a striking mélange that could only be the work of Yabu Pushelberg — and is.

The menu reiterates that we need look no further afield than our own shores to find world-class cuisine. The word "authentic", so overworked on the restaurant scene, really rings true here: Canoe doesn't just talk Canadian, it *cooks* Canadian. Underscoring this are excerpts from the Special Occasion Menu: halibut is steamed over northern pine needles; Alberta red beef, hay roasted; quail, home smoked and served on wild rice and blueberry risotto with natural pan juices. Even the desserts, such as maple syrup and navy rum rice pudding, breathe Canada from every pore.

Well prior to its official Sept. 21 opening, Canoe has already booked several bar mitzvahs, weddings, and corporate functions. Favourable advance publicity has helped, as has the Oliver/Bonacini reputation. In an era when cuisine often plays second fiddle to "concept", the Oliver/Bonacini formula works because it starts with a commitment to good food. And the prices are eminently reasonable: Special Function menus range from $39 per person for a three-course meal that anyone would be proud to serve to $78 per person for a seven-course bonanza.

Kosher catering can be arranged on request for those who wish it.

Canoe is open to the public Monday to Friday, with Saturday and Sunday reserved for functions. You can reserve the entire restaurant, which seats 180, or the private dining room and lounge, which seats 50 for a sit-down dinner or 75 for a standup cocktail reception.

Fine food and ambience are the cornerstones of any restaurant, and it's refreshing to find one that accomplishes both with Canoe-like dexterity.

Mina takes down-to-earth approach to Haute Couture

Brides who don't know what they want are dreaded at some salons, but at Mina Haute Couture they're welcomed with open arms.

"With so many gowns out there to choose from, says designer Mina Pizzitelli, "you can't reasonably expect everyone to know exactly what they want at first blush." In her cozy salon at 1898 Avenue Road, Pizzitelli uses her considerable expertise as a fashion designer to assist brides in determining which styles are most suitable. Pizzitelli prefers to offer the bride something that captures her personality as opposed to shoehorning her into a gown that may look wonderful in a magazine but considerably less compelling when subjected to a real-world test.

Making liberal use of imported silk peau-de-soie, silk dupioni and guipure lace as well as hand embroidering, beadwork and pleating, Pizzitelli is known for creating highly detailed wedding and other special occasion gowns that have considerable drama without excessive fabric and frills. People are still talking about the show-stopping fuschia-and-black evening gown she created for a major fashion show some ten years ago! Fortified by a decade of experience, she's acquired a reputation for being an innovative designer who takes her work very seriously without taking *herself* too seriously. Customers find her easy to work with and always willing to listen to their suggestions.

For those who prefer ready-to-wear, Pizzitelli has some 40 styles in her showroom to choose from, and though she works mainly by appointment, customers are always free to drop in unannounced. A custom gown at Mina's starts with a true canvas fitting and proceeds through three or more additional fittings as needed. Prices for her original designs start at $1000, including fabrics.

More than her design expertise, Mina prides herself on being approachable and willing to work within a client's budget. "Many customers have told me that working with me was a good experience, as opposed to the bad experiences they'd had elsewhere," she says. "Knowing someone feels comfortable dealing with me is as important as knowing that they look great in their gown."

Suits are a Pizzitelli forté, and many clients rely on her for their bar/bat mitzvah and other special occasion needs. Mother-of-the bride outfits are also a specialty. Her loyal clientele has followed her from her original Markham Street location to her second location at Bayview and Eglinton, and now to 1898 Avenue Road, where she looks forward to serving them for many years to come.

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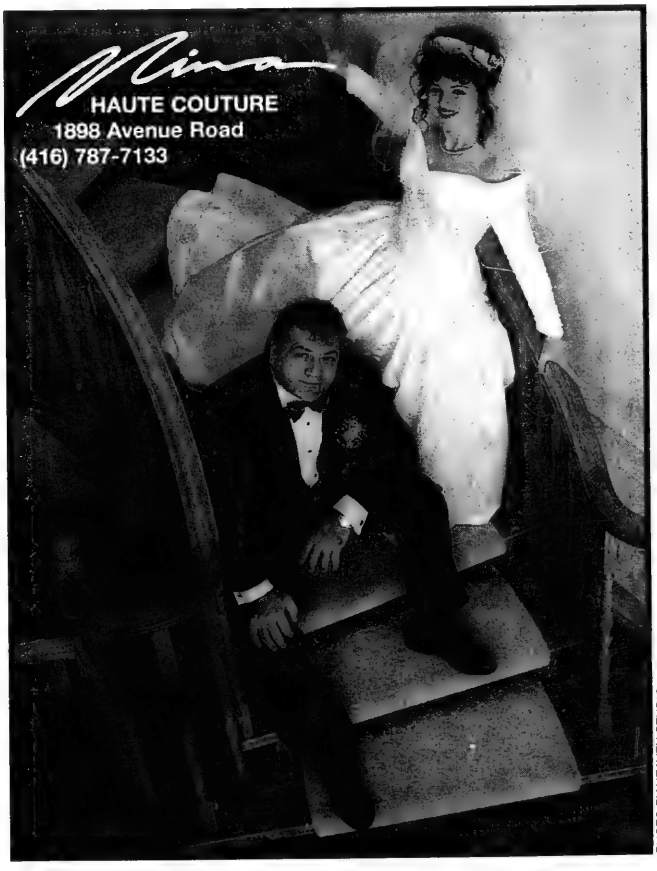

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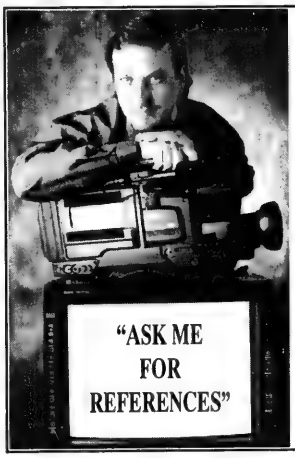

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In her native Moscow, Gordi was a structural engineer by day and a fashion designer by night. When she decided to devote herself entirely to fashion, her engineering skills were put to good use in the often complex garments she painstakingly designed.

The results of her labours can be viewed in her new showroom at 341 Eglinton Avenue West, which she recently opened after three years at Village on the Grange.

Restoring old gowns

Gordi is a restoration specialist, meaning she can take older garments and rework, recolour, reshape, and even totally redesign them into a brand new garment that retains all of the positive features of the old and none of the negative. Many clients react with disbelief when they see the "after" version of a "before" dress, suit or skirt they were about to discard when they heard about Gordi's ability to make silk purses out of sow's ears. According to Gordi, no job is too challenging for her to undertake.

"I take on the repair jobs other shops turn down," she exclaims. For example, most repair shops can take an oversized garment and reduce it to fit, but Gordi is one of the very few restoration artists — perhaps the only one — who will take an undersized garment and take it *up* a size or two (gowns often shrink during storage) by adding fabric so skillfully that you'll never know it's been altered. She uses the finest Italian and Belgian pure cotton silks and best quality dyes, so the quality and integrity of the finished product matches or exceeds that of the original. Her work is characterized by the intricate use of antique lace, subtle colouring, and impeccable finishing.

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Repair and restoration is only half of what Gordi does. She designs original suits and gowns, and boasts a stunning ready-to-wear collection that is sold not only in her own showroom but also in Italy. Some items featuring the interplay of various fabrics are actually fashioned from discarded bolts and ends of lots; she traces her ability to "make ends meet" all the way back to her days as an eight-year-old Muscovite, when she first put needle to thread and made patchwork creations from whatever meagre fabrics came to hand.

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Roksolana's flair for fabrics means many compelling choices

In her quaint salon at 2250A Bloor Street West, Roksolana has solidified her reputation as one of Toronto's most resourceful bridal designers by offering clients an unusually wide range of fabric choices for their wedding and special occasion needs.

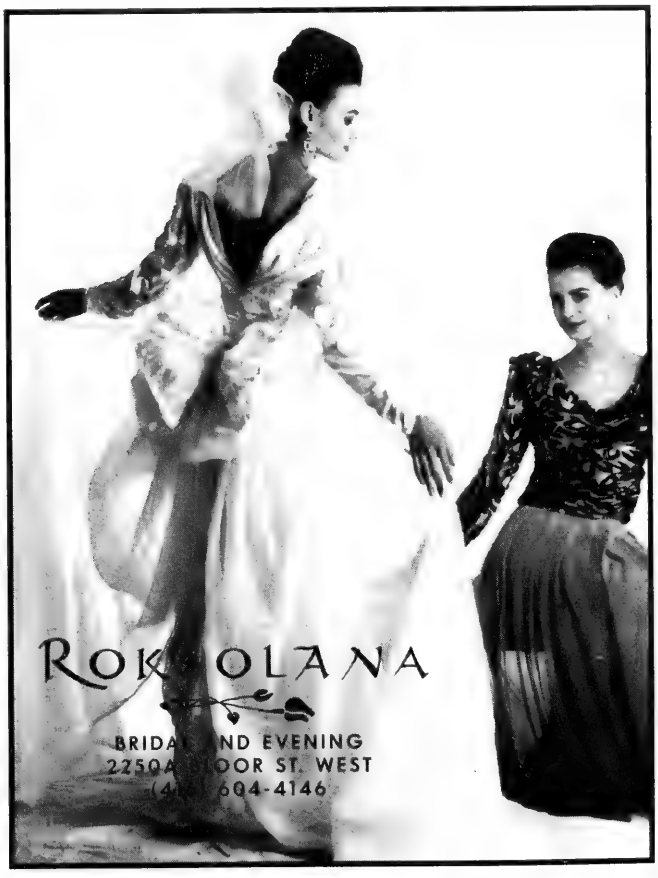
It was, in fact, Roksolana's fascination with fabric that attracted her to couture in the first place. During and following her formal fashion training at Ryerson, she busied herself with studying every aspect of fabrics: their origins, their textures, colourings, durability, how they interplay with one another.

The examples of her work illustrated here attest to her ability to bring out the best in fabrics. Above, Italian (Como) silk/wool blend jacket with Italian silk satin full-legged, high-waisted pant. Opposite, tailored Italian peau de soie jacket with shawl collar and pure Italian silk satin floral print organza skirt. Below left, pure French silk pané velvet dress with draped collar and detachable silk organza train. Below right, pure French silk pané velvet bodice with silk chiffon skirt.

Further enhancing Roksolana's appeal is her policy of hand-cutting all patterns and her willingness to schedule several fittings in order to ensure a perfect fit. Because of her versatility, it's impossible to pigeonhole her style; it might best be described as customized, tailored fitting with a European flair.

Despite her lofty styling and lavish attention to detail, Roksolana's prices for couture creations are extremely approachable: wedding gowns start at $900, cocktail and other special occasion dresses and suits at $500. This includes all fabrics and labour, and Roksolana spares no pains to ensure your experience is pleasant, from the initial consultation through the final fitting.

With so many points on the plus side of her résumé, it's not surprising that the services of this enterprising designer are increasingly in demand for bridal and evening wear.



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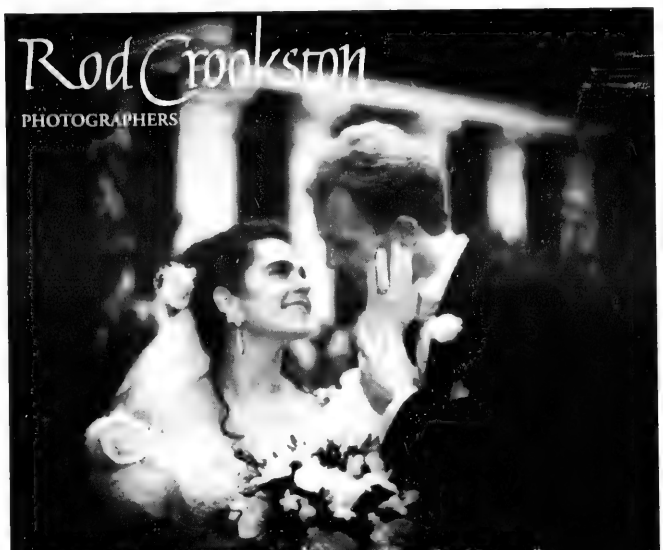

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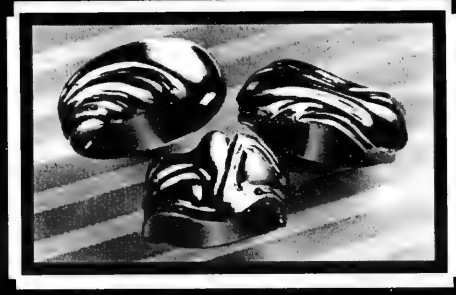

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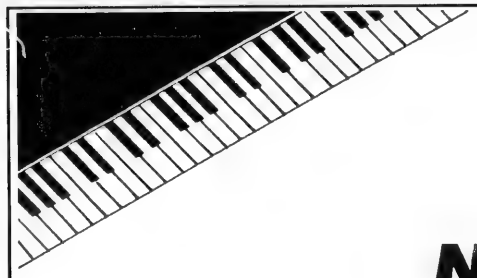

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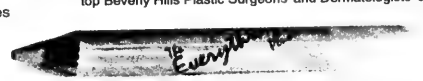

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With the incredible support of his mother and sister, he managed to return to the stage in 1993, to win the 2-time International Championship in Dallas.

Marc Anthony with his commitment to the industry and his burning desire to make beauty a reality for everyone, continued to introduce another emporium in 1994 located in Woodbridge.

Detail was not a luxury but a necessity for Marc Anthony. The variables to make beauty a reality were great. During 1992, Marc Anthony, well aware of the impact of hair products, began his quest to work side-by-side with a chemist. Listening to the ongoing concerns of his customers for hair care, Marc Anthony was determined to develop a hair care system which would meet the needs of the people. With the assistance of his team, testing, and reformulating, the Marc Anthony Professional Hair Care System was released in 1993.

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The integrity of the Marc Anthony philosophy has continued to flourish with the latest addition to the emporiums on Avenue Road in June 1995. Fully equipped for complete spa, and hair services, this latest addition to the Marc Anthony facilities, provides an ambiance yet seen in the Toronto area. With the extraordinary spa on Avenue Rd., Marc Anthony complimented this gala opening with the introduction of Marc Anthony Cosmetics.

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Recently, Thomas spent 2 1/2 months creating a spectacular one-of-a-kind "Swan Gown" which will be featured in September on the cover of Sposa Magazine. He also designed an eclectic group of garments for the Toronto Women in Film and Television Festival which was held September 10.

Thomas' bridal gowns can have a contemporary or traditional look; many are seasonally inspired. He uses the best fabrics (peau de soie or Duppioni silk) imported from around the world and often uses clusters of pearls combined with plenty of rosettes and embroidery in plush colours. Off-white is a popular colour for bridal gowns. Accessories, veils and headpieces can also be custom made.

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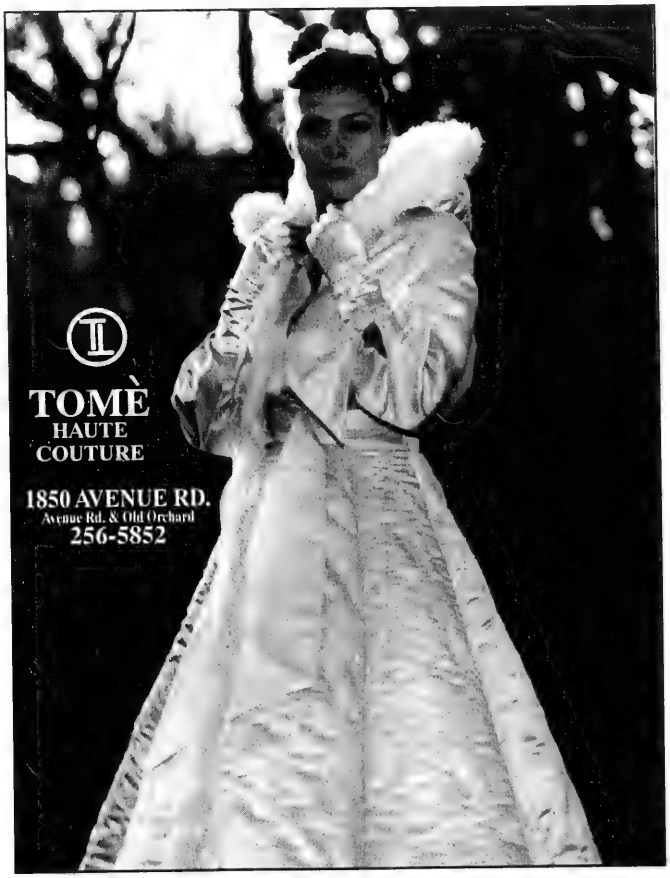

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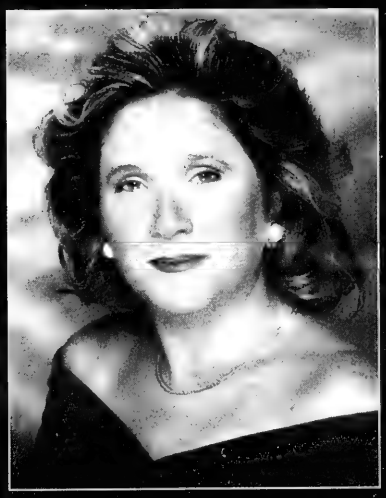

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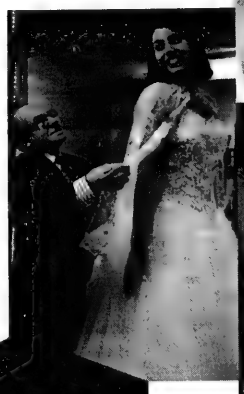

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"My most brilliant achievement was my ability to persuade my wife to marry me"
— *Winston Churchill*

Weddings are the stuff that dreams are made of. Having seen many "castles in the sky" become reality in his sixteen years in the bridal business, Sam Pollari thought it might be a good idea to *build* one. Unable to secure a building permit for air space, however, he decided to build his castle on Steeles instead. (Don't we all?)

Sam and his wife Rachelle, also a veteran of the bridal business, spent long hours transforming a large but unassuming retail space into a castle-like environment complete with mini-moat, turrets and a picture window from which to view their "kingdom." Their goal was to create an old-world atmosphere replete with romance, which the Pollaris believe is still the essence of the bridal spirit. (If an Italian man and a French woman don't know about love and romance, who does?)

This theme is stressed in Amandalina's promotional literature as well. Each page of their fall bridal brochure features a romantic gown accompanied by a charming epithet about the virtues of love. Some of these little gems are reprinted here.

While acknowledging the current trend towards simpler, more sophisticated gowns, Sam says "the romantic look is not dead by any means. Love and romance are still the number one reasons for getting married, last time I heard."

To cater to the full spectrum of bridal tastes, Amandalina's (named after the Pollari's second child) carries a fabulous selection of gowns in their 1,500 square foot mezzanine-level showroom, accessed via a semi-spiral staircase. They also have all the accessories you'll need to go with the gown: shoes, veils, headpieces, gloves, and jewellery. On the main floor, even larger at 2,800 square feet, you'll find a tasteful collection of suits and cocktail dresses for the mother-of-the bride.

"A successful marriage requires falling in love many times, always with the same person" — *Mignon McLaughlin*

"Love is friendship set on fire" — *Jeremy Tayloy*

In keeping with the castle theme, the Pollaris wanted to make Amandalina's a welcoming place where brides could come and shop in a relaxed atmosphere. To that end, they decided against working by appointment only. "We're happy to arrange appointments with anyone who wants one, but compulsary appointments sometimes create pressure," says Sam. "Many of our customers drop in at their leisure to see what we've got, then book an appointment when they're ready. We don't want to put our wedding gowns on a pedestal; we want our customers to be able to reach out and touch them."

To further facilitate your visit, Amandalina's has a separate children's play room complete with large-screen TV and plenty of toys to keep the little tykes occupied while you shop.

Rachelle, a fashion design graduate of Sheridan college, brings to the business several years of high-level experience in both the bridal and the cosmetic industries, giving her a broad overview of a bride's needs. Brides also enjoy working with her because of her easygoing attitude. "We prefer to convey a feeling of comfort rather than an aura of exclusivity," says Rachelle. "We carry the top designer lines, as do many other stores. But very few other stores can offer you such a large selection to examine at your leisure."

Amandalina's carries some of the top names in bridal and evening wear. Prices range from $300 to $2000 for cocktail dresses and from $700 to $4000 for wedding gowns. They're happy to custom fit your gown, and will also custom design a dress for you if that is your preference.

Since opening in June, Amandalina's has been extremely gratified with the response to their "open concept." "People always make better decisions when they're relaxed," says Sam. "There's enough pressure associated with the wedding process without the vendor adding to it."

Located at 4040 Steeles Avenue West, in what has come to be known as "The Bridal Mall" (virtually all tenants are bridal-related), Amandalina's is a ten-minute drive from north Toronto, twenty to thirty minutes from downtown. Parking is ample and free, and at Amandalina's, love is definitely in the air.

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A TIMELESS MARCH **Shai Spetgang**

"Let us now relate the power of this day's holiness, for it is awesome and frightening. You are the one who judges, proves, knows, and bears witness...who remembers all that was forgotten... and a great shofar will be sounded but a still, small voice will be heard..."
(Rosh Hashanah Machzor)

'The still small voice'

Editorial

It must have been both pitiful and awe-inspiring: the tearful, heart-rending sight of Rabbi Amnon of Mainz, bleeding, dying from his barbaric wounds, breathing his last breath and crying forth in front of the entire congregation on Rosh Hashanah, the words of the prayer *U'netaneh tokef*. Legend says that Rabbi Amnon appeared three days later in a dream to Kalonymous ben Meshullam, taught him the prayer and pleaded with him to ensure its use by the generations to come. Rabbi Kalonymous obliged the suffering soul.

The prayer is an emotional cry from the heart. Along with the wail and the sigh of the shofar's sounds, it forms the stirring centrepiece of the Rosh Hashanah service. In simple, melancholy poetry, it expresses the uncertainty and the vulnerability of the human condition and acknowledges God's ultimate authority over all forms of life.

Alas, the prayer was also destined to serve as a form of rallying call, a source of strength and even of inspiration for the Jewish people who, shortly after Rabbi Amnon's death, would suffer terrible cruelties at the hands of marauding Crusader armies.

The verses excerpted elsewhere on this page are from Rabbi Amnon's prayer. We have chosen them to punctuate the accompanying photograph, which photographer Shai Spetgang described as "the reflection of a row of Israeli flags leading the Canadian contingent of the March of the Living in 1994 from Auschwitz to Birkenau." Spetgang has entitled his photo A Timeless March. How profoundly fitting.

The photo deftly captures in the briefest instant of light and movement, the strength, the determination and the resilience of the Jewish people – a people whose very existence is indeed a timeless march through human history.

Shimmering through the reflected light in the panes of the window, the Stars of David are borne aloft on the shoulders of the grandchildren of those who were able to walk or be carried alive away from that decaying mortar and ugly brick. The shining, waving flags between the mortar and the brick are the embodiment of a people, the symbol of return, "the still, small voice" which, through the thunder and the cloud of uncertain events, has always emerged onto the stage of its destiny.

As we celebrate the arrival of a new year, and contemplate the thunder and cloud of uncertain events swirling around the household of Israel disturbing the unity of our people, may we be guided and inspired by the words of Rabbi Abraham Isaac Hacohen Kook, of blessed memory, to move forward together on our timeless march through human history, striving constantly for its betterment.

"Hearken, my people.
From the very depths of my soul
I speak to you.

From the core of life where lies the tie
That binds us one to the other,
With devotion, deep and profound,
I declare unto you

That you, each one of you,
All of you, the whole of you,
Your very souls, your generations,
... are the essence of my life."

Shanah tovah.

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Look for our special 64-page Rosh Hashanah supplement.

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CANADA

Bosnians Coming

VANCOUVER — At least one Jewish family will be heading to British Columbia as Canada opens its doors to an additional 500 refugees from war-torn Bosnia, the *Western Jewish Bulletin* reported recently.

According to Vancouver's Jewish Family Service Agency, one — possibly two — Jewish families from Bosnia will be relocated in Victoria, the paper added.

New Police Unit

VANCOUVER — This city's police department has set up a "community diversity relations section," which will examine how ethnocultural communities are policed.

Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region, welcomed the unit's creation and has offered its help in dealing with hate crimes.

Axworthy Honored

WINNIPEG — Lloyd Axworthy, minister of Human Resources Development and minister of Western Economic Development, will receive B'nai Brith Canada's 1995 Award of Merit at a dinner here Nov. 23.

Axworthy will be honored for his "outstanding commitment and contribution [to] the fields of education and Canadian politics," a statement from B'nai Brith says.

Peace Symposium

WINNIPEG — The local office of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University will sponsor a symposium on Middle East peace Oct. 1.

Participants will include Eli Yerushalmi, Israel's acting ambassador to Canada; Palestinian representative Bakr Abdel Munem; and representatives from Egypt and Jordan.

In Memory of Leef

TORONTO — Grade 6 students at Associated Hebrew Schools will run in this year's Terry Fox Run on Sept. 22 in memory of Phyllis Leef, a teacher at Associated who died several years ago.

This is the fourth year Associated has teamed with the Cancer Society by taking part in the annual run.

ISRAEL

Gunmen Killed

JERUSALEM — Three Hezbollah gunmen were killed last week in clashes with Israel Defence Force troops in the southern Lebanon security zone.

The gunmen were on their way to carry out an attack against IDF and South Lebanon Army soldiers, *Yediot Achronot* reported.

IDF Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Shahak said recently that the stepped-up Hezbollah activity was a sign of desperation in the group's ranks.

Extremists Arrested

HEBRON — Avishai Raviv, head of the Eyal Jewish extremist group, was arrested here last Wednesday.

Eyal is a Kach splinter group that claimed responsibility for the recent murder of an Arab civilian in the town of Halhoul. Raviv, however, has denied responsibility for the murder.

Former Kach spokesperson Noam Federman was also arrested in Hebron, and was reportedly also questioned about the Halhoul murder.

However, a senior police source said Raviv's arrest is not connected with the Halhoul investigation.

Israel Radio quoted security sources as saying it is unlikely that either Eyal or another Jewish extremist group, the Sword of David, was responsible for the murder.

Appeal from Spy

JERUSALEM — An Israeli convicted of spying for the former Soviet Union has asked the Supreme Court to free him for health reasons.

Chief Justice Aharon Barak opened last week's hearing to the media for the first time, at the request of 76-year-old Marcus Klingberg.

Klingberg has served 13 years of an 18-year sentence.

His attorney asked that the remainder of his sentence be commuted due to failing health.

Israel is opposed to the early release, saying Klingberg could still reveal sensitive information.

WORLD

Bomb 'Factory' Explodes

GAZA CITY — A powerful explosion in an apartment here killed a known member of Izzadin Kassam, the armed wing of Hamas, last Wednesday.

Palestinian police found more than 10 kilograms of TNT and other explosives in the apartment, which was being used as a bomb factory.

They said the victim was probably planning an attack to coincide with the second anniversary of the Oslo accord.

An unidentified woman in the apartment with him was wounded.

Jews Protest Name

ROME — Despite protests from Jews and left-wing politicians, Rome's leftist mayor is determined to rename a street after a top official in Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini's government.

Mayor Francesco Rutelli has defended the move to name the street after former education minister Giuseppe Bottai, who signed laws ordering Jews out of Italy's schools, as a way for Italians to come to terms with their Fascist past.

The Italian Zionist Federation, the Evangelical Churches in Italy, Italian Jewish communities, and the Simon Wiesenthal Centre have denounced the idea.

But Rome's top rabbi, Elio Toaff, dismissed the controversy.

"Street names come and go with great ease, and I know Rutelli too well to think this represents a tendency towards fascism," the rabbi said.

Rosh Hashanah Photo Contest "Winners"

The response of our readers to the call for photos was very gratifying. *The CJN* wishes to thank everyone who entered the contest. We received many photos which were imaginative, creative, thoughtful and evocative. However, we could only select three of them as "winners".

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BB accuses Masse of 'racist intimidation'

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — A suggestion by Marcel Masse, president of the Conseil de la Langue Francaise, that there could be a backlash against non-francophones if they push the No forces to a narrow majority, triggered charges of racism and xenophobia from Jewish organizations last week.

B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights chair Allan Adel called on Premier Jacques Parizeau to fire Masse and termed his comments, "racist intimidation."

Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q) also said Parizeau should think about ousting Masse.

"That is certainly something to be considered," said CJC-Q director Jack Jedwab.

Masse, a former cabinet minister under Brian Mulroney, was reported as saying that, "If a majority of francophones, at least, vote Yes it will be a big clash six or seven months after when they will realize for the first time since 1759, the majority of francophones have no control over their land. That will be a big shock."

In January, Parizeau fired Pierre Bourgault, an advisor, for warning of potential violent recriminations if most francophones vote Yes but the No forces win anyway.

Last week in the National Assembly, Parizeau wrote off protests over Masse's comments by Liberal MNA Liza Frulla as an attempt to divert the issue by creating impressions of intolerance where none exist.

Frulla had also criticized comments by former Parti Quebecois finance minister Yves Duhaine, who reportedly accused federal cabinet minister Lucienne Robillard of not having what it takes to "save the race."

In a strongly-worded statement by B'nai Brith, Adel said Masse's remarks "cast an intolerant shadow across all francophone Quebecers ...

"Any suspicion of racism must not be allowed to intrude upon what is described by Parizeau as a democratic exercise."

Jedwab characterized Masse's remarks as a "clearly unacceptable expression of intolerance," and called on Parizeau to "proceed with disciplinary measures.

Marcel Masse

"It is unfortunate that expressions of xenophobia are emerging at this early a point in the campaign, and they have to be dealt with forthrightly."

He said the Jewish, Greek, and Italian constitutional coalition would be meeting to decide on a common strategy to deal with future similar incidences "as they may arise."

Late last week, apparently responding to the controversy, Confederation of National Trade Unions (CNTU) president Gerald Larose defended Quebec as a tolerant society, pointing to its treatment of the Jewish community as proof.

Larose told 200 CNTU delegates at a meeting, "There are fewer racist acts in Quebec than in Ontario. There is less anti-Semitism in Quebec than in Ontario ... "

Louise Beaudoin, Masse's superior and minister responsible for the French language, said Masse was simply stating a fact. "I don't feel it was aggressive or intolerant."

CJC blasts feds on Nazi case

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Spokespersons for Canadian Jewish Congress have employed their strongest language yet in criticizing federal authorities for the way they are handling cases involving alleged Nazi war criminals.

This time, Congress' ire was aimed at federal authorities for failing to ensure that alleged war criminal Konrad Kalejs remained in jail pending a deportation hearing.

"This was total incompetence on the part of the government, a disgraceful performance," said Irving Abella, former Congress president and the organization's chief spokesperson on war crimes.

"It is a betrayal of the commitment made to us by the Canadian government that Nazi war criminals would not be allowed into Canada," he said.

"[Kalejs] is making a mockery of the whole process," said Jack Silverstone, Congress' legal counsel. "He shouldn't have been allowed into the country."

The Congress officials were reacting to what they termed a "bungled" performance by an Immigration Department case presenting officer (CPO) at Kalejs's immigration hearing last week.

Bernie Farber, Congress' director of community relations who attended the hearing, said the CPO did not back up with written documentation his claim that Kalejs had skipped bail in the United States and forfeited $750,000. In fact, the CPO did not present any written documentation to support his case, Farber said.

Adding to Congress' chagrin was that Kalejs left Canada in June prior to a deportation hearing. At the time, Congress had urged federal authorities to keep him in custody pending the hearing.

"It's always the same story," Silverstone said. "I don't think Immigration supports the presence of war criminals in Canada but they should recognize these are extraordinary cases, not routine cases."

The fact that a CPO was allowed to handle the case and not a more senior Justice Department lawyer suggests that Immigration does not consider these cases anything but routine, Silverstone added.

Two weeks ago, Kalejs returned to Toronto and was stopped at the airport before being released. He returned on his own for an interview with Immigration authorities and was then detained in custody for the weekend pending the hearing, Immigration spokesperson Kevin Sack said.

Kalejs, 81, is alleged to have been an officer in the Arajs Kommando that collaborated with Nazi forces in wartime Latvia.

He was deported from the United States on April 8, 1994 after 10 years of legal battles. A U.S. Circuit Court judge found that Kalejs "was a key officer in a unit that ... killed tens of thousands of innocents."

The Immigration Department plans to oppose Kalejs' presence in Canada because there is evidence he was involved in war crimes and because he is not a genuine visitor, Sack said.

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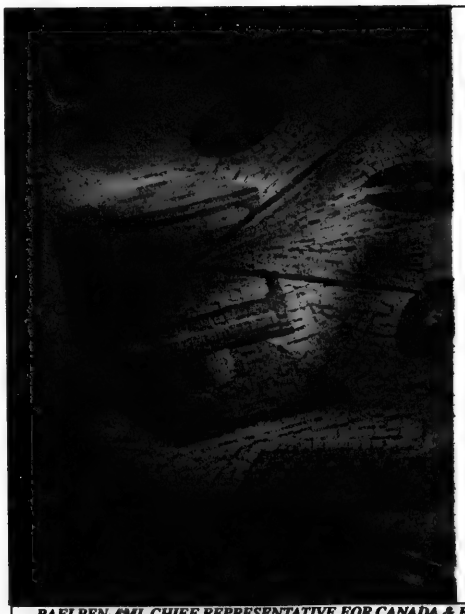
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The view from Washington:

Mideast peace attainable

CJN staff reporter Frances Kraft accompanied the United Jewish Appeal's third annual Washington Fly-In at the invitation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. The intensive day-long program included stops at the State Department and Capitol Hill as well as the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

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WASHINGTON, D.C. — Peace in the Middle East is achievable, according to a representative of the American State Department.

Aaron Miller, deputy to the coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process, was the first speaker to brief the 130-member group flown from Toronto to Washington last week.

The nature of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict has undergone an important shift, said Miller, who is Jewish and has worked for four secretaries of state. The conflict is no longer between the mainstreams of Arab and Israeli society, but between the extremes, he said.

"If the mainstreams can maintain control of these negotiations and not succumb to the pressure of [proponents of] violence and terror, there is a much higher probability of success."

The United States has played and will likely continue to play a "fundamental role" in the peace negotiations, including billions of dollars worth of assistance and shared information and technology, Miller noted.

But there are limitations. The government of Israel has made it very clear, said Miller, that it wants to be responsible for its own security. Miller backs that decision as "sound and right.

"There is no way any external party to this conflict can tell them what they need to do when it comes to making choices [affecting their] existence."

In response to a question about the U.S. government's willingness to deploy security troops along the Golan Heights, Miller said, "If negotiations [between Israel and Syria] warrant some measure of U.S. participation, then of course we would be willing."

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Shoshana Bryen, former executive director of Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs (JINSA), was less upbeat.

Despite Israel's peace treaties with Egypt and Jordan and its accord with the Palestinians, Bryen is not convinced that the Arabs have accepted the Jews as "a legitimate player" in the Middle East.

It's still illegal for most Jordanians to have business with Israelis, she cited as one example.

Although many Arab countries, among them Oman, Qatar, Tunisia and Morocco, are no longer overtly hostile to Israel, the assumption that their changed attitude will earn them American foreign aid is mistaken, she said. "We don't have the money. Foreign aid is in terrible shape."

In another briefing, New Jersey Senator Frank Lautenberg (one of nine Jewish U.S. senators) said that U.S. foreign aid has decreased from over $21 billion in 1981 to $12.3 billion this year, $3 billion of which is designated for Israel, $2 billion for Egypt.

Aaron Miller

Shoshana Bryen

Bryen stressed that people have an obligation to understand their government and noted that Canada's recent lifting of its arms embargo on Israel is not cause for happiness because it also applies to Syria.

Bryen pointed a finger at Germany, France and Switzerland for their roles in arms proliferation. Although the German government has implemented end user laws prohibiting the sale of weapons to countries like Iraq, German arms manufacturers have set up operations in nearby Switzerland, thus enabling them to bypass the German laws, she said. The French also sell nuclear equipment, Bryen said.

The Palestinian issue pales in comparison to the issue of weaponry proliferation, Bryen said. "Iraq is much more threatening than the Palestinians ever were." Now that Iraqui nuclear reactors are buried underground, they can't be targeted and destroyed as Israel did prior to the Gulf War, she noted.

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Fly-in participants were also briefed on the Rise of Right-Wing Militia Movements by Jess Hordes of the Anti-Defamation League and Bernie Farber of Canadian Jewish Congress (an organization funded by UJA dollars). A scheduled speaker from the Federal Bureau of Investigation was not there.

About 15,000 members of armed right-wing extremist movements are now operating in 40 U.S. states, said Hordes.

One of the higher profile groups is the white supremacist Aryan Nations who promote the belief "that Jews are children of Satan [and] that non-whites are essentially mud people who live an existence equivalent to that of animals."

The Liberty Lobby Group, "the largest most influential, wealthiest radical right-wing organization in the United States," is connected to the militia movement, Hordes said.

Hate material is purveyed via modern technology including the Internet and American cable television programs, Hordes explained.

Farber put a Canadian spin on Hordes' information, praising Canada's anti-hate laws under which it is a criminal offence to knowingly promote hatred against a definable group.

The militia movement doesn't affect Canada directly, said Farber, because militias are illegal in Canada. "We don't have the right to bear arms or to create private armies, but that doesn't mean it's not happening," he warned.

An article about other aspects of the Washington Fly-In will appear in next week's CJN.

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Jewish poor facing hard times

Community expected to help its own: Harnick

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — As a result of Ontario government cuts in social assistance, Toronto's Jewish community must spend another $750,000 to mantain the present level of services for its poorer members, Morris Zbar, director of planning and allocations for the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, said recently.

He asked Ontario Attorney General Charles Harnick, guest speaker at a Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario Region executive meeting, what the government could do to help out.

"I can't speak for the minister of Community and Social Services but I suspect that if in the administration of these services expenses can be saved, we will enable you to do it in a more efficient way," Harnick responded.

In the rest of his reply to Zbar's question, Harnick limited himself to a defence of the "learnfare" and "workfare" aspects of the welfare system, (the government is cutting welfare payments by 25 per cent) and its incentives for people to go back to work.

Earlier, in his main address, replying to an introductory note by chair Moshe Ronen that the Jewish community is worried about cuts to social assistance, and before Zbar's question, Harnick declared:

Charles Harnick (right) addresses a meeting of the executive of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region with Ontario chair Moshe Ronen (centre) and regional executive-director Manuel Prutschi looking on.

"This is a [Jewish] community that doesn't ask more from the government than the government can give. I know that the community will make up the difference. We don't want to discourage that."

Harnick said the government would make no cuts to senior citizens receiving social assistance or with disabilities.

The attorney general made only a brief reference to the issue of government funding for Jewish day schools. "I want to see in the next period some movement toward dealing with that issue," he said. "As attorney general, it is improper for me to discuss the case as it is before the courts."

Ed Morgan, the Congress' legal adviser on funding, said he expected the matter to be heard by the Supreme Court of Canada next March or April.

Ronen welcomed Harnick "as one of our own" and noted he is the first Jew to serve as attorney general in an Ontario cabinet.

A Danforth holiday

TORONTO — Rosh Hashanah and souvlaki. It's becoming an annual tradition on the Danforth.

Once again, the Greek community has come through for the fledgling Riverdale Community Shul. The congregation will be holding High Holy Day services in the Ellas Restaurant at 702 Pape Ave., just north of the Danforth. Last year, services were held at the Athenian Gardens.

"We're holding a traditional service in a non-traditional setting," shul founder Simcha Jacobvici told the CJN. "Last year we had such an overwhelming response there was not even standing room. People were out on the street.

"The Athenian Gardens offered again, but we needed a bigger space. So we approached Saul [Korman]. He knows everybody in the Greek community."

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Feds, provinces study broadening anti-hate law

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A review of Canada's hate laws is underway with the federal government, which may result in specific penalties for desecration of a religious site and membership in certain groups to be considered a criminal offence, Ontario Attorney General Charles Harnick said here recently.

The review will also examine whether the definition of a victimized group can be expanded to make prosecutions easier and whether hate material on the Internet should be prosecuted.

Speaking to last week's Canadian Jewish Congress Ontario region executive meeting, Harnick described the review as a "worthwhile initiative" in view "of the proliferation of hate crimes and incidents."

The review will also deal with the question of eliminating certain kinds of defence to hate charges, such as the defence of truth, the attorney general said.

"Your commitment to fighting hate is known to us," said CJC Ontario region chair Moshe Ronen in thanking Harnick.

Ed Morgan, the region's legal advisor, said Harnick had shown his concern with hate crimes while a member of the opposition "and I expect he will be more active than his predecessor."

In the past, police have not made many recommendations for prosecution under hate laws, "and I hope they will look at things with fresh eyes now," Morgan said.

He said Congress has met with the German consul several times because Germany is concerned about hate literature printed in Canada and distributed in Germany in violation of that country's laws.

Congress to discuss peace process disunity

TORONTO — Declaring that the Canadian Jewish Congress "must come to grips with some degree of disunity in the community," Ontario region chair Moshe Ronen announced that the next meeting of its executive Nov. 9 will be devoted entirely to the situation in Israel.

"Constituents of our own have different viewpoints and we have to deal with the question," said Ronen.

"There is no civil war going on, but it is a very emotional and a very philosophic argument."

He identified only two organizations with differing viewpoints — Yesha and Peace Now.

"Yesha is distributing a short video clip that is quite powerful and has raised certain questions of policy and community leadership. We have to deal with the questions."

Ronen said he thought the video should be shown to the executive but said he did not know whether Peace Now has a video to put forth its position.

"I'm expecting a wide ranging debate on the peace process," Ronen said.

He made the announcement at the end of a long executive meeting dealing with hate laws, cuts in social assistance to the Jewish community and the Quebec referendum, and there was no debate from the floor.

— B.R.

"We will win the referendum" - Jedwab

TORONTO — The Jewish community in Quebec is 96 per cent in favor of the province remaining in Canada. And among the French speaking members of the community, the figure is 92 per cent, the Ontario region executive of the Canadian Jewish Congress was told recently.

"We will win the referendum," pledged Jack Jedwab, Quebec region executive director, speaking to the Ontario region executive meeting last week. The referendum vote in Quebec is to be held Oct. 30.

"It looks like we've put an end to the menace of separation," Jedwab said.

He said he was asked recently by a senior member of the Parti Quebecois government what the Jewish community will do in the event of a Yes victory. "I told him I don't answer hypothetical questions."

Asked about the reaction of the Jewish community if there is a Yes result, Jedwab said: "I don't hear a lot of talk about exodus."

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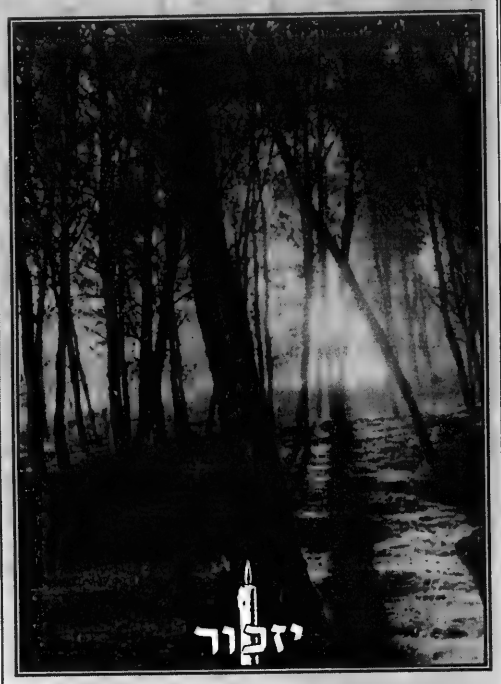

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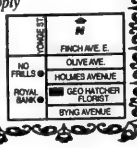

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Dr. Sheldon Hershkopf addresses a rally in front of the Israeli consulate in Toronto. The rally was called to oppose the Oslo accords and to mourn Israeli victims of terror. [Leila Speisman photo]

A militarily strong Israel called guardian of peace

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —The only possible peace there can be between Israel and its Arab neighbors is one in which Israel proves it has the capacity and the will to wage war and to win it, says an expert in military strategy.

Col. (res.) Yoash Tsiddon, a former Air Force officer and strategic planner, a former MK for the Tsomet party, and a hero of the struggle for Israeli independence, was speaking at Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue at a lecture sponsored by One Israel/Canadian Friends of Yesha and Canadian Friends of Ramat HaGolan.

Avigdor Kahalani, who was supposed to be the keynote speaker, was unable to attend for personal reasons.

This kind of peace, Tsiddon said, is similar to the Cold War between the United States and the former Soviet Union, where the enormous economic and political differences could allow only "a state of no war" kind of relationship.

This is one of the major reasons, he said, that Israel must maintain control of the Golan Heights.

Like the other Arab countries surrounding Israel, Syria is a totalitarian state, where political continuity is not guaranteed.

"Assad is the 13th leader of Syria. The first 11 were decapitated, the 12th is in jail. Assad is now 65 — pretty soon either God or man will determine what will happen to him."

Whatever agreements are reached with such leaders, Tsiddon suggested, are shaky.

Israel's ability "to wage war and win it" is dependent on three factors: firepower, mobility and terrain, he said.

"We have always been inferior in firepower, and we have good mobility provided the roads are not under observation."

We must, he said, retain the line of volcanic hills that control the Golan and thus control Israel.

Syria has many ballistic missiles, which, if fired into Israel will hit large military installations and urban areas, causing widespread disruption.

"The regular forces are expected to hold the line for 48 to 72 hours, until the reserves can be mobilized. But if the missiles attack, everything and everybody will be shifting around, and mobilization may take 120 to 150 hours.

"And the Air Force won't be there, because it will have been sent to hit those missiles, especially the defensive ones."

The presence of those missiles, then, "increases the need to put forces behind strong lines, with the best possible lines of sight."

For that reason, Tsiddon declared, "Israel must stay put."

He warned that there are already calls to revoke the Law of Return, to allow the return of Arab refugees and to change the anthem and the flag.

"I want to prevent what the Arabs want — the dismemberment of the Jewish state."

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• An agreement with the *Hebrew University of Jerusalem* for an exchange of students and faculty. Twenty-three York students will be studying at the Hebrew University in 1995-96.

• The *Canada-Israel Academic Exchange* brings to York and the community visiting Israeli scholars each year. In 1995-96 Professor Aryeh Ratner of Haifa University will be teaching in York's Department of Sociology.

• Joint projects with the *International Center for University Teaching of Jewish Civilization* under the auspices of the President of Israel and the *Jerusalem Center for Public Affairs.*

• A research program in Canadian Jewish Studies with *Concordia University* in Montreal, funded through an endowment grant from the Ministry of Multiculturalism and Citizenship. Projects for 1995-96 include: A Study of the Leisure Activities of Jewish Seniors; A Bibliography of Canadian Jewish Studies; and A Study of the Constitutions of Canadian-Jewish Organizations. The two universities are planning a national conference on Jewish Studies in Canada for the spring of 1996.

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• *Creating the Jewish Future* - a conference to be held at York in the fall of 1996 focusing on Jewish Continuity. Visiting scholars will include Mr. Hillel Halkin and Professsors Paula Hyman, Aviezer Ravitzky, Steven Cohen and Daniel Elazar. Also participating in the conference will be community professionals and volunteer leaders. It is sponsored by Mr. Bernie Ghert.

• *Sephardic Studies Lecture Series* - Four lectures open to the community to be held in the fall of 1995.

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Intimidation will fail

The contest for the country has been formally declared. And as the federalist forces appear to be gaining strength, some of the separatists' masks are starting to fall away, leaving us to see what we had hoped did not exist: a repugnant face of xenophobia and ethnic discrimination.

How else can we explain the remarks made last week by Marcel Masse, president of the Conseil de la Langue Française? As reported in The CJN, Mr. Masse suggested that there could be a backlash against non-francophones if their votes are instrumental in swinging the outcome of the referendum away from the separatists' cause. He even hinted at possible clashes, presumably between francophone and non-francophone Quebecers, if a majority Francophone separatist vote is thwarted by the rest of the province, "when they will realize for the first time since 1759, the majority of francophones have no control over their land."

Jewish leaders responded quickly and forcefully, condemning Mr. Masse and his questionable remarks. The remarks deserved to be condemned, for they were offensive and objectionable, hinting at the acceptability of a benign sort of ethnic-cleansing-by-referendum.

It is not enough that separatists are determined to drive Quebec out Canada. It seems that they are also determined to drive certain No-voting Quebecers out of Quebec. But the strategy will not work.

The intimidation will fail. It will serve only to strengthen the resolve of the non-francophone voter, also born in Quebec and bred in its unique rhythms and customs, also yearning for personal fulfillment and cultural security, also loving the province and no less part of its rich, centuries-old fabric than the company kept by Mr. Masse.

Poisoned airwaves

But Quebec City was not the only place last week where private bigotry was given public expression. In Toronto, a radio news broadcaster gave vent to shocking and crude anti-Semitism. The newscaster was Brian Henderson. The radio station was CHUM-AM, a station whose programming is aimed at baby boomers and their children.

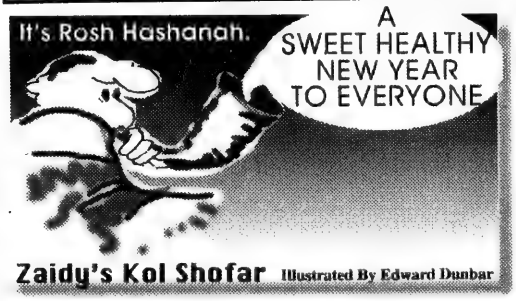
Henderson was commenting on the funding problems faced by Ontario's Legal Aid system. He diagnosed the "root cause of the crisis" to be "Jewish mothers," explaining it this way. "Jewish mothers are infamous for advising their offspring to become doctors or dentists or lawyers, or to marry a doctor or dentist or lawyer, and the result is we have too many of all three in this province, most especially lawyers."

In this case as well, community leaders responded quickly and forcefully. The Canadian Jewish Congress (Ontario region) demanded both an on-air apology and the broadcaster's dismissal. The president of the station did offer an apology, but it was weak and ineffectual.

Even as low-level street humor, the remarks were in very bad taste. But amazingly, Henderson apparently was not speaking tongue-in-cheek. He was purporting to offer a serious commentary on the news.

The offence in Henderson's remarks lies not only in the nature of their poison; it lies equally in the nature of his position. He was broadcasting to an audience of thousands, many of whom, sadly, may have swallowed the drivel whole.

Henderson's irresponsible, ignorant behavior is utterly unacceptable. Until CHUM-AM fully acknowledges it as such, there should be no letup in the pressure brought to bear against it.



Dry Bones

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BUT THE SECRET TRUTH OF JEWISH CONTINUITY IS THAT..
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Agrees with Yad Vashem decision

I am writing this letter in response to the article in *The CJN* (Montreal edition, August 31), entitled "Yad Vashem Rejects Survivor's Request to Honor SS Officer." I strongly agree with the decision rendered by Yad Vashem denying Willi Michael the status of Righteous Gentile.

I was in Bunzlau from mid-November 1943, on the death march to Dora B12 and from there to Belsen, which was liberated on April 15, 1945.

SS Hauptsturmfurer Willi Michael (Rittmeister in World War I) was a university graduate. He was a high ranking, management staff command officer of many concentration camps during World War II. Despite his advanced age, he volunteered for the German army and was on the Russian front. During that period, he asked to be transferred to the SS Totenkopf Vachverbonde der Konzentrations Lager. He was not a simple guard. In the east, he had managed mass deportations of civilians and war prisoners to German to keep the concentration camps at full capacity, while more waited in locked box cars to be let out.

Later on in early spring 1944, as the defeated Germany shrank, he transferred back into Germany near his home in Gorlitz Lower Silesia, to manage concentration camps himself. From the very first day he arrived in Bunzlau Lower Silesia, it was evident that, SS Hauptsturmfurer Willi Michael was a professional and experienced slave prisoner handler.

He had many concentration camps under his supervision in Lower Silesia and Bunzlau was just one of them. SS Hauptsturmfurer Willi Michael gave the order in the dying minutes of the war and sent us on a death march across Germany.

All claims supporting the desire to honor Willi Michael as a righteous gentile make no mention of concentration camps Dora and B12 or his responsibility in shipping us to Bergen-Belsen. Nor is there any mention that SS Hauptsturmfurer Willi Michael's last assignment was taking over the management of the concentration extermination camp Neuengamme, in the last month of the war. He was promoted in SS rank in April 1945 a few days before the war ended in this area.

Majer Siegman
Montreal

Alternative funeral services

I want to thank you and Leila Speisman for the recent informative article about funeral alternatives, "New funeral chapels give families a choice" (August 3).

It is not accurate to call Hebrew Basic Burial a "new funeral chapel," since theirs is a storefront operation with no chapel, which provides only graveside services. The Simple Alternative does have a chapel in its facility and offers chapel or synagogue services at no extra cost.

Speisman refers to "unadorned, albeit halachically correct funerals," as if to say: "They're inexpensive, and oh, by the way, halachically correct." My understanding of Jewish funeral traditions is that halachically correct includes the funeral and casket being simple and unadorned. Our priority at The Simple Alternative is to be halachically observant first, with our low costs being a by-product of following tradition.

Eric C. Tappenden
President
Toronto

The Barrie connection was valuable

I would like to publicly say mazal tov to Susan Jackson on her recent appointment as Continuity programmer as announced in the Sept. 7 issue.

As director of community services and youth activities for the Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, she was indeed one of Canada's most experienced outreach specialists as she is described in the article.

In 1993, my husband and I moved to Barrie, Ont. From my previous work at Congress, I knew that there existed a list of small Jewish communities and I asked Susan to give me the name of the person in Barrie. I phoned and asked to be put on the mailing list. Subsequently, because of that list, I was able to find a Jewish doctor, Gerald Levine, who was also president of the Simcoe County Jewish Association.

Miriam Beckerman
Toronto

Chutzpah musical is right on!

I wish to respond to the review of the musical *Chutzpah a go-go* (*CJN*, August 31). Unlike your staff reporter who did not give the play the high rating it deserves, I thoroughly enjoyed the musical.

Co-producers and actors David Gale and Randy Vancourt and the rest of the cast were superb.

It appeared that some of the people who attended the performance the night I was there could not appreciate good natured humor and they should lighten up a little. I could not stop laughing.

As a teacher and freelance reporter, I highly recommend that my fellow lovers of *Yiddishkeit* both young and young at heart see this wonderful production.

Lawrence Adams
Toronto

Defends Israeli soldier's action

I would like to comment on the adventure of a Toronto dentist. I write in defence of the Israeli soldier.

I know the Israeli soldier. He is courageous, ready for sacrifice, hard working and trying hard to do his duty. He stands at a checkpoint where he was ordered to stay. Along comes an arrogant person. He confronts the soldier, but the soldier is a tough defender — he strikes him (not strongly enough in my opinion).

The biggest mistake the dentist made was to go to the press at home and present the situation as if he was in serious danger.

Ernest Meister
Toronto

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Perspectives

Sephardi traditions rich in symbols

By AVIV OUANOUNOU

Rosh Hashanah is one of the most widely celebrated Jewish holidays. We commonly associate this holiday with family gatherings, apples and honey and prayers for a sweet and healthy year. For Jews of Sephardi heritage, Rosh Hashanah is a holiday steeped in tradition and rich in symbolism.

The customs and rituals of Sephardi Jews, which can be traced back to Spain in the Middle Ages, have been preserved throughout the centuries in the many lands where they have lived since the expulsion from Spain in 1492. One of the most outstanding characteristics of Sephardi Jews is their stubborn adherence to the customs and practices of their ancestors. As we prepare to celebrate Rosh Hashanah 5756, I would like to describe some of the beautiful Sephardi prayers and customs that mark the beginning of the new year.

Preparation for the Day of Judgement, as it is referred to in our liturgy, begins on the first day of Elul, when *Selichot* are recited. Our community elders clearly recall how the *gabbai* of the synagogue would wake the men for *Selichot* in the early hours of the morning, every day of the month of Elul.

It is interesting to note the structure of the *selichot* themselves. Most of the prayers are arranged in alphabetical order. This method of organization may be seen as our attempt to impose a semblance of order on a world disturbed and "confused" by our sins.

Also in Elul, we begin to blow the shofar each morning. The words of the *selichot* and the stirring sound of the shofar call on each individual to return to G-d during this auspicious period, when He is especially close to His nation and willing to forgive their sins.

Another widespread tradition among Sephardi Jews was to visit the tombs of the *tzadikim* and *chachamim* on the eve of Rosh Hashanah. Sephardi Jews have always had great *emunah* (faith) in these holy men who, we believe, are able to achieve a special closeness to G-d and to communicate with Him through prayers and dreams.

A recent study by Prof. Isachar Ben-Ami of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem has revealed approximately 1,000 tombs of *tzadikim* in Morocco. According to Ben-Ami's research, most of these tombs were located in the Atlas Mountains, in "places that the human foot did not step." These righteous individuals strove to live a life of spirituality and *tzniut* (modesty).

For this reason, they would live in small, unpopulated areas where they could concentrate on their study of Torah and Kabbalah. Because these rabbis were so isolated from "worldly ideals," they reached levels of spirituality which were so high that they could easily communicate with G-d.

Therefore, before Rosh Hashanah, we approach these *tzadikim* and beseech them to intercede on our behalf before G-d and ask Him to grant us a happy new year.

The Sephardi High Holy Day services include many beautiful poems or *piyutim*, traditionally referred to as *bakashot*. *Shirat Habakashot* (the name for this traditional Sephardi poetry) originated in Tzefat and was heavily influenced by the Lurian Kabbalah. The poetry was compiled in a book called *Shir Yedidut* (poem of friendship) at the beginning of the 20th century.

Traditionally on the High Holy Days, these *piyutim* are recited by the congregation, led by a chazzan and two *somchim* (assistants). The custom of having three chazzanim in all Sephardi synagogues is derived from the biblical episode describing the battle of the Israelites with Amalek shortly after the Exodus from Egypt, as it is written (17:11-12): "When Moses held up his hands, then Israel prevailed ... But Moses' hands were heavy ... and Aaron and Hur supported his hands, from this side one and from this side one, and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun." In the same way, three chazzanim petition the Almighty on behalf of the entire congregation.

Two famous piyutim recited on the evenings of Rosh Hashanah are *Achot Ketanah* (Little Sister) by the poet Avraham Hazzan and *Hon Tachon* (Please have mercy).

The first is recited at the opening of the evening service on the first night of Rosh Hashanah. In this very moving *piyut*, the poet refers to the Jewish people as a little sister and describes how the Jews have deteriorated spiritually as a result of the long and bitter exile. Each verse of this song ends with the words *"Tichleh shanah ve'killelotechah"* (Let the curses of the year come to an end). At the conclusion of the *piyut*, the entire congregation joins the chazzanim, singing the words *Tachel shanah u'birchotehah* (Let a year of blessings begin).

"FOR YOU MY SOUL YEARNS FROM THE FAR REACHES OF THE WEST"

Many of the *piyutim* which have found their way into Jewish liturgy were inspired by the great medieval Spanish poets and writers. This wallhanging by Haim Maor features a line of poetry by Yehuda Halevi, one of those poets.

The second piyut, *Hon Tachon*, marks the beginning of the services of the second night of Rosh Hashanah. In this prayer, the poet asks G-d to have mercy on His people in the merit of our forefathers. When leaving the synagogue, each person greets his neighbor with the words *Shanah Tovah* (A happy New Year) and *Tikatev l'chaim tovim u'l'shalom* (May you be inscribed for a good life, a life of peace).

On Rosh Hashanah, Sephardi Jews eat a group of special foods symbolic of our hopes for the new year. We have a unique seder (order) of blessings, each beginning with the words *Yehi ratzon* (May it be Thy will), which are recited over a variety of fruits and vegetables, including apples, Swiss chard, dates, gourds, leeks, sesame and pomegranates. The Talmud mentions the custom of eating vegetables and fruits whose Hebrew names can conjure up positive associations. For instance, it is our custom to eat dates, called *tmarim* in Hebrew, because we can connect this word to the blessing of: *Yehi ratzon, she'yitamu oyvecha v'sonecha v'chol me'vakshe ra'atenu"* "May it be Thy will that our enemies be vanquished (literally, be brought to their end).

Some Sephardi Jews observe the custom of eating the head of a lamb or the head of a fish to symbolize success and fertility. In some Moroccan communities, it was the custom to eat *re'ya* (lungs) and to recite the following verse: *"Re'ei na be'onyenu, ve'riva riveinu, u'maher le'ga'lenu ge'ulah sheleima"* (Behold us in our affliction, and take up our fight and speedily redeem us).

As is the custom in Ashkenazi communities, Sephardim eat a special new fruit, preferably from the *shivat haminim* (the seven special fruits of the Land of Israel), on the second night of Rosh Hashanah, in order to recite the blessing of *Shehechianu*. The traditional main course eaten by Sephardim on Rosh Hashanah is couscous, accompanied by sweet fruits and vegetables. The food must be light in color and many people refrain from eating spicy foods, choosing instead to eat sweet foods, so that they will be blessed with a *shanah tovah u'metukah* (sweet new year).

During the morning service of Rosh Hashanah, more *piyutim* are chanted, composed mainly by Rav Yehudah HaLevy (1075-1141) and Rav Shlomo Ibn Gvirol (1022-1058). One of the best known *piyutim* is that of Rav Yehudah HaLevy, *Hashem, yom l'cha e'eroch t'china.*

This special *bakashah* consists of 26 lines and is arranged according to the following pattern: the first stanza is composed of 10 lines, each beginning with the letter yod, the second stanza has five lines beginning with the letter heh, the third stanza has six lines beginning with the letter vav and the final stanza has five lines beginning with the letter heh, thus symbolically spelling out God's name.

Another poignant song recited during the morning service is *Et Sha'arei Ratzon* (The time when the heavenly gates are open), recited in some congregations when the ark is opened and in others before the blowing of the shofar. This *piyut* describes the Akedah (the binding of Isaac), which is the Torah portion read on the second day of Rosh Hashanah. The poet imagines the supplications of the angels as they plead with G-d to save Isaac from the sacrifice: "How can the world lose such a beautiful light as Isaac?" they cry out in anguish. The poet describes how Abraham prepares the altar to sacrifice his son, presenting Abraham with tears in his eyes and a heart full of happiness, expressing his unwavering faith in G-d. The piyut concludes with G-d's promise to Abraham that He will forgive the Jewish people now and in future generations.

The Musaf Amidah for Rosh Hashanah is the longest in the prayer book and consists of three central portions that illustrate the main characteristics of the holiday. These are *Malchuyot*, which stresses G-d's kingship over all creatures of the Universe, *Zichronot*, literally meaning remembrances, referring to G-d's remembrance of the acts of faith performed by our ancestors, and *Shofarot* verses concerning the shofar.

The *Malchuyot* prayer begins with the words *lo hibit aven b'Yacov* (there is no sin in Jacob) and its central section refers to the sovereignty of G-d.

Zichronot concerns itself with the way of Divine Justice, recording that G-d remembers everything in the universe. It opens with the words *Ata zocher ma'ase olam o'foked kol yetzore kedem* (You recall all deeds of the world).

Shofarot, the last of the three sections, begins with the words *Ata nigleta be'annan kevoudecha* (You revealed yourself in the cloud of Your glory). It deals with G-d's manifestation at Mount Sinai and the days of universal redemption.

The Musaf Amidah is very similar, if not identical, to the service recited in Ashkenazi congregations.

After the morning service and afternoon meal, sleeping is prohibited, as it is considered improper to sleep on the Day of Judgment. Therefore, it is the custom among many Sephardi Jews to read the entire book of Tehilim twice, 300 chapters in total. The number 300 equals the numerical value of the Hebrew word *ka-per* (atone).

Also in the afternoon, it is the custom of Sephardim (like the Ashkenazim) to perform the Tashlich ceremony, as derived from the words of the prophet Micha: "And thou shalt cast all your sins into the depths of the sea." We descend to the banks of a river and as a community, we recite special prayers that include excerpts from the Zohar (the classical text of Jewish mysticism). This symbolic ceremony represents a further attempt to cast away our sins. Many people literally empty their pockets as if to throw their sins into the river.

Since the destruction of the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, our prayers have taken the place of sacrifices and have allowed us to come closer to G-d. There is a famous rabbinic saying that there is no measure to the study of *t'fillah* (prayer). Our righteous ancestors spent many years creating the prayers and poems that we recite in our synagogues today. The study of these prayers is a holy task in itself; there is much we can appreciate, but there is also much that remains hidden.

The rituals of Rosh Hashanah are powerful vehicles of communication with G-d that have stood by us for countless generations and are worthy of our contemplation. We ask the Almighty to answer our prayers and to bless all the Jewish people with a healthy and prosperous New Year, *Tikatevu l'shanim rabot, ne'imot, v'tovot.*

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Opinions

Kol isha: the voice of women

Cynthia Ozick has observed that the Talmud scholar Rabbi Adin Steinsaltz, when he spoke of the Talmud as the work of generations of Jews, had tacitly written Jewish women out of the tradition of Talmudic commentary or, even worse, had excluded them from membership in the Jewish people.

Joan M. Gerber

In *The Essential Talmud* (New York, Basic Books, 1976, pp. 272-273) Rabbi Steinsaltz wrote: "[The Talmud] is the collective endeavor of the entire Jewish people. Just as it has no protagonist, no central figure who sums up all discussions and subjects, so it has continued throughout the centuries to be part of a constant creative process."

Only recently, both in the study and exposition of law and in the area of the spiritual realm of prayer, has the entire Jewish people had the opportunity to become part of this constant creativity.

I do not raise this to begin discussion of women's right to participate in every aspect of Jewish life, lore and law; to me this is a given. I quote it to show that even a scholar of such depth and perception as Rabbi Steinsaltz can still make the assumption that half of the Jewish people, the male half, equals the whole.

Jewish women have every right to study Torah, become rabbis (i.e. become qualified to decide matters of Halachah), expound Torah, lead the prayers and in all things to find their own level of spiritual fulfilment without having limits to that quest prescribed by men, however erudite.

The voice of women will be heard, as the voice of Hannah was heard and her prayer is recalled to us in the Haftorah on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. Hannah at first was mis-heard when she made her request and stood up to the sleepy priest who regarded her as a drunken woman; she herself did not realize the giant step she was taking.

Nor was she alone; her husband should receive due regard. "Aren't you more to me than 10 sons?" he asked, thereby becoming the first man in the Torah to express regard for his wife as a person in her own right.

I would like to describe what this year's High Holy Day service will mean to me. In our congregation women will be reading from the Torah, my daughter among them; they will chant several of the Haftorahs (myself among them); they will be called to the bimah for aliyot; they will serve as ushers, as part of the choir, and be enthusiastic participants in the congregational response.

My generation of women had to make a case for women's participation. We had to understand Jewish law to demonstrate a knowledge of the meaning as well as the sound of prayer. We engaged in the traditional discourse of argument and counter-argument. We, like Hannah, had many allies among spouses and male friends. But it was a struggle, nevertheless.

On the other hand, my daughter assumes that she will read Torah and have an aliyah — "even though no one wanted me to do it at my bat mitzvah," she tells me. "I want to be treated as a person — I just assume that women can do these things." And there will be many of her sisters participating fully in the celebration of the New Year, the solemnity of Yom Kippur and the joy of Sukkot.

Yom Kippur to me is the most awe-filled day, in the sense we use the word awe to denote religious experience, in the Jewish calendar. The recital of Kol Nidre begins the day on such a high note that one thinks it cannot go any higher — until the morning congregational recitations, the solemn Torah reading and the Haftorahs designed to reprove the wayward and welcome repentance.

The sense of awe climaxes for me with the recitation of the Avodah service of the High Priest — redolent of the Temple itself — its sacred moment when the High Priest asked forgiveness for the entire people of Israel. We could do with that kind of national introspection and cleansing again, and how fortunate we are to be able to recall even the shadow of that time when Israel examined its collective soul.

So even though the days of awe have only recently opened their gates to women's full participation, that sacred moment is now accessible to all. It was good, but not enough, for us to be the audience.

It is not only the awe of Yom Kippur that draws women closer: the mundane is also filled with wonder. The daily minyan of 10 Jews gathered for the purpose of public prayer has been for centuries its own brotherhood. Now that women are counted, that community has become a true microcosm of the Jewish universe. What a thrill to make the 10th, as I did recently.

So when my daughters seek their own place in the community of Israel, I know they will have open to them the challenge of the law and the awe-filled moments of full participation in the community of prayer.

Rosh Hashanah and the scientist

Just as I was wondering about my Rosh Hashanah column, my eye fell on an article in the daily newspaper. It was entitled "There's no need to choose between creation and evolution." The writer sets forth the current controversy in the Christian world over the accuracy of the biblical account, which tells us that God created the world in six days — contrasting this with Charles Darwin's theory of evolution. Scientists today do not speak of six days but of millions of years, during which the earth evolved, and they theorize endlessly about the "Big Bang" which brought the universe into being.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

It is no secret that, especially south of the border, the biblical and the scientific views are locked in a bitter struggle. Thus, school boards defend the need to teach evolution, while Christian fundamentalists want them to introduce a course on "scientific creationism."

Fortunately, we Jews have rarely been caught up in controversies of this kind. One of the reasons has been that we have never claimed that human beings were able to penetrate the ultimate meaning of the Divine word. At almost every turn of our history, there have been divergent opinions over what the text means to convey. For instance, there is even a talmudic controversy over the location of Rosh Hashanah in the Jewish calendar. Rabbi Eliezar taught that the world was created in Tishrei (the seventh month which occurs in the fall), while Rabbi Joshua held that it was created in Nissan (that is, in the spring). Tradition held with Rabbi Eliezar, but the very controversy shows our willingness to contemplate different interpretations of the sacred text.

Not all Jews support Darwinian teaching. Those who believe that it contravenes the Torah will send their children to schools where evolution is not taught. That holds true for Israel as it does for the Diaspora.

Of course, moderns are sold on science and believe that it can provide the solution for most of our problems. But to assert this is nothing less than to believe in a different religion. Called "scientism," it teaches that science has all the answers. In fact, some of the greatest scientists have been well aware that this is not the case, even as the greatest teachers of our religion have always been aware that what they taught was an attempt to understand the will of God and that their interpretation did not necessarily represent incontrovertible truth.

Our knowledge of science is vastly greater than that of the ancients, which does not, however, make our world view any more advanced. Contemporary readers of Torah should restrain their inclination to do battle with ancient notions of creation. Rather, they should read the Bible for what it suggests about the nature of human history, the meaning of Jewish existence and the presence of God.

All of this suggests that we should approach the problem as we should approach the new year, with a sense of humility. We may be the "crown of creation," but we are also destined to return to the dust. The majority of this column's readers will wend their way to the synagogue on Rosh Hashanah. The old songs and prayers will teach them nothing about science and the practical problems of our everyday existence. Rather, they will be challenged to stand in awe before the Creator and, when the shofar is blown, ask themselves "Who am I and what am I doing with my life?"

Print encyclopedias face obsolescence

Stanislaw Lem, author of *Fiasco* and dozens of other brilliant science fiction novels (*Time* magazine called Lem the world's greatest writer of science fiction) describes in one of his works an encyclopedia that resembled an electronic slate and was continually updating entries on every subject imaginable. Every development in the world of politics, literature, religion and the arts and sciences was instantly downloaded into the hand-held monitor described by Lem.

By Arnold Ages

I was thinking of this technology as I was doing some reading recently in a number of encyclopedias and was chagrined to discover that except for entries on a limited number of subjects, most encyclopedias, however current, have only an antiquated or historical interest.

When Denis Diderot and his colleagues fashioned the world's first encyclopedia in Paris in 1751, they were presumptuous enough to think that they had successfully ordered all human knowledge into neat categories.

Alas the shelf life of an encyclopedia is about 25 years. Diderot didn't finish publishing his encyclopedia until 1772 and while it was celebrated as a compendium and incarnation of all progressive ideas in France, it took only 17 years and the unpleasantness known as the French Revolution to render obsolete many of the entries.

Revolutions also produce encyclopedias. The Great Soviet Encyclopedia didn't employ Lem's electronic slate to change its entries; its editors resorted to more practical if somewhat crude gestures. When Lavrenti Beria, Stalin's secret police henchman and executioner was himself liquidated in the 1950s, he became, in Soviet parlance, an "unperson."

But in the Great Soviet Encyclopedia the entry on Beria was highly laudatory. The editorial staff resorted to an original stratagem: they sent all subscribers an article on the Bering Straits and asked that it be pasted over the Beria one!

Problems which affect encyclopedias in general also impinge upon those devoted to Jewish life. There have been three major English language Jewish encyclopedias published since 1916: the Jewish Encyclopedia, the 1940 Universal Jewish Encyclopedia and the 1971 Encyclopedia Judaica, the last under Israeli auspices.

The first two are unique because they represent the contribution of Jewish scholars all over the world who before the Holocaust labored in Austria, Germany and Eastern Europe, in the vineyards of Judaic learning, and whose academic contributions to Bible, Talmud and Jewish history were monumental.

The Universal Jewish Encyclopedia, which appeared just before the systematic destruction of European Jewry, records the early stages of the persecution that led to the Holocaust.

The Encyclopedia Judaica is, as one of my colleagues pointed out to me when it was published, a multi-volume eulogy for the "disappeared" Jewish communities and their synagogues. Each entry on the great Jewish centres and on the shtetlach of Eastern Europe contains photos of beautiful synagogues that exist today only in memory or on film. This testimony to a great civilization makes the Judaica a timeless possession for the Jewish people.

However, in other areas, the Judaica is also outdated. A random look at several articles in Volume 5 indicates how quickly entries prepared in the 1960s and published in 1971 become dated. (I am aware that the Judaica publishes annual supplements but few libraries carry them.)

In its entry on Noam Chomsky, the Judaica describes the contributions of this MIT theoretical linguist to transformational grammar and other esoteric aspects of linguistic theory and indicates that Chomsky was an outspoken critic of American foreign policy in Vietnam and "refused to pay part of his taxes in protest against military spending." The article says nothing — because of later events — of Chomsky's authoring of an introduction to a book of Holocaust denial by French "revisionist" Robert Faurisson; nor does it mention Chomsky's bitter crusade against the State of Israel.

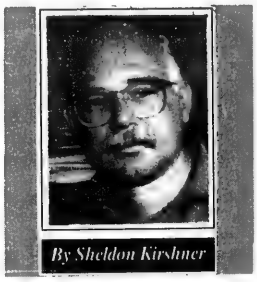
Finally, the Judaica's Dead Sea Scrolls entry, while adequate for a 1960s analysis, could not, in the light of research published since then by Lawrence Schiffman, Norman Golb, Herschel Shanks, Robert Eisenman, Michael Wise and Neil Silberman, survey the controversial usurpation of the scrolls initially by Christian scholars; nor could it discuss in detail the entire scope or nature of this legacy from the Qumram community.

The lesson is clear: until encyclopedias develop the capability of Lem's electronic slate, instant obsolescence will be their constant companion.

The Kirshner File

The remarkable odyssey of a Sephardi Jew

Victor Perera's odyssey of self-discovery has not only yielded a rich motherlode of family lore and Sephardi history. It has also touched a responsive chord among readers.



By Sheldon Kirshner

His newly-published book, *The Cross and the Pear Tree* (Random House, $35), has generated respectable reviews and gone into its third printing. Portuguese, Dutch and German editions are in the works, and there are plans to publish the memoir cum-genealogy in Hebrew and possibly in Spanish.

To his delight, a documentary filmmaker has expressed interest in *The Cross and the Pear Tree*, a vibrant chronicle which unfolds in Spain, Portugal, Holland, France, Israel, Turkey, Greece, Egypt and Guatemala.

A 61-year-old writer who teaches journalism at the University of California in Berkeley, Perera was recently in Toronto to promote his book. Casually clad in blue jeans and a loose-fitting shirt, the amiable writer explained its genesis.

He had originally intended to produce a sort of Sephardi *Portnoy's Complaint*. But the more deeply he probed his family tree, the more he knew he was on to something bigger.

His research led him to the realization that there was an inextricable bond between the Perera clan — which he traced back to 14th century Toledo in Spain — and the wanderings of Sephardi Jews after the Inquisition.

As a result of this catastrophe, the Pereras were torn asunder. Those who chose expulsion generally retained their Jewish faith, while those who remained behind embraced Roman Catholicism, becoming New Christians (conversos), or lived in fear as secret Jews (Marranos).

Some of these Marranos found themselves in the New World, in what is today Mexico and Guatemala. These "distant relatives," as he describes them, fared well (though one was burned at the stake in an auto-da-fe in Mexico City). Their descendants have been ambassadors, lawyers and Jesuit priests, and one was briefly a Guatemalan president.

The Pereras who fled Spain were also a fascinating lot. They were among the progenitors of Amsterdam's Sephardi community, and one of them, the zealous Abraham Israel, appears to have played a leading role in the excommunication in the 1660s of the philosopher Baruch Spinoza. Yet another ancestor, a Marrano beauty named Maria Nunes, was abducted to Elizabethan England. She rejected the marriage proposal of a British duke *and* Queen Elizabth's entreaties on his behalf.

The French branch of the family, known as the Pereires, prospered. As 19th century financiers, they competed with the legendary Rothschilds, buying railroad concessions and steamship lines and consorting with the cream of France's nobility. But assimilation took its toll. Today, half of the Pereires are Catholic.

The core of *The Cross and the Pear*, however, turns on Perera's immediate family.

His great-grandfather, Rabbi Yitzhak Moshe of Jerusalem, exhorted his sons and grandchildren never to leave the Holy Land for longer than six months, and only then on a religious mission. But under the threat of a curse, his dictate was flouted. Aharon Haim, Perera's grandfather, travelled to Central Asia and Egypt, while his father and two brothers opened a department store in Guatemala City, where Victor Perera was born.

Perera, who has written about his childhood in *Rites: A Guatemalan Boyhood*, begins *The Cross and the Pear Tree* with a pungent portrait of his feisty, Ladino-speaking mother, Tamar Nissim. Later, he introduces us to his aunt, Simha, who recalls that the Arabs in Palestine were a "shadowy and for the most part benign presence," and to his great-uncle Nissim Ohanna, the chief rabbi of Haifa. In due course, Perera searches for his great-great-grandfather's grave in Hebron and then for his grandfather's headstone in Alexandria, Egypt.

In what is doubtless the most controversial segment of the book, Perera analyzes the status of Sephardi Jews in Israel. Not too long ago, they considered themselves second-class citizens. But in recent years, they have improved their lives as the Ashkenazi elite has adopted a "more conciliatory attitude" toward them and as the schism between ultra-Orthodox and secular Jews has widened.

Perera regards himself as a "bottom-line Zionist" rather than a "political Zionist." As he put it: "If Israel's existence was in danger, I'd rush to its defence. At the same time, Israel's existence can only be guaranteed by coexistence with the Arabs."

Yaakov Ben Dov was a pioneer

In a land of pioneers and visionaries, Yaakov Ben Dov was truly one of a kind. The first Jewish filmmaker in prestate Israel to run a regularly functioning studio, he was there to record the passing parade, filming events small and large.

A Ukrainian Jew who settled in Palestine in the early years of this century, Ben Dov plied his craft from 1917 until his untimely death in 1933. Chaim Weizmann, the president of the World Zionist Organization, described his movies as "beautiful and useful."

The indefatigable Ben Dov left behind a trove of still and moving pictures which caught the ebb and flow of daily life in the Yishuv from the advent of the Balfour Declaration to the rise of Adolf Hitler.

Until recently, Ben Dov was an all but forgotten figure. But thanks to the Steven Spielberg Jewish Film Archives in Jerusalem, Ben Dov's valued body of work has been rediscovered, preserved and abbreviated into a 31-minute documentary, *Yaakov Ben Dov: Father of the Hebrew Film.*

Screened at the third annual Toronto Jewish Film Festival in May, Yaakov Gross' documentary is a celebration of Ben Dov's singular contribution.

Ben Dov's first film, *Judea Liberated*, documents Gen. Edmund Allenby's triumphal march into Jerusalem and the development of agriculture in the Jewish sector. His second, *Land of Israel Liberated*, profiles the veterans of the Jewish Legion — which fought alongside the British during World War I — and paints a cinematic portrait of Haifa.

Ben Dov's subsequent films, from *The Return to Zion* to *The New Jewish Palestine*, combine the immediacy of newsreels with the charm of travelogues:

Herbert Samuel, the first British high commissioner in Palestine, arrives by train in Jerusalem. Eliezer Ben-Yehuda, the founder of modern Hebrew, mingles at a party. A camel race unfolds in Beersheva. Winston Churchill, the British colonial secretary, mixes with Zionist personalities.

A high society wedding takes place. An ancient ruin is excavated. The Hebrew University's Mount Scopus campus is inaugurated in the presence of Lord Arthur Balfour. In Tel Aviv, Balfour is welcomed by students of Herzliya Academy, the first to use Hebrew as a language of instruction. The remains of Zionist luminary Max Nordau are interred. Jewish farmers plow their fields. The Levant Fair in Tel Aviv opens. The Maccabiah Games are kicked off. The 50th anniversary of the founding of Rishon Lezion is observed.

Ben Dov's most ambitious effort, a six-reeler with a musical score entitled *Springtime in Palestine*, was seen in 56 countries. *A Tale of an American Tourist in Palestine* was a feature commissioned by the Jewish National Fund.

Ben Dov died as he was filming his first talkie, *My People's Dream*. Too bad he didn't live to see it.

Israel's landscape inspires artist

The beauty of Israel's countryside, which has moved poets and novelists, has now inspired an Israeli artist.

In the awkwardly-titled *Israel Landscape Watercolors* (Gefen Books, $32 US), 38 of Yair David's gentle works are reproduced.

A former navigator in the Israeli Air Force, David is a sensitive draftsman who has been strongly influenced by the 19th century English school of art.

His watercolors are light and airy, emphasizing color and giving a sense of harmony and serenity.

David's renditions of the Jordan River, Lake Kinneret, Jaffa and the Zinn River Valley are exquisite. But his style doesn't always produce the desired results, as is evident in his rather dull, static portrayals of Masada, Mount Carmel and Avdat.

Still, this is a handsome coffee-table book. Art collectors and nature buffs will doubtless appreciate it.

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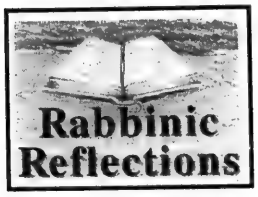
Jewish Life

Air of spiritual yearning common during tshuvah



By RABBI
REUVEN TRADBURKS

At this time of year many of us think of spiritual growth. I don't mean the normal *tshuvah* process. This *tshuvah* is the main theme of Yom Kippur — we admit the mitzvot we have failed at, we regret these failures and we commit ourselves to avoiding these errors in the future. There is an air of spiritual yearning that we feel at this time of year.

What is this spiritual growth that we seek? Fulfilment of mitzvot is the religious experience par excellence in the Torah. However, there is an additional intangible quality of life, a reach beyond this world, a murmuring in the *neshamah* that we seek as well. This murmuring is a desire to infuse our daily lives with a sense of ultimate importance, or at least a sense of richness, of depth and of intensity. How can we achieve this deeper spirituality, this intensity?

I once spent a few moments with Rabbi Simcha Weinberg having what he called a spiritual check-up, the purpose of which was to infuse our daily lives with deeper spirituality. The first step in the check-up is to identify the most powerful moments of the past year. They may be the moment of seeing a child under the chupah, the pain of a loss, the sense of exhilaration at the completion of a project. This moment could be an intense moment of love, the transcendence of standing at the peak of a mountain, or a deep stirring in the heart on Yom Kippur. All of these are deep moments, spiritual moments when we experience life in its deepest sense.

The next step is to understand what these moments mean? In breaking down these experiences we understand what their essential elements mean. Exhilaration accompanying a particular accomplishment entails an affirmation of self, a feeling of individual worth, a sense of ability to overcome oneself or challenges.

The final step is to make this experience a part of daily life through association. Whenever I hear a particular song, I immediately flash back to driving in the car going skiing when I was a teenager. We all have these associations in our minds. We can use this idea of association to infuse our lives with greater spirituality. If we can take these intense moments of our past year and associate them with an action, we can continuously be drawing upon the intensity of those moments on a daily basis.

When we say *Ashrei*, perhaps we can associate the joy of a child's bar mitzvah. When we light Shabbat candles or say kid[illegible]sh, perhaps we can conjure up the [illegible]age of that moment of intense love. The *Shema* can lend itself to moments of grandeur. The *brachot* of healing the sick can be associated with a moment of good news over a recovery or a sense of longing for the relief of a friend or relative. Stepping up to *t'filla*, to prayer, can be infused with that sense of awe and dread of the Wall in Jerusalem.

The regular rhythym of Jewish life lends itself uniquely to infusing our lives with depth and spirituality. We must do our part to make our deeper moments part of our daily living. Perhaps for this season we can leave the radio off and drive in silence, reflecting on the depth that our lives possess and creating associations that will bring a deeper sense of the spiritual into the new year. The season of Rosh Hashanah is the ideal time for this spiritual reflection.

Rabbi Reuven Tradburks is the spiritual leader of Kehillat Shaarei Torah.

The Eyes of Tashlich
by Shel Krakofsky

mere hours after
being dipped and engulfed
in a mikvah of honey
the apple is now brown and sour

obeying Micah's admonition
inside out we turn our pockets
and souls
pollute the cleansing stream

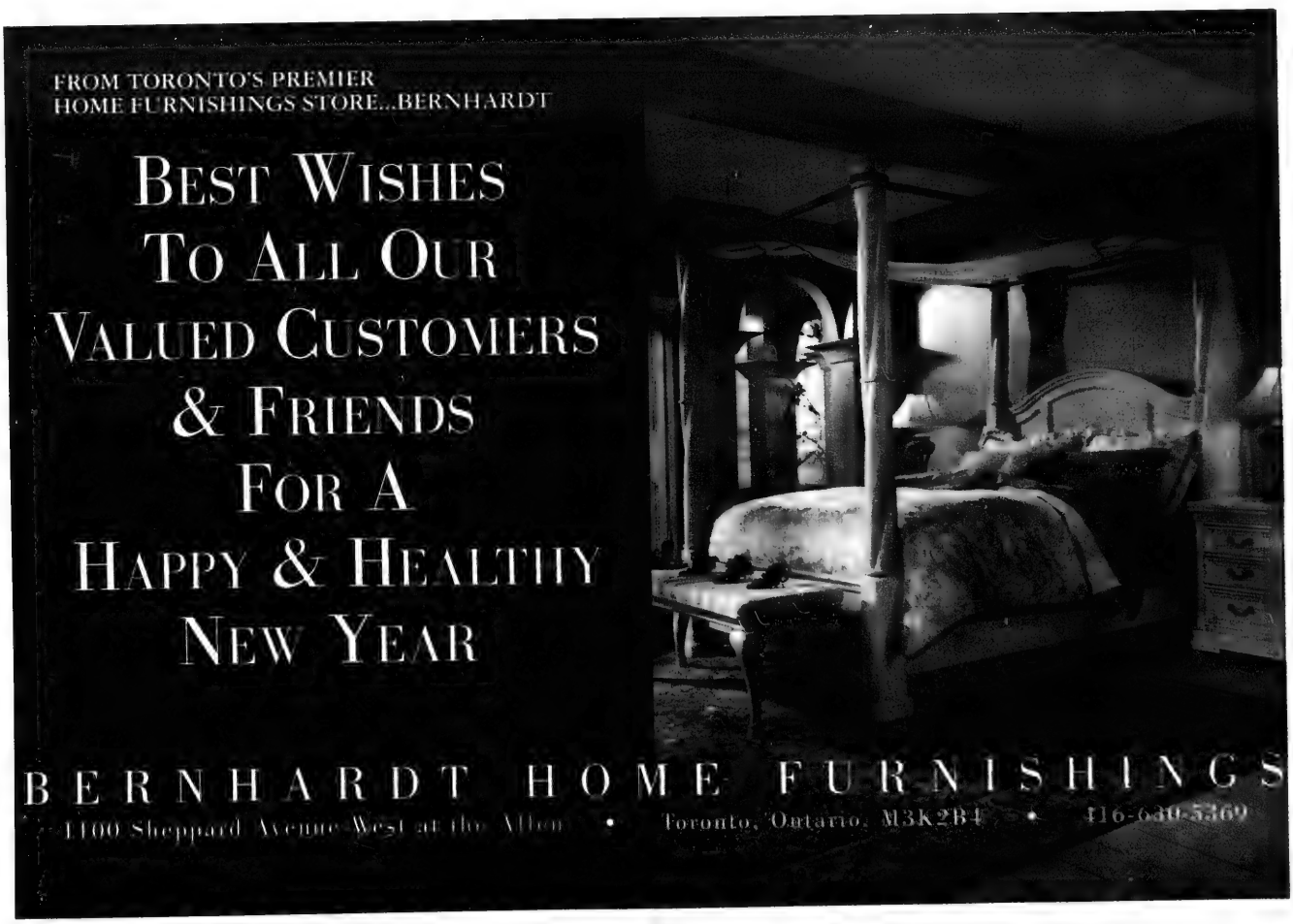
flowing and scaled
with the justice of cold-blooded fish
their eyes always open
nowhere a blink of forgiveness

we use crumbs of leavened bread
teasing those fish to rise
to the surface, shamelessly
using sins for bait

our own necks up to water
ablution incomplete
we try to reach Mount Moriah
for a final thrust of trust

next week we immerse ourselves
beside the tainted hungry fish
we thirst for purification
the fish, for our return

Shel Krakofsky's new collection of poetry "Blind Messiah" will be published shortly by Moonstone Press



Jewish Life

High Holidays — time to stand before the Creator

By RACHEL TURKIENICZ

This month begins the Jewish New Year and the 10 days of repentance — the days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, when we evaluate ourselves and repent for the regretable actions of the past year.

We stand alone before our Creator as the judgement is formed and our fates are sealed. Yet we do not live our lives alone — those deeds for which we now repent were actions taken with a context. We have failed as parents, spouses, Jews or decent people. And yet, we negate these contexts and spend the 10 days, and Yom Kippur itself, immersed inside ourselves.

Why do we commit the sins in a context yet repent for them in a vacuum? This change can be somewhat understood when we broaden our view to include the midrash.

According to several midrashic statements, the first human — the Adam — was created on Rosh Hashanah, as was the woman. One opinion in Genesis Rabbah portrays the Adam as an androgenous being — that is, this Adam was equally male and female. Shortly thereafter, God splits Adam into two separate bodies, creating man and woman. Each half ultimately seeks the other to find their intended mate. From the time they are split, they function separately yet stand together. When Eve eats of the forbidden fruit the midrash states that the man also eats, since he views them as a unit and willingly chooses to share her fate. He commits his sin in the context of being her mate.

Through the ages, people have not changed significantly. We compromise on our independent opinions in order to keep peace in our homes. As Genesis states, we are not creatures who function alone or who live in isolation. We seek each other out and our actions are governed by the larger whole.

But when we evaluate ourselves, the liturgy does not leave room to say we were fulfilling our destinies. Why do we retreat from the larger picture during the most crucial 10 days of the year?

Perhaps the answer can be understood in the view found in Genesis Rabbah. The original Adam was a composite being that did not need to compromise for another, since it embodied its mate. But the Bible tells us that this being was lonely. It would live a life of solitude. God alleviates the loneliness by forming two separate beings. With this separation comes responsibility.

This is the key to the 10 days of repentance. The Adam was created on Rosh Hashanah and then physically separated. We likewise undergo a spiritual separation that begins with Rosh Hashanah. The rest of the year we function within a context; the people in our lives largely define our choices. Yet once a year for 10 days, we recreate the process of the first human being — we become separate. For 10 days, we remind ourselves that we have an answer to our loneliness, but we take the responsibility to step out of our daily worlds and stand alone before ourselves and our Creator.

Dealing with grief

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The question to ask when bad things happen to good people is not "Why?" but "What do I do now?"

That is the conclusion reached by Rabbi Harold Kushner, whose popular book *Why do Bad Things Happen to Good People?* was written partly as a response to the death of his own son.

Rabbi Kushner was speaking at Beth Tzedek Congregation, at a lecture to raise funds for victims and families of victims of Arab terror.

"You must take the white heat of your own pain and anger and make the world a better place," he said. "You must put the tragedy behind you, not to forget it, but to measure how far you have come."

Traditional answers to the eternal "why" — that G-d sends trials to those who can take it, that we somehow deserve what we get or that we simply can't understand His purposes — he finds not comforting at all.

The problem is laid out in the Book of Job, he said. People want to believe that G-d is all powerful, that He is perfectly righteous and that Job is a good person.

"You can't believe in all three ideals — you have to give away one of them."

Job's friends tried to convince him that he was actually a sinner, the classic response, Rabbi Kushner said, of blaming the victim.

"People would rather blame the victim than believe that there is unfairness in the world."

Job himself explained his plight by denying G-d's righteousness. "But if G-d isn't righteous, who teaches us to be compassionate and caring?" the rabbi asked.

Rabbi Kushner reached the conclusion, "reluctantly" that G-d is not all-powerful.

"Bad things happen to good people because the laws of nature don't distinguish between good and bad people. When G-d created the natural world, He withheld from it the blessing He shared only with us — the ability to distinguish between good and evil."

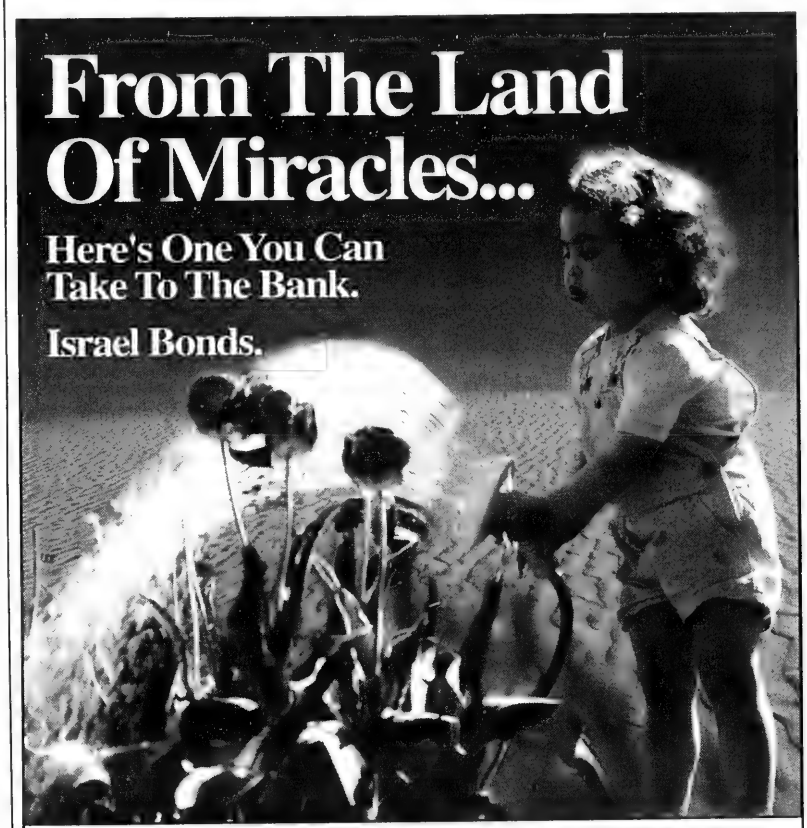
Janice Stein, a professor in the department of Political Science at the University of Toronto, introduced Rabbi Kushner. She said that the grief caused by terrorist acts is "one of the most painful griefs."

Terrorism, she said, is "planned, premeditated violence. The victim is not even the object of the violence — it can be anyone."

The victim is unknown and, from the terrorist's point of view, unimportant.

The intention, she said, is to cause fear and panic.

Rose Geist Goldstein, chair of the Israel action committee, said that the Beth Tzedec effort so far has raised $25,000 in direct aid to families in Israel.



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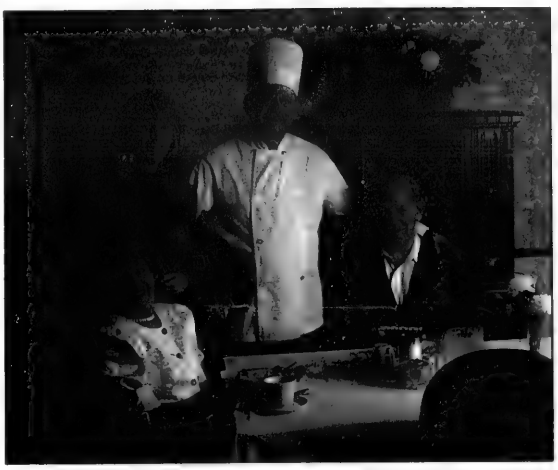

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Having a laugh at a recent Yiddish Club luncheon are (from left) Jerry Bloom, Bayla Chaikoff, Victor Shields and Jack Bloomberg.

Yiddish alive and well biz hundert tzvanzek

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Yiddish revival is alive and well, as is evident every second Tuesday at noon when a full-to-capacity group meet for lunch, camaraderie and above all, some Yiddish fun and mameloshen.

Toronto's newest Yiddish group, The Yiddish Club, was conceived by two friends who enjoyed exchanging some Yiddish remarks and jokes. But Victor Shields and Jack Bloomberg had no idea how successful their Yiddish gatherings would become when they booked the first luncheon at the Primrose Club last October.

"Our credo is feel good," says Shields who serves as the master of ceremonies. "The Yiddish Club has grown far beyond our expectations. The interest has been so phenomenal that we now have to limit the attendance — biz hundert und tzvanzek, to 120."

Bloomberg says the programs are presented mostly by the members — humor, music, videos and story telling.

"The tone set by Shields, whose Yiddish wit creates a relaxed fun-filled family mood," Bloomberg says. "Members, even those with less-than-proper Yiddish, do not hesitate to introduce themselves and their guests and some relish in adding a Yiddish joke or story."

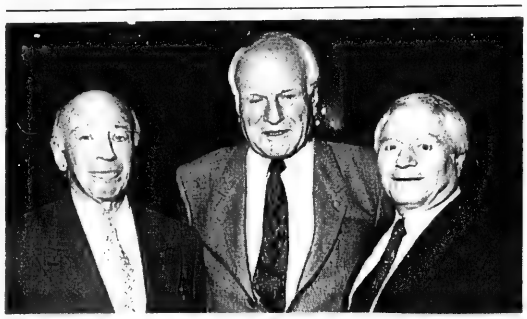
The third member of the club executive is Jerry Bloom. Bloomberg and Bloom take care of the ever-growing mailing lists, send out notices and handle the finances.

"We understand the need for nostalgia that permeates the Jewish community today in Toronto," says Bloomberg. "We conceived a Yiddish club as a small group of 35 or 40 people who would meet for some light-hearted reminiscences and nostalgia. Our feel-good theme has attracted more than 300 people."

That we are meeting a need is evident "when young people and not so young people can meet comfortably while speaking and listening to Yiddish," he adds. "We feel good about it."

The programs have been varied. In August, the program was in the longstanding tradition of the Harry Harris Jewish Hour. Others have included a Western parody, a Mother's Day tribute, and a musical presentation titled Laughter and Tears. In September, Cantor Louis Danto will present a program called Freilich and Folk Music.

The organizers and program presenters include Fred Tittel, Bayla Chaikoff, Shirley Kumove, Mollie Bloomberg, Pearl Bloom, Marty Richman, Harvey Naftolin, Victor Topper, Muni Basman, Arnie Herschorn, Brenda Bloomberg, Anita and Albert Kerzner, Mel Kochberg, Al Franklin and Ken Silverberg.



TECHNION HONORS MUSTARD

Dr. Fraser Mustard, founder of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research, was honored at a recent Canadian Technion Society dinner. He is flanked by dinner chair Sydney Cooper, left, and CTS national president Jack Chisvin. The event will help fund a new Technion research centre. [Thomas L. Sandler photo]

The Three Year Vision

Community response 'amazing'

TORONTO -UJA canvassers have already raised $30 million as The Three Year Vision captures the Jewish community's imagination.

This year, for the first time, contributors are being asked to pledge not only for 1996, but for each of the following two years as well.

1996 UJA Campaign Co-chairs Charles Gold and Carol Kassel

"Ninety percent of those approached by UJA have responded positively to The Three Year Vision," reports Charles Gold, who, with Carol Kassel, is chairing the 1996 Campaign.

"It's amazing," adds Kassel. "It's beyond anything that we ever expected to happen. Everybody seems to really understand why we're doing it."

The Three Year Vision is designed to provide financial stability for educational and social services supported, through UJA, by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. It will also free up campaign time for volunteers to contact non-contributors and new contributors.

"We cannot rely only on our loyal existing donors to carry the burden of financing multiplying needs," notes Gold. "Unless our base of supporters expands, we will not be able to plan for the future without fear of financial failure."

UJA and Federation anticipate increased financial pressure on the community as provincial government cutbacks take effect. "That makes The Three Year Vision even more critical," says Kassel. "Those who need our help require a sense of security."

A thousand people propel UJA's largest launch yet

TORONTO - The ads invited the community to "do launch" and that's exactly what they did as UJA officially unfurled its 1996 Three Year Vision Campaign.

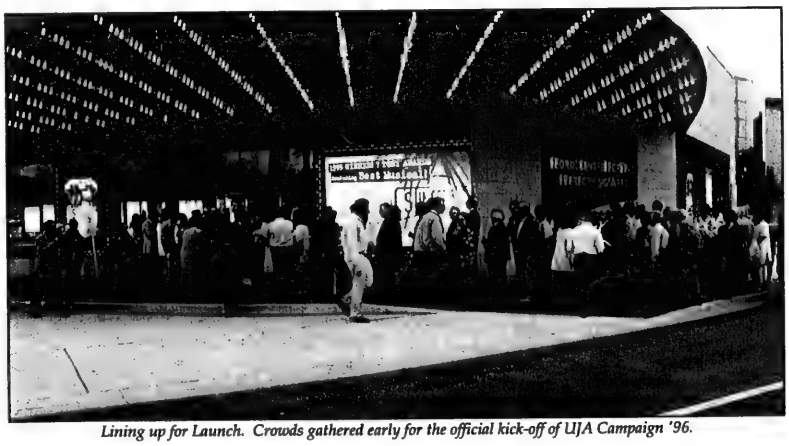
Over 1,000 people packed the Ford Centre for an original musical brought to Toronto from Israel by the UJA- funded Jewish Agency. The performance featured the DOR L'DOR singers and Hamilton's Laura Levin who narrated a true story about her search for Jewish discovery.

UJA Campaign co-chair Charles Gold described Toronto's Jewish community as "a model for the Jewish world."

"Jews want to live in Toronto. They want their children and grandchildren to grow up here," he said. "The Toronto Jewish community is the result of years of dedication - both volunteer and professional - to build a Jewish infrastructure supported by a generous donor community." Gold's counterpart, Carol Kassel, stressed the need for a "new vision" to carry the community into the future. UJA's new Three Year Vision, she said, would allow the community to maintain assistance for 23,000 people below the poverty line and cope with the demands imposed by skyrocketing growth.

Julia Koschitzky, who chairs Keren Hayesod's Board speaks to Laura Levin.

"There are 43,000 Jews living north of Steeles," she noted. "It's an area that we've barely begun to service." Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto President Sandra Brown focused on Jewish values as a top Federation priority. "What could better symbolize the value of *tzedaka*," she asked, " than UJA?"



Lining up for Launch. Crowds gathered early for the official kick-off of UJA Campaign '96.

Rabbis play important role in UJA campaign

By Rose Heilbronn

TORONTO - By including rabbis in its 1996 campaign, United Jewish Appeal is, according to co-chair Charles Gold, changing the direction of the Jewish community.

Headed up by Rabbi Moshe Stern of Shaare Tefillah Cogregation and Rabbi Wayne Allen of Beth Tikvah, a special committee of congregational rabbis has played a key role in shaping the new campaign and The Three Year Vision.

For years, rabbis have supported UJA from their pulpits but last year the organization created a formal structure for their participation.

"UJA is the umbrella and safety net of our community," insists Rabbi Allen of Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Allen is also president of Toronto's Board of Rabbis.

"It is the overriding organization, concerned not with personal special interests, but with the general interest of the entire community. Its objectives are strategic and historic, like saving Jews from disparate locations where anti-Semitism is rampant."

Rabbi Stern, from Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, who is President of Toronto's Vaad Harabanim, stressed the importance of supporting UJA, because in Toronto, it is the major source of funding for Jewish education. He says "the Orthodox position has always been that the only real solution for Jewish continuity is Jewish education.

"Anyone who cares about the future of the Jewish people will understand that supporting UJA is an absolute imperative."

Agreeing with Rabbi Stern is Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl, spiritual leader of Beth Tzedec, Toronto's largest Conservative synagogue. Frydman-Kohl is on the Federation's Board of Trustees and is the rabbinic adviser to UJA's Women's Campaign. He is also chairman of Keren Hayesod's Rabbinic Campaign.

"What we are seeing in North America," he says, "is an awareness that by working together we can achieve much more than by working alone."

"Formally involving the rabbis is part of building a new vision for Toronto's Jewish community. We are building a sense of an integrated community," says Carol Kassel, the other co-chair of this year's campaign.

"We are building bridges," explains Kassel. "We felt it was important for the rabbis to understand how we fundraise and we, in turn, needed their input from their communities."

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UJA Super Sunday

It's time to answer the call

By Adi Waksman

Toronto's biggest one day fundraising event is doing something a little different this year. UJA's 14th annual Super Sunday fundraising blitz, October 1st, is asking contributors to join The Three Year Vision.

UJA will be asking donors to pledge not only for 1996 but for each of the following two years as well.

"Every year the campaign loses millions of dollars because there isn't enough time to contact everyone. Canvassers end up spending most of their time talking with existing donors about their annual pledge and don't get a chance to reach out to potential new contributors," says Super Sunday co-chair Miriam Rosenberg. "The Three Year Vision will give them the opportunity."

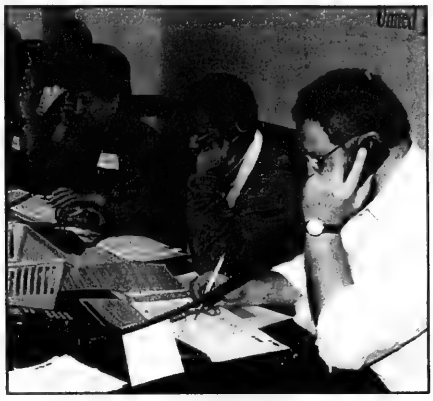
"Three year financial commitments will provide the stability and security needed to meet the community's growing needs and to plan ahead," added Bill Kassel, the other co-chair.

Other Campaign improvements coinciding with the new Three Year Vision include more intensive training for canvassers and nurturing a more personal relationship with donors.

Volunteers have also been extensively educated about the benefits of the Three Year Vision and how UJA funds community services. "They'll be able to tell donors exactly where the money goes," stresses Rosenberg.

Some 500 volunteers will be making 40,000 calls to 20,000 households during the twelve hour marathon. Last year, Super Sunday collected $2.6 million in pledges.

Super Sunday begins at 9 a.m. on October 1 at the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst Street. For more information or to become a Super Sunday volunteer, call (416) 635-2883, ext. 177.



On October 1st, over 500 dedicated volunteers will be on the phones at this year's UJA Super Sunday.

Shalom Toronto heads toward 10th anniversary

TORONTO - After nearly a decade of dispensing warmth and good wishes to new Torontonians, Shalom Toronto's energy is hardly flagging.

A corps of 30 greeters is always on call to deliver friendship, advice and a gift basket to Jewish community arrivals.

Since January, 1986, when the Jewish Women's Federation began Shalom Toronto, the program has welcomed over 1200 Jewish men and women to the Greater Toronto area. During the last decade, immigrants have accounted for 45% of Toronto's Jewish population growth.

"If someone has problems or needs answers to questions, Shalom Toronto will help," says Paula Bass, one of the program's greeters, who was once a recipient of Shalom Toronto hospitality.

"Many people in Toronto have not moved a lot, so they don't necessarily know what it's like to live in a city without family and friends," adds Bass. "Shalom Toronto is a friendly voice."

Now that she's no longer a rookie Torontonian, Bass also sees bigger benefits from enthusiastically welcoming newcomers. "If you create a warm and caring Jewish community, why would anyone want to intermarry?," she wonders.

Program co-chair Sylvia Peck, who with Reesa Sud oversees Shalom Toronto, became involved because of her parents' immigrant experience.

"My parents were Holocaust survivors who didn't have Canadian friends when they came here. Everyone talked down to them," Peck recalls.

Today, when Shalom Toronto tries to relieve the discomfort of moving to unfamiliar surroundings, just about everyone is very appreciative.

"They're so receptive because they want to meet new people," stresses Peck. "One woman even made a luncheon for everyone who had been nice to her after she arrived."

If you would like to become a Shalom Toronto volunteer or know of someone new to the city, call (416) 635-2883 ext. 135.

Shalom Toronto co-chair Sylvia Peck.

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Moondance laughter

*UJA Young Professionals Network co-chairs Howard Rosenberg and Anne Gottlieb love the Island Yacht Club. That's where YPN's successful summer event was held. **"It's a Marvelous Night for a Moondance"** was also planned by YPN vice-chairs Eva Ingber, Judy Steiner, Steven Benmor, Joni Rosenthal and Dr. Bruce Freeman.*

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A century of Federation assistance for the poor

By Howard English

TORONTO - In the mid-30's, when $15 was a respectable weekly wage, the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies spent $35,000 a year on supplementary financial assistance to our community's poor. Today, the figure exceeds $1 million, but the tradition has been unbroken.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto still funds financial supplements for disadvantaged Jews in Toronto.

"Helping the Jewish poor is an ancient practice," says Dr. Stephen Speisman, Director of the Ontario Jewish Archives. "Women took the lead in this."

As early as the mid-1800's, voluntary societies had formed to assistance the economically disadvantaged. By 1912, there was a multi-service agency to organize the community's charitable efforts.

"Someone could call a central number and the case would be given to one of the societies," notes Speisman. However, it was the Great Depression, starting in 1929, that, according to Speisman, posed the greatest challenge to community tzedaka.

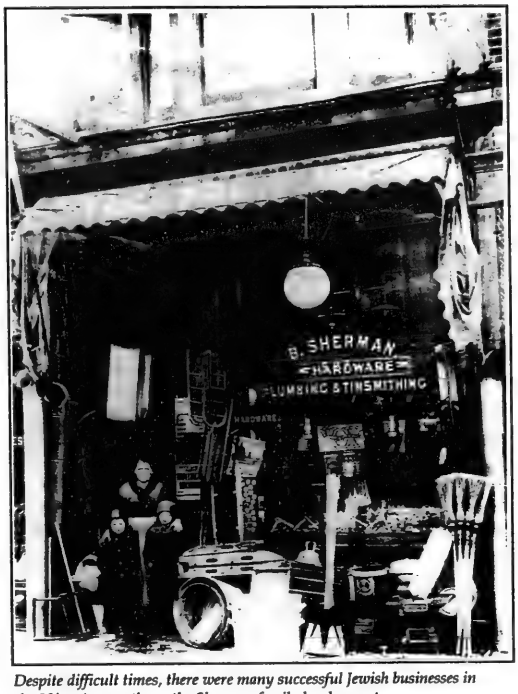
"The Depression was the watershed which spurred municipal authorities into creating a welfare department. For a long time, Jews did not want to have any part of it."

But, as life became tougher, for many there was no choice but to accept welfare cheques and supplementary assistance from the Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

"The majority of Jews were working class people," says Speisman. "We're talking about working people losing their jobs and struggling to make ends meet."

Despite the dent in the Jewish community treasury left by supplementing welfare payments, virtually no one, to the best of Speisman's knowledge opposed the expenditure.

"It was just considered the appropriate thing to do."



Despite difficult times, there were many successful Jewish businesses in the 30's. Among them, the Sherman family hardware store.
Photo: Ontario Jewish Archives

Walking the United Way

◀ *(above & below) A large Jewish contingent joined the United Way Walk-A-Thon on September 10th. The United Way assists many Jewish community agencies.*

Physicians form advisory board

By Marcie Somers

TORONTO - This year, UJA's Physician's Division has enlisted some of Toronto's most prominent specialists on a new Advisory Board.

Physicians will be receiving a campaign letter signed by one of the Advisory Board Members.

According to Dr. Steven Gottesman, who co-chairs the Physician's Division with Dr. Howard Price, the Advisory Board was created to bring together prominent doctors, already involved in the Jewish community, who would help design campaign strategies.

Currently, 28 doctors from a variety of specialties, sit on the Board, including Dr. Arnold Noyek, head of the ear, nose and throat department at Mount Sinai Hospital, cardiovascular surgeon Dr. Bernard Goldman and internist Dr. Abraham Rapoport.

Gottesman sees their participation as an excellent way to motivate fellow physicians to donate both time and money to UJA.

"If the positive response we received from the physicians we called to establish the Board is any indication, it looks as though their involvement will provoke a great deal of interest among those in the medical profession."

Gottesman believes many of his peers will join The Three Year Vision, despite doctors' concerns about how government policies will affect their financial security.

"We think The Three Year Vision is a great way for people to budget accordingly," he says, "and know that they have helped UJA for the next three years."

Over 1,300 doctors who belong to the Physicians Division raised over $1.5 million last year. With the formation of the Advisory Board and The Three Year Vision, they hope to increase the Division's membership by 15%.

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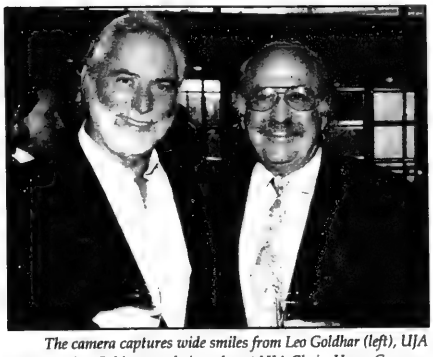
What a Launch!

UJA's Campaign '96 liftoff at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, the first to which the entire community was invited, became the talk of the town. Here's a look at some of the people who made the Community Campaign Launch such a huge success.

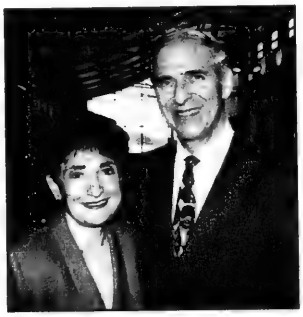
All aboard. Neil Nisker (left), a past campaign chair, joins his wife Rachel with Honey Sherman and husband Barry.

UJA Campaign Associate Lissie Strauss Sanders is busy in the theatre cockpit.

Launch co-chairs Norm Godfrey and Vicki Campbell finally relax after months of preparation.



The camera captures wide smiles from Leo Goldhar (left), UJA Construction Cabinet co-chair and past UJA Chair, Harry Gorman.



Federation President Sandra Brown and husband Melvin capture a quiet moment before the performance begins.

Michael Bregman (right), Larry Tanenbaum and Barbara Bregman enjoying Launch festivities.

Past campaign chair Lawrence Bloomberg with his wife Frances are caught up in Launch fever.

Manny and Candice Kimel take a break from a fabulous dinner.

(above) Lawrence Fein, who teamed up with Lawrence Bloomberg to lead Campaign '94, shared the evening with his wife Beverly.

Business Cabinet co-chair Scott Staiman, in a rare suit and tie, poses with his wife Cindy.

(left) A diplomatic first. Israel's new consul-general, Yehuda Kinar, makes his premiere community appearance in Toronto at UJA's Campaign Launch. Looking on is Campaign Co-chair Charles Gold.

(above) The normally camera shy Shoel Silver stops for a photo.

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No future for mountain Jews

TORONTO - The 'Mountain Jews' of the former Soviet Union may soon be a footnote in history, according to Yaroslav Waintraub, the Jewish Agency emissary for the area. Waintraub was on a UJA speaking tour in Toronto last week.

The 60,000 'Mountain Jews' have been living for centuries in various remote regions of the FSU between the Black Sea and Caspian Sea. With the collapse of the Soviet regime, according to Waintraub, there is no future for these people.

"Certain daily services, such as schools and transportation that once existed, are no more," he said. "Based on the daily visits to our offices and the interest that is shown when I go into these remote regions, I expect that most of these 60,000 Jews will emigrate to Israel in the next few years."

Based in Pyatigorsk, 2000 miles from Moscow, Waintraub is also responsible for the Jews of war torn Chechnya, from which 300 have been rescued this year, by the Jewish Agency. They were brought to the Agency compound in the Caucasus, where they wait anywhere between three and seven months for an exit visa to Israel.

"We provide them with food, lodging and Hebrew lessons while they wait to get their passports," he said. "There are approximately 40 people living on the compound, with another 100 scattered around the country staying with family and friends until their visas come through. About 160 people have already emigrated to Israel."

Recruited by a friend who thought he would be the perfect man for the job, Waintraub frequently flirts with danger. "I have been in many life-threatening situations," he recalled, "but by far the worst was when the Russian police rounded up the inhabitants on the compound and threatened to arrest everyone. They knew that there were Chechnyians living in this compound, but were unaware of the deal I had struck with the local KGB, who had agreed to let them stay until they got their passports. After showing them my papers, explaining who I was, and offering them a little money, they eventually left. I can breathe easy about it now, but back then it was very scary."

Yaroslav Waintraub

Waintraub, like most Jewish Agency emissaries is motivated by far more than money. He believes it's a moral duty to quickly resettle Jews from his territory in Israel.

"Time is running out for these people. My only hope is that I can get them out before it is too late. That's why your UJA gift is so important, so precious."

The Jewish Agency and UJA continue to charter dozens of flights each week from the former Soviet Union.

In the spring of 1996, thousands of Jewish youth from all corners of the world will gather together in Poland and Israel for an experience that will last a lifetime.

March of the Living

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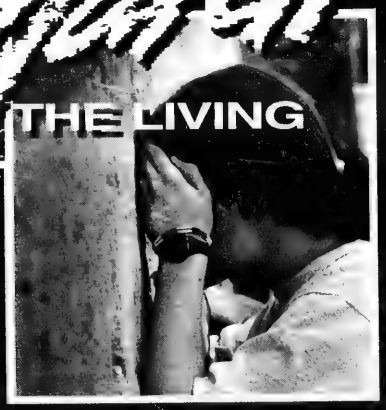

Forgetfulness leads to Exile while Remembrance is the secret of Redemption

Hasidic Saying

In Poland the group's visit will culminate with the "March of the Living" on Holocaust Remembrance Day, as they march together the 3-kilometre distance separating Auschwitz from Birkenau.

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Under the chupah, Lawrie Cherniak, accompanied by his wife Debbie, carries the newly completed Torah to B'nai Torah synagogue.

Family dedicates sefer Torah in memory of their son

By **BARBARA SILVERSTEIN**
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — People celebrated and danced outside North York's B'nai Torah Congregation at a recent *hachnosos sefer Torah*, but it was an event filled with mixed emotions.

The *hachnosos* was in memory of 24-year-old Michael Jay Cherniak, who died four months ago just a week after undergoing a kidney transplant.

"He was sick all his life but he never said, 'why me?' He never complained," his father, Lawrie Cherniak told *The CJN*. "Wherever Michael went, there was laughter and joy. He had a tremendous sense of humor."

Cherniak thanked Rabbi Raphael Marcus, Izzie Kaplan, Arthur Rosenblum and Paul Halberstadt for initiating the fundraiser to buy the new Torah in Michael's memory, and committing B'nai Torah to subsidize the purchase.

"That's the kind of thing you would pray for, but not necessarily afford to do," Cherniak said. "Michael touched so many people" that there were enough donations from the community for the subsidy from B'nai Torah to be unnecessary, he said.

"The response of friends and community are a tribute of the highest order," Rabbi Marcus told the 600 people assembled in the sanctuary. "Michael was a great teacher to us and a rebbe. The most miraculous event of life, we took for granted. He was at peace with his lot."

Rabbi Baruch Taub of Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation, a close friend of the family, said the *hachnosos sefer Torah* had a double purpose: "to give *koved* to Torah and at the same time, reduce a little bit of the pain and anguish this family feels and that we all feel."

Cherniak thanked the community for their support. There was not a dry eye in the room when he read *I had a Friend*, a poem written by Joan Bovelle, a non-Jewish woman stricken with kidney disease who had been on the same dialysis schedule as Michael for three years. The two came from very different worlds but forged a friendship.

"Michael was a good person who loved G-d and people. He treated everyone with love and respect," Cherniak said. "He appreciated life. I hope that through memories of Michael many people will learn to appreciate life and love people."

Lawrie Cherniak inscribes the last few letters of a sefer Torah which was dedicated in memory of his son Michael.

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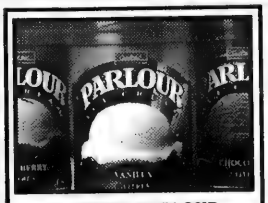

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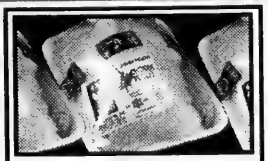

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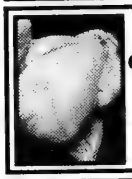

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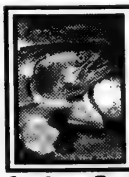

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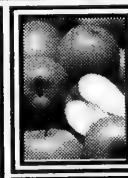

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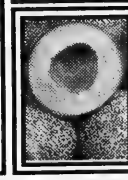

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Mike Rogow (left), president of Steeles College Memorial Chapel and Ken Bodenstein, CEO of Steeles Memorial Chapel, at the recent dedication of a Jewish chapel at Branson Hospital.

Branson Hospital gets new chapel

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Doors with impressive stained glass windows lead the way into the new Bodenstein Rogow chapel on the third floor of the North York Branson hospital.

The chapel was dedicated Sept. 14 in a ceremony which included greetings from five rabbis as well as hospital board chairman Karnik Doukmetzian.

The chapel has subdued decorations, stained glass on the walls and gracefully designed ark. It was financed primarily by Ken Bodenstein, CEO of Steeles Memorial Chapel (SMC); Mike Rogow, SMC president; Tefilin Charitable Organization; Peter and Rosie Bodenstein; Norm Black; and Adath Shalom Synagogue.

The mezuzzah was affixed by Henry Lederman and the ceremony chaired by John H. Pollock.

Rabbi Joseph Kelman said the chapel recognizes that both Seventh Day Adventists, who operate the hospital, and the Jewish faith hold Shabbat to be a day of rest and healing. A non-denominational room for patients and relatives is adjacent to the chapel.

Rabbi Moshe Stern said because a mechitza to separate men and women has been included, the chapel is sensitive to the needs of the Orthodox patients.

Bringing greetings from Conservative and Reform congregations, Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl said he is sure the chapel will also bring comfort to secular patients and relatives.

Also taking part were rabbis Ronald Weiss and Raphael Marcus.

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JVS rethinking services as 50th anniversary nears

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) is gearing up for its 50th anniversary in 1997.

But JVS president Peter Shenfield says it is time to rethink the service and change the way it runs.

"The world is constantly changing, but something we can count on is that financial support from the government will be diminished," he said at the recent 48th annual meeting in Metro Hall.

He told board members and JVS staff that in its early stages, the agency was set up to help immigrants and Holocaust survivors.

"People were helped and jobs were found and today the needs continue to exist. To obtain employment today means understanding new and changing concepts about jobs. Employers and customers have higher expectations; compensation packages and systems are under review; and working relationships with peers and supervisors are under transformation.

"Governments are redirecting their resources so that the social safety net is no longer as wide and deep as it once was. Without doubt, more people will fall through the net. Who will be there to give them a hand?" he asked.

"We have been preparing for these times and we realize it is now time to direct the agency towards a partnership with the community," he said. "We need to work directly with groups to help them develop job search skills and find new employers."

JVS executive director Ed Segalowitz agreed that the funding environment is under significant strain and conceded that "change brings fear. The agency has prepared for this change, however, and our challenge is to ensure the existence of an infrastructure of dedicated staff and volunteers.

"When an agency faces turbulence, continued survival depends on direction. As long as we know where we want to go, we will pass through the turbulence with ease," he said.

In the agency's annual report, Shenfield and Segalowitz said in the past year, the board and staff have engaged in an agency-wide process, setting guiding principles and values.

"Through the leadership of Norman Halpern, Paul Chan and other members of the board and staff, we have identified a core set of principles which provide the foundation for our decision making. Task groups have been established to review key areas of concern and to identify the directions and actions which can strengthen the agency's operations."

Kirk Wisemayer, chair of the 50th anniversary programming committee, said it has planned a series of events "that will both celebrate the past and look to the future. These events aim to bring together those already involved with JVS and to reach others who might benefit."

Volunteers awards were presented to Suzanne Rittenberg, Lisa Borden and Rosario Obregon. Sheila Burke, Dorothy Till and Zelda Melamed received staff awards. Annette Bidlofsky, a former member of the Women in New Roles Program, and Yonina Tenenbaum, who took part in employment and career counselling, praised the agency for giving them the skills and assurance to find jobs.

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Radio commentary prompts CRTC complaint

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress has filed a formal complaint with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) about an on-air commentary by CHUM Radio personality Brian Henderson that blamed Jews for Ontario's legal aid crisis.

And the Jewish organization is asking CHUM Radio to terminate the broadcaster's employment.

Congress spokesman Manuel Prutschi called Henderson's early morning commentary "unadulterated anti-Semitism" and "ugly and bigoted comments."

He said an apology broadcast by CHUM Radio president Jim Waters fell far short of addressing the issues raised by Henderson's statement.

"Our main point is that the station has not yet sent out a loud and clear message that anti-Semitic diatribes don't belong on the air. They haven't sent that message to the public or their employees," Prutschi said.

Henderson's Sept. 14 commentary stated: "Provincial Attorney General Charles Harnick may not realize it but the root cause of the crisis in the Legal Aid system is Jewish mothers...Jewish mothers are infamous for advising their offspring to become doctors or dentists or lawyers, or marry a doctor or dentist or lawyer, and the result is we have too many of all three in this province, most especially lawyers."

Henderson went on to suggest that lawyers hang around courts and "pick up enough business from the poor, the indigent, the disadvantaged, the confused immigrants...to earn a pretty decent income — most of it at taxpayer's expense."

He concluded by quoting "a Jewish proverb" about milking a cow for all its worth.

Apology fell far short

The commentary prompted a trio of Jewish organizations to condemn CHUM for putting it on the air.

B'nai Brith executive vice-president Frank Dimant said the commentary "linked Jews to dishonest business practices" and used "an age-old technique of Jew-baiting."

Sol Littman, Canadian representative of the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, called the piece "a shameful, insensitive, provocative piece of anti-Semitism."

Responding quickly to the criticism, Waters apologized on the air the same day.

"As far as we at CHUM are concerned, Henderson is in no way anti-Semitic and has, in past commentaries, been very supportive of the Jewish community. We at CHUM group radio are very concerned about any feelings that we or our employees harbor any anti-Semitic feelings.

"Such is just not the case. We are deeply concerned that the remarks made on our radio station may have offended any of our listeners. We can only ask those who were offended...to accept our most sincere apologies."

Prutschi said Congress was not satisfied with the station's response. Waters did not acknowledge that Henderson's comment was, in fact, an "anti-Semitic diatribe. They haven't disassociated themselves from the statement and made no declaration that it is offensive to the station and management.

"All they've said is the guy is not an anti-Semite...They just apologized to whomever was offended," Prutschi said.

A more conciliatory tone was adopted by B'nai Brith, though Dimant called Waters' apology "weak."

"We are disappointed with [its] wording...But we want to move forward in our efforts to make Toronto a community free from racial and religious bias."

Prutschi said Congress would not withdraw its CRTC complaint even if CHUM strengthens its apology. "We want it on their record to show what the station has done," he said.

Waters did not return *CJN* phone calls.

Bletl Street irregulars Yiddishize Holmes

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The innovative Friends of Yiddish have come up with another winner — a Yiddish translation of Sherlock Holmes!

A banner breakfast turnout of 150 at the Primrose Club recently heard the Bletl Street Irregulars, composed of Michael Lebovic, Allen Farkas and Blema Steinman say *Frishtik, Mayn Tayerer Vatson* as they portrayed the antics of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's detective.

They illustrated a scholarly lecture by lawyer Clifford Goldfarb, a former president of the Sherlock Holmes club in Toronto.

"It is impossible to describe Sir Arthur Conan Doyle as anti-Semitic," said Goldfarb. "There is nothing of Shylock in Doyle's Jewish characters, but he jars us with his descriptions of Jews. In his defence, it is the language his characters would have used at that time."

That time included the Alien Act of 1905 which placed restrictions on Jews who lived in Britain and an overcrowded East End of London with 100,000 Jews in 1914.

Spiritualist practising Doyle had only a few Jewish friends, Goldfarb said, one of whom, the famed Harry Houdini, couldn't convince Doyle that his (Houdini's) magical tricks were phoney.

Though Houdini was at first moved by a message Doyle and his wife said they received from Houdini's dead mother, the magician later recanted, citing the fact that Doyle received the message in English, while Houdini's mother knew only Yiddish.

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נכון שבית הספר נועד להכין אותנו לחיים? ונכון שרוב הדברים שאנחנו לומדים בבית הספר אין להם שום קשר למה שיקרה לנו אחר-כך בחיים? לדוגמא - נותנים לנו חצוצרה או קרן יער או קלרינט למשך שנתיים ומלמדים אותנו לנשוף, ובמשך מספר ענונות אנו משתייכים לתזמורת בית הספר שמזייפת אנושות במסיבת סוף השנה. אז הינה - לפני איזה זמן סיפרתי לחבר טוב שהכלי המוסיקאלי שלי במשך כל הילדות היה קרן יער, כלי קשה במיוחד. חייך החבר ואמר: תשמע סיפור, ניגנתי שנתיים על קרן בבית הספר וממש לא אהבתי את זה. והינה עכשיו, אחרי הרבה שנים, לקח אבי בהתקף לב ואושפו ימים ספורים לפני ראש השנה. אבי מאוד התעצב על שאינו יכול לבקר בבית הכנסת בימים הנוראים, להתפלל ולהאזין לשופר. הבאתי שופר לבית החולים, ובגלל קרן היער - ידעתי איך לתקוע בשופר, ולא היה קץ לאושרו של אבי. רואים? נפלאות דרכי האלוהים, ואפילו נגינת הקרן בבית הספר הכינה את חברי לחיים.

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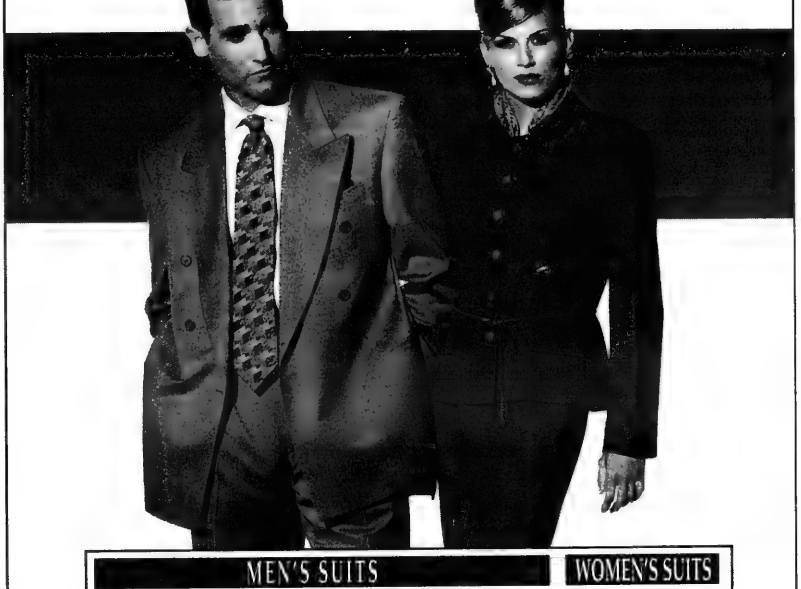

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Bathurst Manor residents fight club liquor license

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A liquor licence for a $3-million night club on Dufferin Street midway between Finch and Sheppard is being opposed by many of the nearby residents of Bathurst Manor.

An adjourned hearing for the licence request will resume Oct. 24 at 10 a.m. at the North York City Council chambers, possibly a day-long affair, open to the public. The chair of the licence board hearing is Andromache Karakatsanis.

Opposition to the licence is being led by Ward 7 Councillor Mike Feldman and Metro Councillor Howard Moscoe, who along with resident Gary Kenez, have standing at the hearing to cross-examine applicant Mark Hazout, president of Luxor Entertainment Corp.

The intended Luxor Club includes a large banquet hall and dance floor, a restaurant, a sports club with billiard tables, food and bar service and a wall-sized TV picture screen, and a travel agency. It is zoned for 3,095 patrons, though operating manager Alessandro M. Motto says its total capacity would be 2,500.

Hazout told *The CJN* that his company has already spent $1.5 million on converting the former Idomo warehouse, and the total investment of $3 million includes $1 million for state of the art lighting and sound.

In Hazout's opinion, a building permit has not been issued for the project owing to "political implications. We have complied with everything," he said.

"It's a glitch in the building bylaws of North York which allows a club in this industrial area," said Feldman. He said he is absolutely opposed to a night club and its attendant noise and traffic in this location and that the bylaw did not envision this kind of club.

A motion by Feldman opposing a "mega night club" for the site was approved unanimously by North York Council July 12.

"This will be as big as O'Keefe Centre. It will hold twice the population of Mackenzie Collegiate. Can you imagine the trouble if only 10 per cent of its patrons get drunk?" asked Moscoe.

The Luxor Club's Mark Hazout is facing opposition from local ratepayers.

Opposition to the Luxor club has spread through the adjoining residential and business areas like wildfire, Moscoe said.

For his part, Hazout, 31, a graduate of Associated Hebrew Schools and the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto (CHAT), who came to Canada from Morocco with his parents at the age of four, says Luxor is a legitimate business venture.

It will add to North York's tax base, employ 120 people, and he is investing "every penny I own," including a substantial sum gained from the sale of a restaurant-bar he owned on the airport strip, he said.

Asked if it was true, as alleged by some residents, that he is only a "front man" for other interests, Hazout said: "Absolutely not."

In a statement faxed to *The CJN* Motto declared: "We feel we have been falsely labelled by members of the community through either political or personal motives and we are currently investigating the source of slanderous information regarding this venture."

On its own property, Luxor will have 173 parking spaces, including a new parking lot holding 120, but has agreements from nearby businesses to permit another 800 cars to park, Motto said.

This does not satisfy Feldman, who says he wants a "total impact study" on the parking problem.

Part of the money spent so far is on impressive Egyptian friezes, including four sphinxes and a pyramid scene, which decorate all the rooms and were executed by artist Frederico Tikui. The club is named after the second largest city in Egypt and its name is well suited to suggest the luxury and opulence of its surroundings, Hazout said.

Replying to complaints of late noise and traffic, Motto said operating hours for the club will be 7 p.m. to 3 a.m. But the age of the customers, 25 to 40, no liquor being served after 1.30 a.m., and patrons leaving in small groups will mitigate the problem.

"We hope to attract mature people with disposable income who want a nice place to relax, perhaps rekindle a romance," Motto said.

Luxor is holding an open house Oct. 8 and sending out 10,000 invitations to residents and businesses. A previous open house, to which only 500 were invited, only attracted 12 people.

Pre-recorded music will be used in the club, restaurant and sports bar, and an expensive sound attenuation padding system will soften the noise, Motto said. Live performances will only be held three or four times a year for special events.

The cover charge for the club is $20, but Motto said memberships are available for $30, and a VIP membership for a few hundred dollars will allow other privileges. The restaurant, seating 115 persons, will offer a luncheon menu costing about $18.

Moscoe said there are two synagogues in the area, several schools, including CHAT, and a seniors housing project right opposite the club site.

"It will degrade the quality of life in this area and lower property values," said Kenez, who resides on Overbrook Place, a street which ends just opposite the Luxor. "It will create a tremendous amount of traffic."

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From coast to coast

Congress president addresses community

Greetings from the president of Canadian Jewish Congress

As we look towards the New Year 5756, our community remains united on the principal elements of the Canadian Jewish agenda. However, this does not mean we can take any of the challenges ahead lightly. We continue to combat incidents of anti-Semitism and racism and urge the government to move quickly on

Goldie Hershon

suspected Nazi war criminals resident in our country. With a referendum on sovereignty looming in Quebec, Canadian Jewry must play a significant role in the national unity debate.

Jewish continuity stands out as a truly important element of our agenda. As my predecessor Irving Abella said: "We must try to build a Jewish community that is not simply concerned with survival, but one that is creative and attractive to our children — a community with substance and content." It is of paramount importance that we empower youth to become the leaders of tomorrow.

Remembering the Holocaust remains our sacred duty and we owe it to those who perished and to those who survived to carry forth their message to our children and to our grandchildren. We must unrelentingly pursue Holocaust deniers. And we must ensure that our governments and other governments continue to bring Nazi war criminals to justice. We cannot do this alone. There has been some movement since last March on the war crimes dossier, but time is running out.

The Canadian Jewish community continues to support the democratically elected government of Israel. It is not our role to dictate to the Israeli government how to conduct its affairs. If Israel's agreement with the PLO does eventually lead to the end of violence and the establishment of a true peace, then all parties win.

On the subject of national unity, Canada is one of the greatest countries in the world. Unfortunately, separatists would choose to divide our nation. We must let those who would divide us know, in no uncertain terms, that Canadian Jews stand for a united Canada. As Jews, we benefit from a strong country. Responsible leadership means saying No to separatists and working forcefully to ensure that Canada remains united. When addressing those who seek to break up this country, it is vital to be honest about our commitment to Canada. Earning respect on the question of national unity requires friendly discussion, but frank expression of our support for Canada.

Regarding racism and anti-Semitism, from the Ku Klux Klan and the Heritage Front to Ernst Zundel, Malcolm Ross and neo-Nazis, we must remain vigilant. Internationally, the world picture has changed in ways one would never have envisioned and the changes have had a direct impact on Jews in the former Soviet Union and Eastern Europe.

Nonetheless, our job is by no means complete. Atrocities continue to be committed in the former Yugoslavia. Genocide has occurred or is being pursued in places like Rwanda, Burma and Somalia. The small Jewish community of Cuba cannot emigrate and needs our assistance with food and other provisions.

Let us hope that the Jewish community worldwide enjoys a happy, peaceful and fulfilling 5756.

Embassy's message

Message from the Embassy of Israel by Eli Yerushalmi.

Eli Yerushalmi

Dear Friends,

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are two of the most important holidays of our people. These are days of spiritual elation, days of examination of our conscience and days of soul searching. During the 10 days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, the most solemn days of our tradition, soul searching acquires a sublime value. We rigorously examine our conscience, our acts and our conduct.

Our prayers and the exchange of Rosh Hashanah greetings are the timeless expression of community, interdependence and responsibility which have been the hallmark of Jewish life at this time of the year for generations, wherever Jewish people have lived.

These are the prayers which ask to be remembered for long, healthy, rewarding years. These are the prayers of our forebearers and the hopes of our children. These are prayers of thanks.

To the Jewish people of Canada, exemplary in understanding that sense of community, I would like to join all of you in praying for a good year, a year of personal health, fulfilment and reward, a year that will strengthen the unity among all the Jewish people in Israel and around the world, a year which will bring us forward in the negotiations for peace with all the neighbors of Israel and enhance its security and economic progress.

On behalf of the Government of Israel, its people and my family, I extend warm wishes for health, happiness, fulfilment, rewarding life and the answer to our prayers, peace. Shanah Tovah.

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Germany's Jewish population expected to reach 100,000

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Despite an upsurge in anti-Semitism, Germany's Jewish community is growing, and will likely have a Jewish population of about 100,000 by the year 2000, says a member of the governing body of German Jewry.

Sixty thousand Jews currently live in Germany. But with the continued influx of Jewish immigrants from the former Soviet Union, which has been running at a rate of 10,000 annually, the number of Jews is expected to rise to approximately 100,000 by the turn of the millennium.

The forecast was made in an interview by Michel Friedman, who at 39 is the youngest member of the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

Friedman — the son of Polish-born Holocaust survivors who were saved by the legendary Oskar Schindler — was in Toronto last week to deliver a speech sponsored by the Centre of Jewish Studies and the German Studies program at York University. His visit here was under the auspices of the German Consulate, with the assistance of the Goethe Institute. Before leaving Canada, he also spoke in Montreal.

Friedman, who was born in Paris and resides in Frankfurt, said the Central Council of Jews in Germany does not encourage Jews to settle in Germany. But once they arrive, the community does its best to integrate them.

Most Soviet newcomers are deficient in Jewish knowledge, customs and rites. "But they are interested in learning and they learn quickly," noted Friedman, a lawyer with a doctorate in law.

Due to the past and even the present, Jews live in Germany with "a certain degree of fear" and ambivalence, he acknowledged.

Nevertheless, he added, the Jewish presence — which is less than a quarter of the size it was before the Third Reich — is an unalterable fact.

There were 1,366 registered anti-Semitic incidents in Germany in 1994, a 127 per cent increase over the previous year.

"It's no secret that anti-Semitism didn't end with the Nazis," Friedman said. "And it's no secret that neo-Nazism, worldwide, has grown."

But Friedman is not unduly

Michel Friedman

alarmed. Germany, he pointed out, has evolved into a stable, democratic state. And the German government is committed to combating anti-Semitism and racism.

Germans, he declared, are not more anti-Semitic than the British or the French. Jews in Germany, he said, should neither underestimate nor overestimate anti-Semitism. And they should engage in a dialogue with the majority of Germans who are opposed to it.

Anti-Semitism has grown since German unification in 1990 because joblessness has increased and minorities are more visible, he explained.

Friedman urged the Ministry of Education to introduce new courses dealing with minority groups and tolerance and to pay more attention to the phenomenon of multiculturalism. Furthermore, he said, police forces must be more efficient in cracking down on neo-Nazi organizations.

Friedman expressed concern about the new prominence of Germany's right-wing intellectual movement. It emphasizes German nationalism and compares the Holocaust to other tragedies in history.

Although this movement does not deny the Holocaust, it is "far more dangerous" than neo-Nazism because it can change attitudes to the past and influence today's moral climate, he said.

Friedman is hopeful that the planned Holocaust memorial in Berlin, whose construction has been delayed by disputes, will be built shortly.

He criticized German state governments for cutting subsidies to former concentration camps that function as Holocaust museums.

Friedman came out in favor of German participation in a Western military force to stop ethnic cleansing in Bosnia.

"Germany doesn't have to send bombers. It can be involved in logistical, intelligence and medical work."

Jewishness celebrated

By MOURA WOLPERT
Special to The CJN

HAMILTON — Orthodox and secular, Jewish women gathered here recently in a common rejoicing in their Jewishness.

Called A Celebration of Jewish Women's Voices, the event was a follow-up to last year's vigil in support of agunot, women refused a *get* (Jewish divorce) by their husbands, which was spearheaded by Na'amat.

The vigil was so successful in bringing Jewish women's organizations together in a common cause that many felt there should be other programs in which all groups could participate, said Na'amat president, Wendy Schneider, chair of the organizing committee.

Over 80 women attended the evening in the lounge of Shalom Village Nursing Home including professional women and homemakers, Holocaust survivors and Jews-by-choice, Shalom Village residents in their 80s and 90s, teenagers and girls as young as nine or 10.

The program included readings and songs, discussion circles for the sharing of thoughts and feelings about being Jewish and what the participants would like to pass on to the next generation.

Frequently mentioned were growing up in a traditional Jewish home; keeping a kosher home; lighting Friday night candles and the observance of holidays; a Jewish education; love of learning; the Yiddish heritage and language; and warmth of the Jewish family.

Helen Metz, one of the organizers, said there was "a connectedness in our similarities as well as in our differences."

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From coast to coast

Plight of Vancouver's Jews called a 'national imperative'

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — National attention and resources are required to meet the challenge of building a vibrant Canadian West Coast centre of Jewish life in Vancouver, declares a report on the community prepared for the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver (JFGV).

The report, just released, says the Vancouver situation must not be treated by Canadian Jewry as a regional issue but as a "national imperative."

By the standards of other large Canadian Jewish centres, Vancouver, with the third largest Jewish population in the country and still growing rapidly, "is the most diverse and least traditional community." The intermarriage rate is high and Jewish identification is weak. "Jewish continuity here is not a challenge but a reality," says the report.

The current community infrastructure is having trouble keeping up with the growth and data indicate that without considerable investment in Jewish institutions and community buildings, an existing pattern of disaffiliation and assimilation will intensify.

The report concedes that there is a vibrancy in Vancouver Jewish life which reflects creativity, innovation and willingness to test new ideas. However, asks the report, how much of the cost of building infrastructure can be shouldered by the older, more established community? Who will pay the costs of responding to an increasingly diverse set of needs and rapidly expanding population?

The report, based on the 1991 Canadian census and prepared through the McGill Consortium for Ethnicity and Strategic Social Planning, asks further: What will be the impact of weakened Jewish identity in Vancouver and the high rate of intermarriage? What meaning is there in the fact that fewer Vancouver Jews identify as Jews by religion than any other Canadian community? What other kinds of association can bind Jews together outside the synagogue? How should the community respond to intermarried families which affect more than one in four Jews and almost one of every two Jewish children? What of the 4,000 persons who identify themselves as ethnic Jews but practise a religion other than Judaism.

The report suggests that priority be given to strengthening and supporting those who are most strongly identified as Jews. It is these persons "who are most likely to care about the future of the community and transmit these values to their children ... the Vancouver Jewish community will have to choose its strategy based on the reality of local life."

A few of the statistics revealed in the report show:

Community grew 130 per cent in only 24 years

- In 1991, 19,375 Jews lived in Greater Vancouver.
- Between 1981 and 1991 the Jewish population increased by 31 per cent.
- Since 1971 the community has grown by 130 per cent.
- Immigrants and interprovincial migration (mainly from Ontario) account for 48 per cent of the population growth since 1981. Almost three of 10 Jews (28 per cent) were born outside of Canada.
- Immigrants have come, since 1971, mainly from the United States (30.9 per cent) and the former Soviet Union (16.4 per cent).

The percentage of Jews who identify themselves by ethnic origin and practise no religion (25.9 per cent) is higher in Vancouver than in any other Canadian centre. Another 17.7 per cent practise another religion, the highest in the country.

- The intermarriage rate, at 26.2 per cent, has risen more quickly in the past 10 years than in any other Jewish centre in Canada.
- The percentage of children in intermarried families has reached "staggering proportions." Almost one of two children (45 per cent) lived in a family situation where one person was not Jewish.
- Intermarriage is more common among younger Jews, particularly in the 25-39 age group. Close to half (45.1 per cent of the 25-39 group) live in intermarried families. Intermarriage is more common for people born in Canada and in other Western countries than for persons born elsewhere.
- The predominant living arrangement remains husband-wife families, over 75 per cent; but 5.4 per cent lived common law, which is double the national percentage.
- Vancouver Jews and Vancouverites generally were better off economically than Canadian Jews and all Canadians. Almost three times as many Jews earned $75,000 or more in 1991 than did the Vancouver population as a whole.
- Vancouver Jewry has a greater percentage in professional and management positions than the general population. For example, 7.1 per cent of Jews were accountants, notaries, lawyers, doctors or dentists, compared with 2.2 per cent of all persons in Vancouver.
- Over half of all Jews (58.4 per cent) were either enrolled in university or had completed a bachelor's degree. These rates were twice that of Canadians and Vancouverites generally.

The report was prepared by James L. Torczyner, Shari Brotman and Jean Gerber in conjunction with the Canadian Council of Jewish Federations, the JFGV and Statistics Canada.

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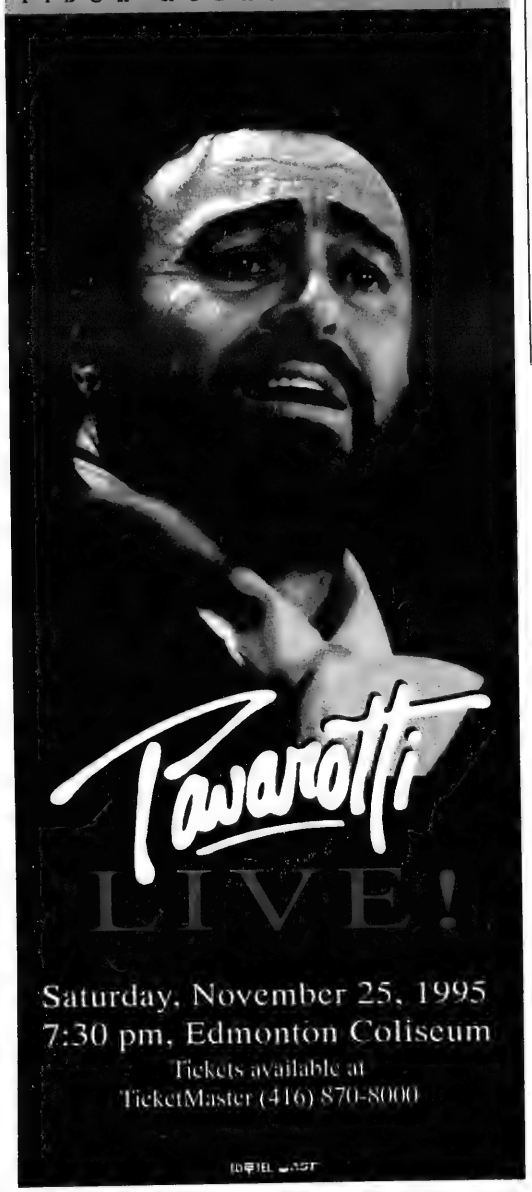

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Harry Lenetsky stands with his granddaughters Lauren Rubinstein (left) from New York and Carolyn Heft, from Vancouver, who came for the reunion.

Montreal orphanages alumni hold their sixth reunion

By **MIRIAM CHINSKY**
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — They were like family — closer than families, some insist — more than half a century ago in Montreal in the Montefiore Orphans Home on Jeanne Mance Street and the Hebrew Orphans Home in Westmount.

Now, although they're scattered across the continent, they look forward to meeting when possible and sharing memories.

A sixth combined reunion recently brought Montefiore and Westmount alumni to the Toronto area for a weekend in North York.

The majority still live in Montreal; but several have come to Toronto and gatherings generally alternate between the two cities.

In North York, they cluster around a table covered with old snapshots Max Matt has brought, trying to identify themselves and friends from the early days. Matt, now 84, was raised at Montefiore and given a supervisory position there when he reached 16, the age when most young people had to leave. At 19, he was appointed superintendent of Westmount. He and his wife Wanda live in Bloomfield, Conn., but always try to attend reunions.

Matt poses for snapshots with his "girls" and the whole group. Behind the camera is Myer Gordon, a former Montefiore boy. Gordon and his wife Judy are very involved in organizing the reunions.

Gordon takes more pictures, one of Harry Lenetsky (Montefiore) standing proudly with his granddaughters, Lauren Rubinstein from New York and Carolyn Heft of Vancouver.

Sam Raminsky talks about the time when he was invited to try out for the Montreal Canadiens and went to Baltimore briefly but left the team to come back and marry Sylvia, whom he had met when they were both at Westmount. Sam's pace has slowed somewhat, but he is currently shuffleboard champion at his Deerfield, West Palm Beach condo.

Tina (Weisfeld) and her husband Leonard Rosen talked enthusiastically about their trip to Holland for the D-Day remembrance in June. Rosen served as a driver with the Canadian Army in Italy and Holland during World War II.

Not all the children at Montefiore and Westmount were actually orphans. Some had one parent who just couldn't cope and they were usually able to visit with that parent or other family.

It was dormitory living and multiple bar mitzvahs at the orphanages, but there was caring, sharing and responsibility. The youngsters attended neighborhood schools and received an excellent Jewish education.

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From coast to coast

Syrian Jewry advocate recalls her secret efforts

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Speaking at two major gifts functions here prior to the official launch on Sept. 12 of Vancouver's annual Combined Jewish Appeal (CJA) campaign, Judy Feld Carr described her 23 years of labor on behalf of the rescue of Syrian Jewry.

Referring to a July ceremony sponsored by the government of Israel she said, "In that moment of joy, on seeing reunited families living in Israel and almost miraculously starting new lives with enthusiasm, optimism but with some trepidation, I realized that 23 years of covert, frustrating and always agonzing work had, at long last, virtually come to an end."

Carr's secret efforts were responsible for freeing 3,126 Jews from Syria, according to Israeli government statistics.

In 1948, when Israel became a state, the Syrian Jewish population was about 40,000. It has shrunk to 150 now — mainly older people who find it difficult to leave their home of many years.

Without publicity or fanfare, Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation set up the Dr. Ronald Feld Fund for Jews in Arab Lands, named in memory of Carr's late husband, who died in 1973. The campaign for funds operated strictly by word of mouth.

At first, the fund managed to send thousands of dollars worth of mezuzot, t'fillin, tallitot, chumashim, siddurim and Hebrew school books to Syria. Because there could be no public campaign for money, it was a hand-to-mouth existence for the fund and all the activities were conducted on a voluntary basis.

Carr said not a penny of United Israel Appeal or any other organizational money was used.

Rabbis in Syria were able to advise Carr of the receipt of the material through code words in cables. Many of the rabbis, she noted, had come from Spain and knew from the experience of Marranos how to communicate secretly.

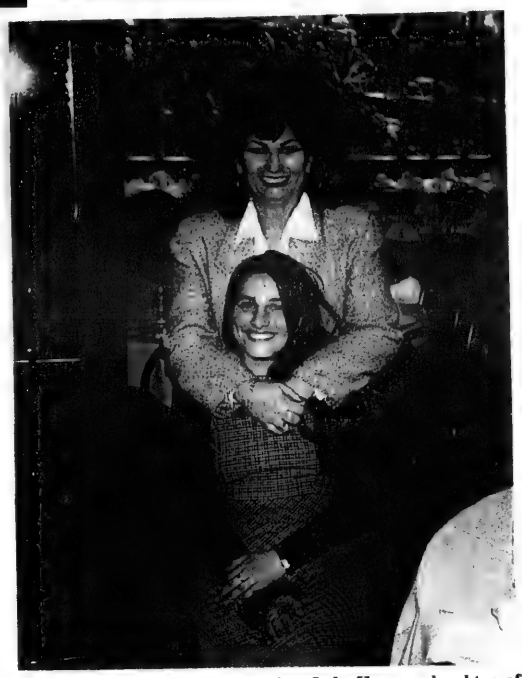
This April, Israel decided the secrecy had to end and the world got to know that the Jews of Syria had been able to find haven there. This was announced at a media conference where Foreign Minister Shimon Peres "publicly acknowledged the secret work I had been involved in for so long." (The story was played on the front page of the *Vancouver Sun.)*

Carr paid tribute to the Jewish Agency's social workers for their efforts in helping with the absorption of the Syrians. "Obviously," she said, "our UJA dollars play an important part in this activity."

Through the quiet diplomacy of the then Canadian Jewish Congress president, Judge Sidney Harris, Carr was able to enlist the aid of Canada's Foreign Affairs Department and the embassy in Damascus went "beyond the call of duty" in helping out.

As the final chapter of the Syrian exodus closes, and with the rescue nearing completion, "we can truly say with thanks," said Carr, *"Zeh Hayom Asa Adoshem Nagilla Ve-Nismacha Bo* — this is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be happy."

A history of the exodus is being written by Harold Troper, who co-authored *None Is Too Many.*



Judy Feld Carr and her namesake, Judy Hamra, daughter of Syria's former Chief Rabbi, who's now in Israel.

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From coast to coast

Mexican choreographer to lead Israeli folkdance workshop

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Alberto Zirlinger, a noted Mexican choreographer and teacher of Israeli dance, will be coming to Winnipeg Oct. 14 and 15, to conduct an Israeli folkdance workshop at the Rosh Pina Synagogue.

"This will be an excellent opportunity for everybody from beginners to the most advanced dancers to learn some extremely exciting Israeli folkdances," says Casey Chisick, one of the artistic directors of Winnipeg's long-running Sarah Sommer Chai Folk Ensemble.

(Chai is co-sponsoring Zirlinger's visit in partnership with the Rosh Pina Israeli Folk Dance Group which is led by Shoshana Shalev Minuk.)

"Alberto is one of the finest teachers and choreographers Chai has had the privilege of working with," Chisick continues. "His workshop will feature the latest dance by such well-known choreographers as Shlomo Maman, Meyer Shem Tov and Gadi Biton. He will also be teaching brand new dances which won major prizes at the 1995 Karmiel Israeli Folk Dance Festival in Israel."

Originally from Argentina, Zirlinger, 29, has danced with several well-respected groups and served as director of the Dalia Israeli Folk Dance Festival.

Since moving to Mexico City in 1990, he has served as artistic director and chief choreographer of the groups Reguesh and Achshav U Le Tamid and he has been the artistic director of Mexico City's Festival Aviv Carlos Halpert.

He has won several awards for his work and has been a staff member at Israeli folkdance camps. He has given workshops in several Mexican cities as well as in Panama, Venezuela and New York.

The directors of Chai first became aware of his work in 1994 when they were invited as observers to the Festival Aviv. They met him last spring, when Chai was invited to perform in the festival, and discussed his coming to Winnipeg as a guest choreographer.

Chisick reports that during his stay in Winnipeg, Zirlinger will be staging a brand new suite for Chai as well as adapting another of his works, *Machol Ro'im*, for the group. Chai will be debuting both pieces at its annual February concert.

Jerusalem rabbi guest speaker at Bloor JCC

TORONTO — Rabbi Ben Hollander of Jerusalem is the guest speaker for a pre-Rosh Hashanah workshop co-sponsored by Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning and the Downtown Reform Minyan on Sept. 21 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Bloor Jewish Community Centre.

Well known throughout Israel for his weekly parshah (Torah portion) broadcasts on Radio Kol Yisrael, Rabbi Hollander is a Conservative rabbi who serves as professor of rabbinics at Hebrew Union College, the Reform Rabbinical seminary in Jerusalem.

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Holocaust memoirs sought

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

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Professors Kurt Jonassohn and Mervin Butovsky are looking for manuscripts that are firsthand accounts of Jews who lived through World War II in Europe. The manuscripts should be in English or French and the author still living.

The project is under the auspices of the Concordia-based Montreal Institute for Genocide Studies and is financed, at least for the first year, by a multiculturalism grant the university received from the former Conservative government for the establishment of a Jewish studies chair.

These accounts will be deposited in the Concordia library's Azrieli Collection, one of the largest — if not largest — Holocaust archives in Canada, and made available to researchers.

This is believed to be the first project of its kind in Canada.

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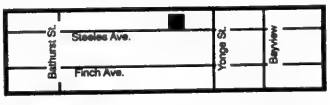

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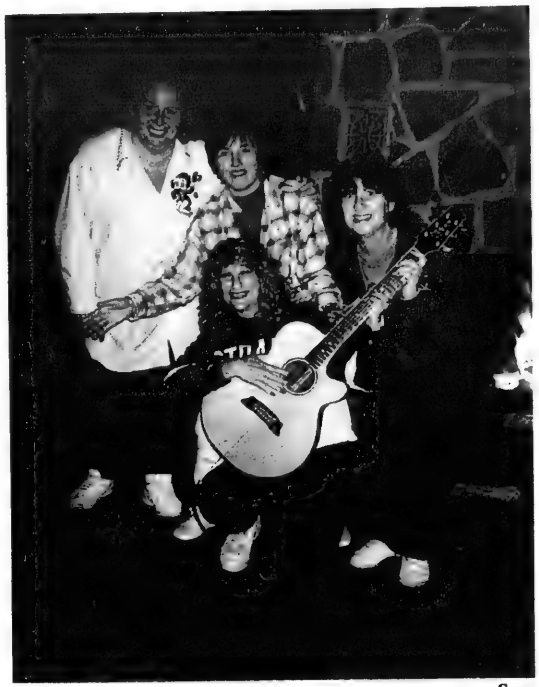
Hi-jinks reign supreme at adult summer camp

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter



The four amigos created plenty of mayhem at summer camp. Seen here (from left) are Elaine Myers, Carol Halpert and Pam Shapiro. Kneeling with the guitar is Honey 'the happy camper' Mahl.

TORONTO — It was a typical bit of summer camp silliness.

Long past midnight, after a campfire sing-along and mess-hall fressing, about 20 wild and crazy campers decided to raid the camp director's cabin. Finding his room, they entered unannounced, jumped on his bed, pulled off his sleeping bag and exposed him and his "undies" to the world.

After a slight period of disorientation, he gleefully joined along in the dancing and impromptu limbo contest, performing in nothing but his T-shirt and underwear, Honey Mahl recalls.

Mahl, one of the instigators of the post-midnight mayhem, smiles proudly as she recounts the incident. It was one of the highlights of her three-day stay at Camp Northland in Haliburton, Ont. and it was something she could proudly recount to her kids.

Mahl, like others who attended the Kids at Heart program at Camp Northland, is a "mature" camper, at least on the age side, a "40ish" woman "a little bit long on the 'ish', " she says.

Her stay at Northland was a chance to re-experience the fun of being young, carefree and (temporarily) husband- and child-free.

A self-styled "waterbaby," Mahl enjoyed the swimming, windsurfing, waterskiing and canoeing that was offered at the kosher summer camp, usually frequented by Jewish kids from Toronto.

She even enjoyed the arts and crafts activities, fashioning a Dali-esque, basket-like thingamajig, or something like it, for one of her fellow sales reps here at *The CJN*.

The nights were filled with campfire activities, singing and dancing. One of the other campers was an understudy for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, and he taught other campers various song and dance routines.

Going to camp was not Mahl's idea in the first place. Growing up, she never went to camp. "I was a Crystal Beach person."

But her kids, Jill, Tammy and Melanie, felt "it was payback time for their camp experiences" and they pushed her into it. "They surprised me," Mahl said. "They paid."

Two of Mahl's friends, Elaine Myers and Pam Shapiro, had already enrolled and Mahl was determined to join them. She phoned the camp organizers and told them: "Two of my friends are in a cabin and if I can't be in the same cabin, I'll have my mother call and complain."

A third friend, Carol Halpert, signed on as well and the four amigos were assigned to "luxury" accomodations — they had their own bathroom and shower.

Many of the other campers weren't so lucky and those who came expecting something like a Muskoka lodge were disappointed. "One woman came up in a BMW and left the next day," she said.

The food was "just like camp" but seemed to get better as the week wore on. Taking no chances, the foursome brought along plenty of junk food, peach schnapps, wine and other goodies. "Don't ask," Mahl said. "We had bags and bags full. People were coming in to look."

The days were busy and Mahl has precious memories of "killing ourselves laughing" while they bobbed up and down in an inner tube in the lake.

Mahl met many people from all walks of life and there's already talk about a reunion. "You know what they say," she says. "The friends you make at camp are friends for life.

"We're going back next year for sure. We all had expectations, but it was a lot better."

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Theatres collaborate on show

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — As it begins its ninth season, the Winnipeg Jewish Theatre (WJT) can proudly claim its place as a recognized and integral part of Winnipeg's professional theatre scene.

Audiences have grown to nearly 5,000 per show, the shows have been critically acclaimed and generally they have done well at the box office.

The theatre's coming of age is particularly well demonstrated by the fact that, for the first time this season, the WJT is co-producing the first two shows with other mainstream professional theatre companies.

The WJT's first show *Kindertransport*, is a co-production with Saskatoon's Persephone Theatre where it will also appear. The Winnipeg run is scheduled for Oct. 19 to 29.

Kindersport, written by Diane Samuels, is the story of one girl's separation from her parents and her ancestry. The girl is one of the 10,000 Jewish children who were allowed into Great Britain at the outbreak of World War II. The play is set in an attic where three generations of women are seeking to find the truth.

The WJT's second production, *The League of Nathans*, written by Jason Sherman, is being co-produced with Winnipeg's Prairie Theatre Exchange (PTE) and run at the PTE's theatre Feb. 1 to 17. (All three WJT production this year will be staged at the PTE.)

The WJT's final production of the season will be the Canadian debut of *Family Secrets*, April 25 to May 5. The one woman show ran off Broadway for a record two years. Gordon reports the WJT is negotiating with a well-known actress in Toronto to star.

With the 1995-96 season set, the WJT has begun work on the 1996-97 season. Sherman has been hired to prepare the play *None Is Too Many*, based on the book of the same name, for production next season. The WJT has received funding from the Canada Council and the National Federation of Jewish Culture.

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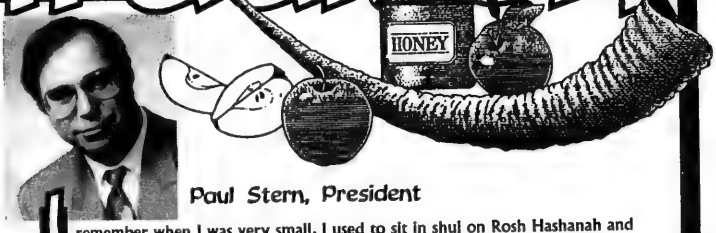

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PGA pro may have to go back to school

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — At 47, Bruce Fleisher may be going back to school.

No, he's not going into the classroom to read classic literature by dead white males or even study voodoo economics.

Rather, it's looking increasingly likely that he'll have to go back to golf school to requalify for a coveted place on the PGA Tour.

Nineteen-ninety-five hasn't been the best of years for the ball striker from Ballen Isles, Fla., near North Palm Beach. He began the year with tendinitis in his right arm and missed most of the early-season tour events in California. Since his return, he's played average golf, though his eighth place finish at the Buick Open provided

Bruce Fleisher

him with a handsome pay cheque.

At the Bell Canadian Open recently, Fleisher shot a one over par 289 to earn $10,790. Another Jewish golfer, Tony Sills, carded a 282 for an eighth place finish and a $43,550 payday. A third Jewish golfer, Skip Kendall, failed to make the cut.

Going into the final round, Fleisher and Sills were tied at three under par, but Fleisher shot a disappointing 76 to Sills' 69 on Glen Abbey's tough par 72 course.

So much of the game is mental and depends on confidence, Fleisher said after the third round. "It's hard to be aggressive without that self-esteem," he said.

Despite his disappointing season and relatively low earnings, Fleisher is philosophical about having to requalify. Still, he acknowledges it will be difficult at his stage of life to have to do so, though he hasn't entirely written off this year yet.

"I'm trying to stay healthy and get better, trying to win," he said.

Fleisher expects to play in 20 tour events this season and he still has a shot at boosting his earnings so he can avoid golf school.

But he acknowledges he's already looking far beyond next year to the day he turns 50 and qualifies for the senior tour. "It's nice to know there's golf after the PGA Tour," he said.

The seniors seem to have more fun at the game and the competition isn't as intense as in the PGA. In addition, most of his contemporaries have left the tour and he misses the camaraderie he experienced in earlier years, he said.

Watching him play a few holes at the treacherous, trouble-filled Glen Abbey, it's clear Fleisher has the tools to salvage this season and succeed in senior events. His swing is smooth as silk and he regularly placed his tee shot in the middle of the fairway.

Following the Bell Canadian Open, he was ranked fifth in driving accuracy with a 79.2 per cent average. He doesn't hit the ball far, but he keeps it in play. His short game and putting are also good.

That combination kept him in the money hunt at Glen Abbey, which at 7,112 yards, favors long hitters.

Fleisher said the Oakville course, designed by Jack Nicklaus, has difficult roughs and only provides small openings to the greens, putting a premium on accuracy.

He discounted suggestions the Open field was weak. Any event with golfers like Nick Price, Fred Couples and Mark O'Meara has to be considered top notch. You have to put up good numbers to win any event, whether it's in the PGA or on the Nike Tour, Fleisher said.

Fleisher credits his wife Wendy with having the understanding to put up with his long stints away from home. In 1980, her brush with death during childbirth showed him there was more to life than golf. In 1983, he withdrew from the tour to be closer to his family and for eight years served as director of golf at the Westview Country Club in West Miami and then at Williams Island in North Miami Beach.

In 1991, he launched his comeback with a bang, as he won his first tour event, the New England Classic. During the 1990s, he earned between $210,000 and $240,000 a year on the tour.

A member of Sports for Israel, a Maccabi-affiliated organization in the United States, Fleisher served as coach for the U.S. golf team at the 1989 Maccabiah Games in Israel. That's when he met Kendall, who tried out for the team.

Golf ball maven offers big savings

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — With green fees, ultralight graphite-shafted clubs and other equipment thrown in, golf is an expensive enough proposition without having to lay out big bucks for balata balls every week.

That's particularly the case if you still haven't cured your stubborn slice or you hook the ball or you hit it too fat or too thin or you mis-hit it in any one of a zillion ways possible.

Odds are you've lost bagsfull of balls in the woods or water that for some inexplicable reason, course architects feel compelled to place on golf links.

Jeffrey Shuster thinks he's hit on a way for golfers to replenish their supply of Titleists and Top Flites and keep some of their money in their pockets. He's opened a business, called Good As New Golf Balls, that offers golfers second-hand balls in good condition.

They're not quite new but at prices about 50 per cent off the cost of new, who's complaining?

His Doncaster Avenue emporium in Thornhill features bins of Titleist DT 100s, HVCs, HP2s and DT90s, Top Flite XL IIs, Tours and Magnas; and balls by Ultra, Tour Edition, Molitor, MaxFli and Prostar.

In another trade, the balls might be called "gently used" and many appear to have been hit only once or twice before finding the water. (Hasn't anybody heard of "water balls?")

Shuster, 23, recovers the balls from water hazards at about 10 Metro-area courses. The golf clubs contract with Shuster who in turn hires professional divers to pay early morning visits to the courses and retrieve the balls. The divers can find as many as 1,500 balls on a good day and often come back with 1,000.

"It's a little shocking how many balls go in the water," Shuster says.

The balls are cleaned and sorted by brand and placed in large wooden bins in the store.

Since opening the business in April, Shuster estimates that he has sold more than 20,000 balls a month, with sales of 1,000 a day not unusual.

The best bargains are at the top end, Shuster says. Balata balls (balata refers to the ball's hard cover) sell for $16.79 a dozen at his shop but regularly retail for about $35 a dozen, he said.

Titleist and Ultra are the most popular brands, but "I sell a lot of everything."

Shuster said he was surprised at the popularity of "shags," the worn out, beaten-about balls that are discolored and flawed.

"I didn't think the shags would sell at all. But at one time, I had trouble keeping up with demand," he said.

Shuster believes used golf balls are a growth industry. High and low handicappers alike frequent the store and he's already considering opening a second outlet in Mississauga next spring.

"[Golf] is one of the fastest growing sports in North America," he said. "It's the kind of product people always need and there's abolutely nothing wrong with the balls recovered from the ponds. It's a multi-million dollar business in the United States."

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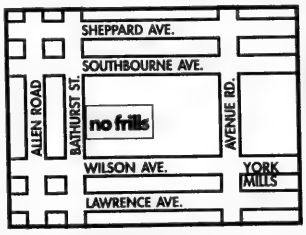

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Sports news

Maccabi youth team hauls home the hardware

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Maccabi Ontario's team of 40 athletes averaged nearly a medal a piece at the recent Jewish Community Centre Maccabi Youth Games in Long Island, N.Y.

The athletes came home with a total of 36 medals, including nine gold, 21 silver and six bronze. They competed in track and field, swimming, basketball (boys and girls) and tennis.

The track team led the way with 25 medals, including five gold, and swimming pitched in with 11 medals, among them, four gold.

Harley Gold was as good as his name, earning five medals, including gold in the senior boys (15-17) 4 x 400-metre relay. He won silvers in the 100m, the 200m, the 400m and the 4 x 100m relay.

Josh Nisker won gold in the 100m hurdles for boys 13-14. He took home silvers in the 100m, the 200m and the 4 x 100 relay and bronze in the long jump.

Darryl Firsten was part of Toronto's senior boys' gold medal 4 x 400 relay team and won an individual silver in the 800m.

Jamie Firsten won silver in the boys (13-14) 100m hurdles, the 4 x 100 relay and the 300m hurdles. He earned a bronze in the high jump.

Other senior boys medalists include: Shawn Pulver, gold in the 4 x 400 relay, bronze in both 800m and 1600m; Daniel Goldenberg, gold in the 4 x 400 relay, silver in the 3200m and bronze in the 1600m; and Matt Grinstein, three silvers in boys (13-14) high jump, long jump and 4 x 100 relay.

In swimming, Jennifer Solish won gold in the girls (12-14) 4 x 25 medley relay and silver in the 4 x 100 freestyle relay; Sara Jane Salmona, gold in the 4 x 25 medley relay, silver in the 400m individual medley and silver in the 4 x 100 freestyle relay; Leah Spergel, gold in the 4 x 25 medley relay and silver in the 4 x 100 freestyle relay; Rebecca Ross, gold in the 4 x 25 medley relay and silver in the 4 x 100 freestyle relay.

Steven Jacobson won a silver medal in the boys (15-16) 200m butterfly and Marc Singer earned a bronze in the 100m breaststroke for boys 13-14.

Maccabi Ontario's track and field team brought home 25 medals. Seen here are (from left) Gord Garshowitz, Jamie Firsten, Harley Gold, Daniel Goldenberg, Darryl Firsten, Josh Nisker, Daniel Greenstein, Lyn Cipin (executive in charge of junior development) and Shawn Pulver.

Toronto's basketball team finished with a 2-3 record at the Maccabi Youth Games in Columbus, Ohio. Seen here are (from left, top row): Steve Rubinoff, Michael Goldfarb, Rahmiel Rothenberg, Mark Dunn, Tali Greenberg, Aaron Hershtal, Neil Rothenberg. Front row (from left) David Safer, Ben Martin and Jeff Gottesman. Missing is Danny Hollander.

Hot shooting sinks basketball squad

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Hot shooting by their opponents and the inability to hold on to a 15-point lead cost Toronto's basketball team a bronze medal at the Maccabi Youth Games in Columbus, Ohio.

The team from Toronto was smoked in the second half, as host Columbus hit on all but one basket from the floor, going on to win 69-62. The loss left Toronto out of the medals with a 2-3 record, good for a fourth place finish in the six-team event. They had won the gold medal in Pittsburgh two years ago.

In an earlier game, the boys team dropped a backbreaking 37-34 decision to a team from Pittsburgh.

The two late losses were crushing to coach Neil Rothenberg, while the boys were more upset by the loss to Pittsburgh, he said.

Earlier, Toronto beat Louisville and Ann Arbor and then faced powerhouse Pittsburgh in a game they lost 59-37.

With a rematch looming against the Pennsylvanians in the semi-final game, Toronto altered its strategy. Rothenberg switched them from a man-to-man defence to a zone system. The plan worked. They clipped 20 points off the Pittsburgh score and had a chance to tie the game at the buzzer, but a three-pointer caromed off the rim and Pittsburg held on to win by three.

That loss seemed to take a lot of the wind out of Toronto's sails.

In the subsequent bronze medal contest, Toronto led Columbus throughout the first half but relinquished the lead in the second when Columbus shooters got hot. From there, the teams traded baskets but Columbus repeatedly sank their long shots and the American team showed "a greater will to win," Rothenberg said.

"As Canadian kids get older, they take it more seriously," he added.

Despite the disappointing basketball results, the boys showed well in a variety of track and field events.

(While the main track meet was held in Long Island, similar events were held for the basketball players in Columbus. Five regional Maccabi Games were held this summer. The Columbus basketball competition was for boys aged 12-14.)

In all, Toronto captured 23 medals in Columbus.

Tali Greenberg won a gold in shot put; Ben Martin finished first in high jump and long jump; Michael Goldfarb won gold in 1,600-yard race; Steve Rubinoff won the 3,200-yard run; and Toronto won the 4-by-400 yard relay.

The team was selected after tryouts in May, attended by 40 players. Six of the 10 chosen play at Jewish day schools, as well as in the house league at the Bathurst Jewish Centre.

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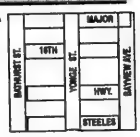

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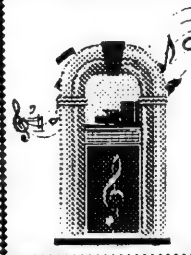

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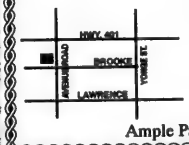

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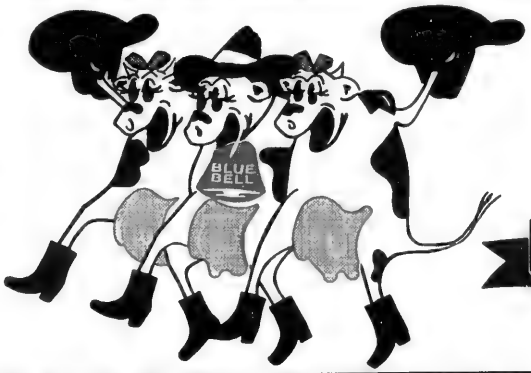

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Hebron an obstacle to negotiating breakthrough

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TABA — After burning the midnight oil here most of last weekend, Israel and the Palestinians concluded that, barring a miracle, they would not sign an interim agreement this week, as scheduled.

There had been hopes that Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat would achieve a last-minute breakthrough on outstanding obstacles and initial a document to be signed in Washington Sept. 21.

"I think there will be no signing on Thursday," a disappointed Peres said, shortly before Arafat left for Gaza to meet with the visiting Japanese prime minister. "I made every effort possible. We are not pressed for time."

Protecting Jewish residents

Washington had asked for confirmation of whether it should prepare for a Thursday signing ceremony. As *The CJN* went to press Monday morning, it was unclear what the answer was and uncertain whether talks would continue on into the week.

The White House has offered Sept. 28 or Oct. 5 as alternate dates for a formal signing ceremony.

Peres and Arafat would seem to have settled the issue of Palestinian elections, but not the thorny matter of Hebron.

"We have an agreement on water and an agreement on elections," Peres said without elaborating.

There were unconfirmed reports that Israel has agreed to something resembling a Palestinian parliament.

Palestinian officials said the Israel Defence Force (IDF) will have 100 days from the day the agreement is signed to withdraw from the areas agreed upon.

There will then be three weeks of campaigning before elections for the Palestinian self-rule council are held. The Palestinians want to hold the elections before Ramadan, which starts at the end of January.

Arafat aide Nabil Abu Rudeineh said the Palestinians want the IDF to withdraw from Hebron within the next few months. He called the new Israeli position on Hebron, tabled Saturday night, "totally unacceptable."

Israel had suggested the town of 450 Jews and 115,00 Palestinians be divided into three "control zones." One zone would be under exclusive Israeli control; the second under Palestinian civilian responsibility, with security remaining in Israeli hands. The Palestinians would take over the third zone entirely, including security.

Palestinian officials said that without a deal on Hebron, there will be no accord.

The crux of the matter is that Israel wants the IDF to have freedom of movement throughout Hebron to protect Jewish residents, while Arafat wants to demonstrate that he has visibly ended Israeli control over the city.

"There is no problem [with] the IDF staying to protect the Jewish area," one source close to the negotiations said. "The problem is the rest of the city. It is important to Arafat that he be seen as controlling Hebron."

Sharing joint patrols

That has led some to believe that a solution to Hebron would involve the IDF and the Palestinian police each having restricted authority and sharing joint patrols, alongside a multinational force similar to the one that patrolled Hebron after last year's Machpelah Cave massacre.

Sources said Israel is willing to bow to Arafat's wish that the building serving as IDF headquarters in the city be turned over to the Palestinian Authority.

It also appears that Israel is ready to have unarmed Palestinians patrol the point where Arabs enter the Machpelah Cave.

In a bid to bolster his position, Arafat invited Hebron Mayor Mustafa Natshe and other leading Hebronites to the talks to explain the importance of the city to Peres.

"There has to be drama down to the last second, so Arafat can tell his people that he has done everything possible," a source said.

Some of the other issues, however, have apparently been resolved.

Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erakat said it has been agreed that the Palestinian self-rule council will have 82 members. Until recently, Israel had insisted on 35 members, saying it did not want a higher number because the council would then resemble a parliament.

Erakat said Israel did not mind if the body elected a parliamentary-style speaker, while Arafat would be named head of an "executive" panel of "ministers" within the broader body. Israeli officials refused to comment.

At the same time, sources said the Palestinians have acquiesced to having a bypass road built from the Jerusalem neighborhood of Gilo to Rachel's Tomb. This road would be used only by Israelis.

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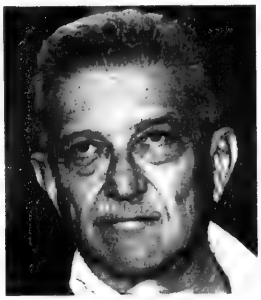

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Peace process

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During the past year, we signed a peace treaty with Jordan. I hope that the peace process will continue, enabling us to sign similar treaties with our other Arab neighbors.

I know that you are troubled and seek answers to many questions, such as the meaning of Zionism today and the continuity of the Jewish people in the Diaspora. The solution is aliyah — for Jews to come and live in Petah Tikva, Rishon Lezion, Beersheva, Metulla, Yeruham, Nahariya and many other cities in Israel. Together we will overcome our problems.

You were always proud when Israel fought and won her battles. Now Israel is strong and she warrants no less your continued pride and support.

On the eve of Rosh Hashanah, I send you and your families my sincere wishes for a year of true peace, health and success.

Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

Child support and fairness

Recent news reports suggest that the payment of child support will be regulated under Canada's *Divorce Act* by way of a strict schedule based on the payer's gross income and the number of children he has. Until now, the courts often used an informal formula under which the parents' respective incomes were compared, the child's costs assessed, and the payer spouse would pay his appropriate share of those costs. When the formula was applied properly, this figure would be adjusted or "grossed up", so that the payer would also pay the taxes attracted by such payments once received by the other spouse. Otherwise a $500 monthly payment would really only be as little as half that amount in many cases.

Unfortunately, such a formula was not always applied fairly enough to account for the tax consequences of the payment. Many receiving parents (usually women) rightly complain in such circumstances. Of equal importance, judges apply different factors unevenly across the country with similar facts. Indeed, the same two judges in the same building could appear to consider some of the following factors equally, but decide upon a different amount of support: the mother's income; her live-in partner/boyfriend's income and allocation of joint expenses; in many situations, the seasonal nature of the payer's employment; the basic costs of raising a child on a statistical basis in a given province; the payer's new "second" family; the wife's new "second" family; new children of such second (or sometimes third) families. In my personal experience, however, I've usually felt that when all the dust has settled — and provided that both parties were properly represented — a just amount had been decided by the Court I was before.

Once these guidelines become law, many of these factors will normally no longer be considered. All that will matter in most cases is the income of the payer spouse and the number of his children. Sometimes the chart is going to be inadequately low or high, depending upon many other factors. For instance, according to the draft support guidelines, a fellow earning $70,000 yearly with two children would pay $1696.46 per month or $848.23 per child, whether the mother had no income or earned $100,000 yearly.

All this may be more efficient and make establishing child support easier. But will it be fair?

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Prime Minister Rabin's Rosh Hashanah message

Rosh Hashanah message from Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to the Jewish communities in the Diaspora 5756—1995

Dear Friends, My Brothers and Sisters, Children of the Jewish People,

From Jerusalem, the eternal capital of Israel and the Jewish people, I send you greetings of peace and wishes for a good year. Warm regards from our common home.

Rosh Hashanah marks the beginning of the Jewish New Year. At this time, Jews all over the world, whether in Cape Town or Edinburgh, Miami or Buenos Aires, Jerusalem or Afula, congregate as one people, with their families, in synagogues and at home. Together, we take stock of the past year and prepare for the new one.

Yitzhak Rabin

These days, we find ourselves in one of the most important and fateful hours of the Jewish nation. We find ourselves in the process of strengthening the future of the Jewish people and the State of Israel for generations. This is a period of internal dispute and stormy debate, but it is important that we all know, in Israel and the Diaspora, that whatever the decisions will be, there will always be *Ahavat Yisrael*, true love of Israel and the Jewish people. In the words of our sages, "All Israel is responsible for one another." We cannot forget for one moment that while some support the course which we are taking and other oppose it — we are all brothers, we are all Jews, and we share a common fate.

This was a year of major accomplishments: we signed a peace treaty with the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, the country with which we share the longest border, with whom we fought two bitter wars and suffered thousands of casualties. Today, tens of thousands of Israeli tourists have already visited Amman and its outskirts. Tens of thousands of Jordanians have toured the streets of Israel. This is one meaning of the word "peace."

We are continuing our conciliation with the Palestinians — and it is not easy. It is impossible to erase 100 years of hostility and bloodshed with the stroke of a pen and a single handshake. It is an ongoing and often painful process. We need to break down the tremendous psychological barriers between us, to understand the other side, to realize that they do not wish only to cause us harm.

We are about to implement the second stage of the agreement with the Palestinians. There are difficulties. Two peoples desire to live on the same strip of land, and we must find ways to live in peace and security, side by side.

In our talks with the Syrians, who also control Lebanon, there have been no real breakthroughs. We hope that in the coming year we will reap the fruits of peace also with Syria. Thus, we can hope to reach comprehensive peace in the Middle East.

My brothers and sisters, I will not conceal from you the difficulties which we are facing. As you know, we also face bitter enemies who violently oppose the peace. They are fundamentalist extremists who employ terrorism in order to murder both us and the peace process. In the past year they used a new form of warfare against us: suicide bombers, living bombs who inflict numerous casualties, who cost us the precious lives of soldiers and civilians alike.

In the past year the number of violent incidents against Israelis decreased, and the PLO ceased their hostile activities against us altogether. However, as a result of the deadly acts of the suicide bombers, the number of fatalities increased. We are heartbroken at the death of every one of them, and the pain and sorrow draws us together.

We have invested heavily in manpower and protective measures, both financially and in the field. There is no way to, and no one who can, promise absolute protection against terror. Nonetheless, I say to you that we are responsible for the lives of every Israeli everywhere, and we will do everything, and make every possible effort, in order to protect them.

I want to tell you today that the buds of peace have already been a diplomatic and an economic blessing. Today there is a new openness toward us in the Arab countries, and we are on the brink of establishing diplomatic relations with several of them. The economic boycott is crumbling.

We have made great strides in the economy. Our markets have grown and our prosperity has increased. Leading business experts have heaped praise on our flourishing economy. This is almost entirely due to the peace process.

Brothers and Sisters, On Rosh Hashanah we also look to the future. We must commit ourselves to ensure the continuity of our people and our heritage. Together, we must work to strengthen Jewish identity, especially in the Diaspora, where assimilation is quietly eroding our numbers. This above all is the greatest task now facing the Jewish people.

Today, there are no obstacles to aliyah. The entire world, including the Arab world, permits aliyah, and anyone who wants to come to Israel will be welcomed here with open arms. There is no other nation in the world which absorbs immigrants as we do. We encourage aliyah. In the last few years we have absorbed 700,000 immigrants, most of them from Russia and the C.I.S. A large number of them have already purchased their own homes and most have found suitable jobs. The process of immigration is never an easy one, yet most immigrants express a high level of satisfaction. We are proud of this. This current Zionist challenge, yours and ours, is to absorb this outstanding aliyah as well as possible.

This Rosh Hashanah, 5756, is especially significant, with the celebration of the 3,000 years of Jerusalem as the capital of the Jewish people. Since the days of King David, Jerusalem has been the heart of the Jewish people and the focus of our dreams. Jerusalem will for ever remain united, under Israeli sovereignty. We look forward to welcoming you, "This year in Jerusalem."

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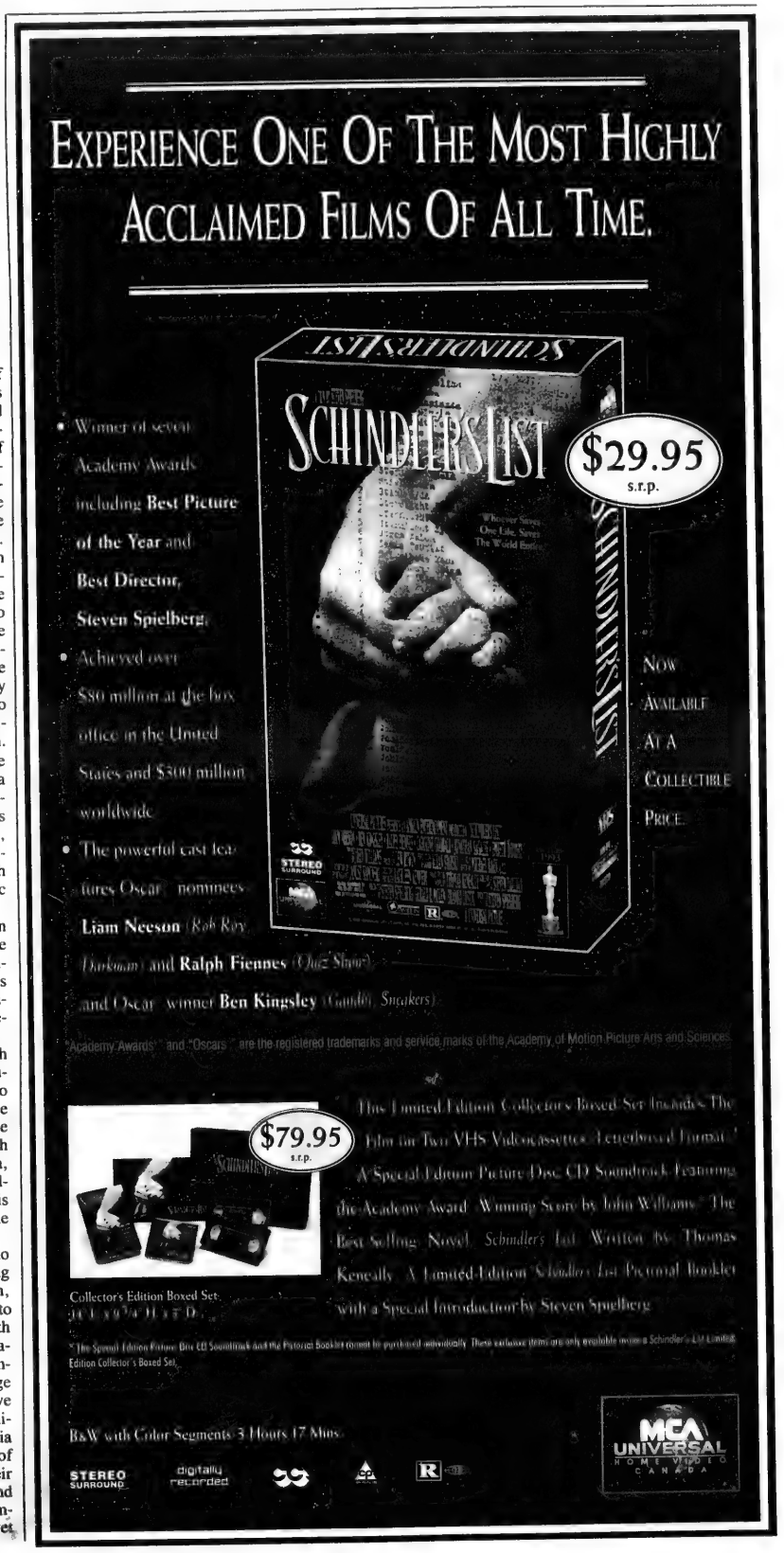
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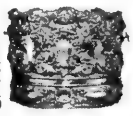
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Impasse emerges over Hebron

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Hebron, the only Arab city in the West Bank with a Jewish population, has emerged as the most serious single impediment to completing an agreement on expanding Palestinian autonomy.

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

The issue, along with a few others, threatens to further delay progress toward phasing in stage two of the 1993 Oslo accord.

Israel and the PLO had hoped to usher in Oslo II at a ceremony in Washington before the onset of Rosh Hashanah. But in the wake of fruitless talks between Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO chairman Yasser Arafat, no one expects this to happen any time soon.

In July, Israel agreed to cede eventual control of the West Bank towns of Jenin, Nablus, Tulkarem, Qalqilya, Ramallah and Bethlehem to the Palestine National Authority (PNA). But Israel, as Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said last week, insists on "special arrangements" for Hebron, which is holy to Jews and Muslims alike.

In a bid to break the impasse, Israel proposed a partial withdrawal from Hebron, with Israeli troops remaining behind in assigned enclaves to protect the 400 Jews of Hebron and the 6,000 Jewish settlers of adjacent Kiryat Arba.

But the PNA rejected the compromise. Arafat is amenable to a gradual Israeli pullout, provided it is ultimately a full withdrawal. At this juncture, Israel in unwilling to give the PNA such an assurance, partly because of Rabin's pledge that no Jewish settlers in the territories will be forced to leave their homes in the first stage of Palestinian self-rule.

The PNA, which has launched a campaign to repopulate Hebron's old Arab quarter, also wants an Israeli statement declaring that Hebron is a Palestinian town. But the Israeli government, under intense pressure from right-wing lobbying groups, is unwilling at present to accede to this demand.

As if the situation is not tense enough, the chair of the Palestine National Council, Salim al-Zanoun, said last week that the PLO's national covenant, calling for Israel's destruction, will not be amended unless Jews leave Hebron.

Hebron triggers raw, unfiltered passions because of its place in Jewish and Arab history. It is the burial site of Abraham and Sarah.

It was the seat of David's monarchy. It is a revered Muslim centre.

Destroyed by the Romans, conquered by the Arabs, held by the Ottoman Turks and the British, Hebron was captured by the Israeli army during the Six Day War.

Jews, mainly Orthodox, began to return to Hebron shortly after Israel's victory. Hebron's venerable Jewish community was razed during an Arab pogrom in 1929.

Today, with an Arab population of 120,000, Hebron is a flashpoint of Arab-Jewish acrimony. It is a stronghold of Hamas, the Islamic fundamentalist group, and of Gush Emunim, the Jewish settlers' movement. For very different reasons, both oppose the Oslo peace process.

In recent years, inter-communal violence has erupted regularly in Hebron. Many Jews have been killed and wounded by Arab attackers. Dr. Baruch Goldstein, the Kiryat Araba fanatic, murdered 29 Palestinian worshippers in Hebron's Tomb of the Patriarchs in February 1994, touching off a wave of Palestinian suicide bombings which has yet to subside.

Hebron, however, is but only one of the unresolved issues, nearly all relating to security questions, which blocks the expansion of Palestinian autonomy and with it, the calling of Palestinian elections.

Israel and the PLO are at loggerheads over water rights and allocations, Palestinian prisoners in Israeli jails, land management in rural areas, and the size and functions of an elected Palestinian council.

Last week, the PNA's religious affairs minister, Hassan Tahboub, injected another potentially explosive issue into the mix by declaring that Jews will be prohibited from praying at Jewish holy places in the West Bank after they come under Palestinian jurisdiction.

But amid the hubbub caused by his injudicious remark, Israel transferred new civil powers to the PNA in the spheres of fuel, labor, agriculture, trade and insurance.

(For most recent developments on Hebron, see story in this issue.)

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• *Ha'aretz* published the results of a University of Haifa poll in which 54 per cent of the people polled considered Yasser Arafat to be a terrorist; but 72 per cent still deemed it worthwhile to negotiate with him towards a true peace.

• A new traffic interchange at Kfar Shmariyahu was opened. The interchange is one of Israel's busiest. Approximately 100,000 cars per day will pass through the junction. Planners hope the interchange will improve the flow and safety of the traffic.

• *Ha'aretz* reported that since the beginning of the calendar year, 466 persons have been killed in highway accidents in Israel.

Sept. 12

• The General Security Service reported that they had arrested a resident of Kalkilya who had admitted to taking part in the murder of the two Israeli hikers at Wadi Kelt in June. Two other people suspected in the murders are being held by Palestinain police in Jericho.

• Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin departed for a three-day visit to Ukraine and Russia. *(Later in the week Israel and Ukraine signed a military cooperation agreement.)*

Sept. 13

• The Foreign Ministry appointed Adib Hassan Yihye as ambassador to Finland. Yihye, a former Israel Prize winner, is the first Arab Israeli to serve as an Israeli ambassador abroad. He lectures at both the National Defence College and Tel Aviv University.

• *Davar* reported that the unemployment rate declined to 6.2 per cent for the second quarter of 1995. This figure compared with 7.9 per cent for the second quarter of 1994.

Sept. 14

• In talks with officials of the government of Russia, Prime Minister Rabin was told that Russia will not halt its nuclear ties with Iran.

Sept. 15

• Violent demonstrations rocked Hebron. Palestinians were protesting the presence of both the small community of Jewish residents in the heart of the city and that of the IDF which serves to protect them. *(An agreement between Israel and the PA continues to founder on the issue of security arrangements in Hebron.)*

Pollard to appeal citizenship ruling

CJN News Services

JERUSALEM — A lawyer for Jonathan Pollard's wife said last week that Israel's denial of citizenship to the imprisoned American spy will be appealed.

Mordechai Ofri, who represents the Toronto-based Esther Zeitz-Pollard, said last week he will appeal the decision by Interior Minister Ehud Barak, who turned down a request that Pollard be made an Israeli citizen.

Barak had concluded earlier this month that a law which allows the granting of citizenship to residents of another country is not applicable in this case [*CJN*, Sept. 14]

Zeitz-Pollard, who secretly married the spy in jail two years ago, had petitioned the government on citizenship in the hope it would help Pollard's chances for parole later this fall.

"Our next step is the Supreme Court," Ofri said. "We will appeal and then hope the judicial system sees things differently than the Interior Ministry."

Ofri added that Pollard's supporters have gathered the signatures of 85 of the 120 members of the Knesset in support of the citizenship request.

Ofri said Barak had used a legal loophole to get around granting citizenship.

He said Israel was shirking what he described as its legal and moral responsibility in the case.

Zeitz-Pollard had based her petition on a section of Israel's 1952 Citizenship Law.

The law grants state protection to those who want to immigrate to Israel, but whose effort to do so, or whose identification with Israel, is forbidden in their countries of origin.

In the past, Israel applied the law to immigration activists and Prisoners of Zion in the former Soviet Union.

Barak did say, however, that he would be willing to meet with Zeitz-Pollard to discuss the matter.

Zeitz-Pollard said Israel's granting of citizenship to her husband would signal the Jewish state's willingness to accept responsibility for him.

But her tactic split Pollard's immediate family, who saw it as hurting Jonathan's chances for parole.

A recent spate of newspaper articles in the United States have reported that the Pollard case has been thrown into turmoil. They contained vituperative remarks about Zeitz-Pollard, who is seen in some camps as a destructive force leading Pollard astray and harming his chances for early release from his life sentence.

Some critics have labelled the Montreal-born divorcee as a sort of Svengali, holding the increasingly frustrated Pollard under her spell while she alienates his family and divides supporters.

Last week, Zeitz-Pollard did not return *The CJN*'s telephone calls.

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Former Israeli cabinet minister Yosef Burg (left) congratulates Toronto's Saul Feldberg, who was honored recently by the Jerusalem College of Technology (JCT). The college named Feldberg an Overseas Governor. The event also established the Saul and Toby Feldberg Microcomputer Centre at JCT, which will aid in the training of engineering students.

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Arabs arrested, settlers cleared in shooting death

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JERUSALEM — A coordinated effort by Israeli security and army forces led to the weekend arrests of three Palestinians suspected of involvement in the Sept. 8 killing of a Palestinian from the West Bank town of Halhoul.

The arrests prompted President Ezer Weizman to call for apologies from those who had said the killing was carried out by Jewish extremists.

"All those who feel a need to apologize should do so," he said Sunday.

Salman Zamareh, 22, was shot dead two weeks ago in his home in Halhoul, near Hebron, by unidentified gunmen in Israeli army uniforms.

Speculation that Jewish extremists were behind the killing surfaced after Halhoul residents said some of the assailants spoke Hebrew and after two small Jewish extremist groups, Eyal and the Sword of David, each claimed responsibility for the attack.

Israeli opposition leaders accused government ministers of exploiting the crime to lash out at Jewish settlers.

The Likud opposition called on Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Environment Minister Yossi Sarid to issue a public apology.

The Yesha Council, which represents settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, said that even though two small Jewish extremist groups claimed responsibility for the attack, "this should not direct the prime minister and members of the cabinet to put a blemish on the entire settler population."

The Kiryat Arba Council, which represents settlers living near Hebron, said it was considering filing a libel suit, Israel Radio reported.

Peres said he was relieved that the killers were not Jews.

"A load has been lifted from my heart," he told Israel Radio.

Before the suspects were apprehended, Israeli officials expressed the fear that if the killers were Jewish, the Palestinian Authority would have added reason to demand an increased Palestinian security presence surrounding Hebron.

Intelligence gathered by Israeli officials, as well as a bullet extracted from Zamareh's body, pointed the investigation to Palestinians.

Zamareh's body was exhumed Sept. 14 for a post-mortem examination after investigators said they could compare the bullet in Zamareh's body with cartridges found at the scene.

The type of weapon used in the attack is not used by the Israel Defence Force or Jewish settlers, police said.

The Israeli daily *Ha'aretz* reported that two of those arrested were twin brothers and that the third suspect is their cousin.

Police were searching for a fourth person also believed to have been involved in the killing.

Police suspect that the four killed Zamareh when he entered his home in the middle of a burglary attempt.

Prior to reaching Zamareh's house, the suspects ransacked other homes in Halhoul, stealing money and jewelry.

Police said the three detainees were cooperating with police and confessed to previous robberies in the Hebron area.

Japanese PM begins two-day Israel visit

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Visiting Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama told Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last Sunday that Syrian President Hafez al-Assad is disappointed with the current state of the peace process.

Assad, the Japanese leader reported, believes peace talks are at an impasse as a result of the positions taken by Israel.

However, Murayama told Rabin that Assad seems intent on continuing negotiations and is aware of the economic benefits of peace.

Murayama, who arrived from Damascus Saturday night, began a two-day visit in Israel and the Palestinian autonomous area, the first by a Japanese prime minister.

At a state dinner, Rabin described the visit as "a new page in the history of relations between the two countries.

"We value your support of the peace process, and your willingness to assist those involved in the process could be a very beneficial blessing to the entire Middle East," he said.

Japan, which gave $200 million to the Palestinian Authority over the past two years, recently agreed to provide an additional $200 million over the next two years.

"We wish to make further contributions to the Middle East peace process ... Peace and stability in this region are essential for the prosperity of the entire world," said Murayama, who later visited the Gaza Strip.

Rabin reportedly explained to the Japanese leader Israel's positions on Syria and elaborated on current negotiations with the Palestinians.

Murayama confirmed that next year, Japan will dispatch 77 soldiers to the Golan Heights as part of a UN observer force.

Murayama also asked for and received Israel's support in Japan's efforts to gain membership to the UN Security Council.

Rabin and Murayama also discussed obstacles blocking the export of Israeli agricultural products to Japan.

Protesters arrested

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Twenty-two people were arrested and some 30 injured when police broke up an illegal Zo Artzenu (This is Our Land) demonstration in the centre of Jerusalem last Wednesday night.

Twenty of the injured, including six policemen, were taken to local hospitals for treatment.

Among those arrested were Zo Artzenu heads Shmuel Sackett and Moshe Feiglin who, with his hands tied above his head to illustrate passivity, encouraged people to block streets.

A crowd estimated at several thousand took part in the five-hour protest against territorial concessions.

The protest began when dozens of people gathered around the corner from the Prime Minister's residence. They were met by hundreds of police, riot police and border policemen who filled the square and several side streets.

In a show of support timed for 5:30 p.m., dozens of cars passing the intersection honked their horns, as did drivers on roads throughout the country. People on the streets began banging pans and whistling.

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Shul drops Bonds pitch

By A. ENGLER ANDERSON
The Jewish Exponent

CHERRY HILL, N.J. — For the first time in its history, a 300-family synagogue here has cancelled its High Holy Day appeal for State of Israel Bonds.

The move is a protest to what congregation officials say is brutality by Israeli police toward protesters opposed to trading land for peace.

Sons of Israel, an Orthodox congregation that has made a Bonds appeal for more than 30 years, cancelled its Yom Kippur drive last week by a 30-2 vote of its board of directors.

One official estimates that the annual appeal sells between $50,000 and $60,000 worth of Israel Bonds.

"The basic purpose of the motion is to express our great unhappiness and disappointment with the treatment the Rabin government is meting out to Jews who disagree," said Rabbi Benjamin Sharfman, a synagogue board member who was one of the prime movers behind the resolution.

Bonds spokesperson Raphael Rothstein expressed regret at the action.

"We're sorry because we think it's hurting all the people in Israel. Bonds is not at all political; it is apolitical," he said.

Rothstein said some 500 Orthodox synagogues across the country have appeals scheduled.

"We have Orthodox rabbis who are enthusiastic, including the [Ashkenazi] Chief Rabbi of Israel." He was referring to Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau, who issued a general statement in support of Bonds.

At Sons of Israel, congregational leaders, citing news reports they have seen in the Brooklyn-based *Jewish Press* newspaper and on the Internet, and stories they have heard from relatives in Israel, charge the Labor government with brutality toward peaceful protesters.

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Germany returns seized land to Jewish community

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BERLIN — The German government has formally returned four pieces of property in Berlin to the city's Jewish community.

"This is yet another step toward the consolidation of Jewish life in this city," said Jerzy Kanal, head of Berlin's 10,000-strong Jewish community.

Kanal received the deeds to the four pieces of property from Berlin Finance Senator Elmar Pieroth during a ceremony earlier this month at Berlin's gold-domed New Synagogue.

The New Synagogue, whose restoration was completed in time for the May 7 ceremonies marking the 50th anniversary of the defeat of Nazi Germany, sits on one of the

More urgent cases

parcels of land returned to the Jewish community.

All the returned land parcels are located in the Jewish section of Berlin.

Kanal said the Jewish community had not pressed for the return of the property sooner because it was aware that other more urgent cases involving formerly Jewish property were before the real estate authorities.

Sorting out property owned by Jews who used to live in Berlin but fled the Nazis in the 1930s has been a difficult and complicated task, said Berlin authorities, who rejected criticism that they have worked too slowly on returning Jewish real estate to its rightful owners.

They note that there are 33,249 petitions with the German government claiming Berlin property that was confiscated during the Third Reich.

By the end of July, authorities had completed work on 6,460 of

Most disputed district

the petitions, they said. Of those, 1,000 property owners or their heirs had had their real estate returned.

Alexander Schnurbusch, director of the office that is handling the property-return claims, said typically, there are five claims for every piece of property in Berlin's Jewish district, which is the most disputed part of town.

He noted that there are many problems in returning property to its rightful Jewish owners.

Many original owners are dead and their heirs are often located all over the world, Schnurbusch said.

He also noted that after the Communist takeover of East Germany after the war, many land parcels were redrawn so that a piece of property owned by a Jewish resident in the 1930s may have been subdivided into other parcels.

Swiss banks uncover millions in lost accounts

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ZURICH — Swiss bankers released details last Tuesday in Bern of their plan to return accounts of Holocaust victims to their rightful heirs.

The announcement came as world Jewish leaders held a conference at the European Parliament in Brussels to discuss issues on the agenda of European Jewry, specifically questions of restitution.

"We are seeking to write the closing chapter on the tragic history of the Holocaust," said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress (WJC).

The European Jewish Congress and the World Jewish Restitution Organization co-sponsored the meeting at the European Parliament, the legislative arm of the European Union. Parliament leaders also were to attend the conference.

Jewish officials were scheduled to meet Thursday with the Swiss Bankers Association "to begin deliberations on the necessary next steps" to return funds held in Swiss accounts, Steinberg said in an interview.

At a news conference, Swiss bankers said they have found tens of millions of dollars in their vaults that could be from secret accounts of Jews killed in the Holocaust.

In a survey of a dozen banks this year, 893 pre-1945 accounts that belonged to Holocaust victims may have been found, the bankers association said.

The bankers association reportedly added that the accounts, which need further investigation, are worth $34 million, after the addition of interest and reductions for fees and taxes.

Others have estimated higher totals, peaking at nearly $7 billion.

The Swiss banks' premium on privacy and the difficulty of producing proof of ownership of an account that once belonged to a Holocaust victim have made it difficult for descendants to identify or claim assets.

Other steps taken by the bankers association include establishing an office under the independent Swiss banking ombudsman to assist with searches and preventing banks from invoking Switzerland's 10-year statute of limitations on dormant accounts.

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First Holocaust centre opens in Poland

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

WARSAW — The first centre for Holocaust survivors has opened in Poland.

The facility, known as "Our Home," opened here with a ceremony last Monday that included the traditional affixing of a mezuzah on the entrance.

The centre "was created in order to meet the special needs of Jewish survivors who still reside in Poland," said Rabbi Michael Schudrich, who represents the New York-based Ronald S. Lauder Foundation in Poland, which works to revitalize Eastern European Jewish communities.

"For 45 years, there was no significant opportunity for the children of survivors to learn about their Jewish heritage and to have their special emotional and psychological needs met.

"Our Home was established in order — belatedly — to meet these needs," Rabbi Schudrich added.

He estimated that there are 15,000 to 20,000 survivors and children of survivors in Poland who are interested in their Jewishness.

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Mandy's Manilow rides hits to sold out concert

By MARVIN GLASSMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — For a singer who claims to have a lousy voice, Barry Manilow has gone far in his career.

He has sold 60 million albums, and based on *Radio & Records* industry charts Manilow is the undisputed number 1 adult contemporary performer of all time.

On his way to 25 consecutive Top 40 hits (from *Mandy* to *I Made It Through The Rain*, Manilow has earned multiple awards: a Grammy (for *Copacabana* in 1979), an Emmy (for his ABC TV special in 1977), a Tony (for his Broadway concert in 1977) and an Oscar nomination (for his song *Ready To Take A Chance Again*) in 1978.

His recent performance in Toronto at the Molson Amphitheatre was sold out, with Manilow singing music of the past. He combined his 25 hit tunes with a tribute to the songs of the 1940s, to coincide with his latest record *Singing With The Big Bands*.

"Love songs will stay here forever. I always hated trendy music. I always wanted to create music that will outlive me. There really are not great songs that are on commercial radio today. So I find that I have to return to my roots to produce great music," said Manilow, 49, prior to his Toronto concert.

Manilow was born in Brooklyn as Barry Alan Pincus. His parents (a Jewish mother, Edna Manilow, and a part-Irish father, Harold Keliher) were divorced when he was two. Pincus was his paternal grandmother's maiden name.

Manilow was raised by his mother and grandparents, Esther and Joseph Manilow, immigrants from Russia, in a tenement apartment in Williamsburg, a Jewish section of Brooklyn.

"We were very poor but I never knew it," he says. "I was given a secure upbringing and I always felt loved and wanted. Gramma and Grandpa taught me Jewish traditions and raised me to be polite, caring and sensitive, a gentleman," wrote Manilow in his best-selling 1987 autobiography *Sweet Life: Adventures on the Way to Paradise*.

Barry started singing in public while preparing for his bar mitzvah, a few weeks after changing his name to Manilow. "My name, Barry Pincus, had bothered my mother. There was no Pincus in our family. She had gone back to being called Manilow when she divorced my father. Grandpa was the last Manilow male, so if he were to die, so would the name. With my approval, a few weeks before I was to enter manhood, I had my name changed to Barry Manilow," he wrote.

The big break in Manilow's career came when he landed a job as musical arranger, director and conductor for Bette Midler and, in 1973, caught the eye of Clive Davis, president of Aristo Records.

"There was always that fight in the beginning of my career between what I thought was a commercial song and what Clive wanted," said Manilow. "But Clive was right. I am grateful to him."

Still, when success first hit, Manilow acted like a spoiled child. "I was a brat," he admitted in *Sweet Life*. "I came to hate fans — thinking they were out to hurt me and use me."

In 1981, friend and comedian Roberto Kent convinced Manilow to start a worldwide network of fan clubs, including one in Israel.

Although Manilow has never performed in Israel, he has sung at a number of benefits for the Jewish state.

Barry Manilow: Undisputed top adult contemporary performer.

Variety Players make Mayor Mel proud

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It was a case of love at first sight for North York Mayor Mel Lastman and the Mel Lastman Variety Players who put on three standing room only shows for 750 people at the North York Seniors Centre on Hendon Avenue recently.

"I heard you were good, but they were wrong, you're great," enthused Lastman after seeing the 23-member troupe, directed by Jerry Simmons, do an upbeat program of old time song and dance numbers. "I'm proud to have you bear my name."

It didn't take long for co-producer Irving Davis to remind the mayor publicly that the Seniors Centre needs larger quarters. "That's the story of my life,' Lastman replied. "Come and see me, we'll talk."

The mayor usually spends Sunday with his family and five grandchildren, but made an exception to see the show. "I can't carry a tune myself, but at Central High School of Commerce and Ryerson Public School I helped organize and promote student shows."

One of the cast, 82-year-old Kitty Cohen, did some fancy tap dancing and baton twirling in a program which included three men in drag, under the title of *The Can't Do Sisters*, who won a *Miss Miskeit* contest.

The talented cast included Ben Blane, Ruth and Sam Borovich, Dolly Brown, Hym Cohen, Helen Davis, Mussy Eisner, Ruth Flicht, Marion Green, Shirley Leaf, Roz and Arthur Livingstone, Mary Pfister, Helen Rumanek, Fia Rusten, Miriam Schott, Ron Smith, Kaye Weingarten and Kate and Morrie Ziman. Nathan Rosen and Mildred and Harold Freelick were accompanists.

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Loons, no moose, on Algonquin Park canoe trek

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

JOE LAKE — The mist on the lake was lifting and the water was as smooth as glass. The plaintive call of a loon pierced the stillness of the immense evergreen forest. As I emerged from the dewy tent, the sun broke through the clouds.

Morning was dawning in Algonquin Provincial Park and all seemed well with the world.

My two companions and I, having spent our first night sleeping under a partially starry sky, prepared for our second day in Algonquin, the crown jewel of Ontario's park system.

We had come here for three days to take advantage of Algonquin's canoe routes and to unwind in a pristine wilderness relatively far from the cacophony of Toronto.

Like all visitors, we began in the busy portage store on Canoe Lake, confirming our reservations, receiving our required camping permit and renting equipment (a light-weight aluminum canoe and lifejackets).

After unloading the gear into the bobbing vessel, we set off, paddling against a stiff headwind. We passed the odd rustic cottage, though many were obscured by firs and underbrush, and the occasional children's summer camp, now empty with the end of the season.

In mid-afternoon, we selected a camp-site on Joe Lake, pitching tents, blowing up air mattresses and unrolling sleeping bags. Afterward, we dozed in the sun, trying to catch up on lost sleep.

With dusk approaching, we lit the Coleman gas burner to cook our dinner, since a fire ban had been necessitated by dry weather.

The highlight of the trip was the passage from Joe Lake to Tom Thomson Lake via the quiet of a crystalline creek filled with lily pads and swaying grass.

Sometimes we stopped rowing, letting the canoe drift as we admired the vistas: the towering pines, the granite rock walls, the wildflowers, the decaying logs poking out of the water, the world-unto-themselves islets. We scanned the bogs for moose, but to our regret saw nothing.

We pitched camp on a deserted hilly islet in the middle of Tom Thomson Lake, and after lunch, we went for a swim in the pleasantly cool waters.

As daylight fell, one of my companions ushered in the Sabbath with a prayer and a candle-lighting ceremony. It was a touching moment.

Our idyll was shattered when a park ranger appeared to inform us that camping was forbidden on this islet. But due to the lateness of the hour, he permitted us to remain until morning. I guess we were grateful.

The last day was gray and gloomy, but the rain clouds didn't dampen our mood as we headed back to Canoe Lake.

Algonquin had not disappointed.

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Concert to celebrate Jerusalem 3000

The Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue Music Appreciation Committee is planning a gala concert at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts in North York in the George Weston Recital Hall on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 8p.m.

With the Ne'imot Singers, the committee is celebrating Jerusalem 3000 with headliner Mike Burstyn. Burstyn is a renowned entertainer who has performed on Broadway, on Israeli TV and has acted in movies.

The committee endeavours to provide musical programs to further the appreciation of Jewish music in the community and to raise funds to maintain the Cantor Louis Danto Endowment Fund, established in 1993, which provides music scholarships and supports Jewish music.

Tickets for the concert are priced from $18 to $25 and are on sale at the Centre box office or you can call the synagogue office at 633-3838.

Job Search is a monthly column by job search consultant Lisa Galet. Readers can forward any questions to The CJN.

By LISA GALET
Special to The CJN

The interview is one of the most stressful parts of finding a job. Role playing a real interview is an excellent way of reducing tension and preparing for the interview. Practise with a friend if you can.

The interview is your moment to shine. The interviewer has already been told that you are one of a select group of candidates. Sometimes the interviewer has seen your resume. If you are lucky, the interviewer is someone you have already spoken with over the phone.

Dressing for an interview is important. Ladies prefer skirts or dresses with nylons and low heels. Men should almost always wear a tie and dress pants if not a suit. Wear dress socks with your dress shoes. Erring on the side of conservative is preferable, but have a friend look you over before you leave to make sure you are stylish, not dowdy. If you are not sure what to wear, ask the person who arranges your interview if there is a certain way you should dress. Be aware that in today's highly stressed times, many companies have instituted more casual dress codes.

Know how to get to the interview location so that you arrive 10 to 15 minutes early. Before you even walk into the section of the building where you need to be, check your hair, makeup, balanced glasses, matching earrings, matching shoes and straighten your tie. Then greet the receptionist. Take off your coat. Don't take coffee or other offered foods because if you are already nervous there is a good chance you'll spill something.

When your interviewer meets you, remember the crucial part of the interview is the first two minutes. Say hello and smile. If you walk with your back fairly straight, look the interviewer in the eye, shake a hand that is offered, present a neat, clean and fairly stylish appearance, then sit down in the appointed place without dropping your coat or your briefcase, you have already passed many tests. Well-manicured hands and polished shoes also make a good impression.

Make yourself comfortable in your chair. Smile at your interviewer. It is okay to admit you are nervous. It is likely that your interviewer is nervous too. After all, that person has to make the decision on whether or not to hire you!

Listen to the questions you are asked and talk about your professional self. In other words, when you are asked "tell me about yourself," identify yourself by the tasks you do well or really enjoy. Add a few characteristics about the type of worker you are. These may include such strengths as punctuality or being easy to get along with, detail oriented and hardworking. Information about marital status, immigration or where your children go to school are totally irrelevant.

If you are asked a question you don't hear, say so. If you don't understand, ask for an explanation. You will be respected for your desire to please. If you are asked a question you think is too personal and perhaps illegal, you can ask your interviewer how he thinks this question may affect your work.

Once your interview is over, send a thank you note. There is nothing wrong with calling a week or so later for a decision, if you have not yet heard. This is just looking out for your own best interests.

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Kibbutz Debt Arrangement Approved

JERUSALEM — The Knesset finance committee approved the kibbutz debt arrangement, but at last week's press time, the matter was subject to a re-vote.

The committee debate was loud and stormy. Six MKs from the coalition supported the arrangement while five opposition members voted against it.

S. African Delegation Arrives

JERUSALEM — A delegation of 20 South African business executives met with Israeli counterparts last week.

Export Institute general director Amir Hayck said the purpose of the meeting was twofold: to familiarize the delegation with Israel's economic and industrial potential and to try and rebuild ties between the two countries.

The delegation is South Africa's first since the election of President Nelson Mandela last year. Exports to South Africa were $89 million in 1994, while imports were $175 million.

El Al Expects $10 Million Profits

JERUSALEM — Although El Al lost some $19 million during the first half of this year, it will end the year with a profit, according to Rafi Harlev, the airline's director-general.

Harlev predicted the airline's profit would be the same as or greater than the $10 million it made last year.

Advertiser's Corner reflects the news and views of companies that advertise in The CJN. This week the spotlight's on:

Future Bakery

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Borys Wkzesnewsky's mother was horrified when he turned down a scholarship for graduate school to take over the **Future Bakery**, a wholesale company founded by his grandparents in 1952.

"My mother's nightmare was that I would be working beside the ovens for the rest of my life," Wkzesnewsky said. But he didn't see the point of getting a masters in business administration because, he said, he learned more about business and entrepreneurship from his grandmother than he did getting a degree in commerce.

Wkzesnewsky said running the bakery appealed to him because he saw the marketing potential of its unique breads — like the European rye made from a 43-year-old sour culture — hand-made from old European recipes by two master bakers trained by his late grandfather.

"It [the bakery] was like an unpolished gem," Wkzesnewsky said.

His appraisal of the bakery's potential worth was accurate. Since he took over the business 12 years ago, he has established four bakery cafes and a retail outlet at the St. Lawrence Market. The wholesale plant on Queen Street West has expanded into four adjoining buildings.

Wkzesnewsky also acquired M-C Dairy, a small family-run east-European-style dairy, because Future Bakery uses M-C's pressed cottage cheese, cream cheese, yogurt and sour cream, he said.

With the exception of its St. Lawrence market location, the Future Bakery owns all the properties it occupies, including a 40,000-square-foot building in Etobicoke, where the wholesale operations will be moved.

Wkzesnewsky has popularized many east European foods like borscht, perogies, blyne (blintzes), latkeh (latkahs) and kasha — the fare he serves at the Future Bakery cafes located on Queen Street West, in Bloor West Village, in the Annex and at Yonge and St. Clair. He said he doesn't sell greasy foods like French fries because he prefers to serve more nutritious foods like kasha and hearty soups.

When he took over the bakery, his first task was to learn every aspect of the business, from baking the bread to repairing the old equipment.

He still enjoys baking bread and he develops all the new recipes. The Future bakery now produces 28 different types of bread, of which 15 are rye.

Sales increased significantly after Wkzesnewsky introduced the bread into mainstream restaurants, he said.

He started the first bakery cafe 7½ years ago to fill a void in the Queen and Bathurst area — the Future Bakery has been located there for the last 41 years — because there weren't any restaurants in the area serving nutritious food.

He said at the end of a long day — he worked 16 to 20 hours a day — he couldn't get a decent meal. So he opened a neighborhood cafe that offered home cooking at reasonable prices.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

People of the Book: As we prepare to turn the page on the year 5755, some well-known literary Canadians discuss their current reading.

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Howard Engel, inventor of the popular Jewish detective Benny Cooperman, is reading Julian Symon's biography of Edgar Allen Poe as well as *Lord Hamlet's Castle* by Hunter Steele, "a very lighthearted thriller with dialogue, mostly by Shakespeare.

He's also sampling the late 18th-century plays of John Burgoyne ("He's the fellow who surrendered the British sword at Lexington to General Washington"). And he's re-reading Oliver Goldsmith's *She Stoops to Conquer* — "one of the most delightful plays that's ever been written, so bright and fresh every time I read it."

Engel's *Hangmen and Executioners* (Key-Porter, nonfiction) is due out next spring.

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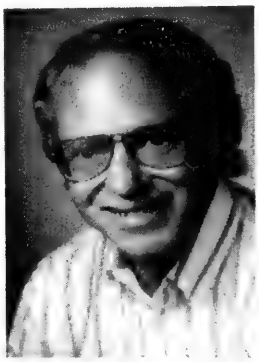
Southern Ontario physician-writer-poet **Shel Krakofsky** is reading *Henry James: A Life* by Leon Edel, and the recent American bestseller *How We Die*, by Sherwin B. Nuland, a surgeon. "It's a poetic and realistic look at death: exactly what happens," Krakofsky says. "A poetic textbook of medicine, if you will."

Blind Messiah, a book of Krakofsky's poems, is due in January (Moonstone).



See examples of Krakofsky's work on page 14 and page B-59.

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Stendhal's *The Red and the Black* and D. H. Lawrence's *The Plumed Serpent* are among the titles currently stacked on the night-table of Montreal's poet **Irving Layton.** "I touch home with Lawrence — he's a great inspiring force. I get more substantial nourishment from him than from most other novelists."

He's also re-reading the ancient Jewish historian Josephus — "a very fine writer, very honest and profound" — as well as the ancient Latin poet Catullus, whom he extols for his wit and sophistication.

"He has something to say about life and mankind ... He's a pagan, and he doesn't have the neurotic hangups that modern writers have. Pagan writers are more straightforward about the impulses that drive human behavior."

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Toronto publisher **Malcolm Lester** is reading *In The Jaws of the Black Dogs*, by John Bentley Mays, which he describes as "a very powerful and thoughtful memoir of his depression." He's also engaged in *The First Man*, by Albert Camus, which was recently published, some 35 years after the author's death. "Camus is a very important writer in my life, and his novel *The Plague* is one of my favorite books."

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Elaine Newton, humanities professor at York University and literary lecturer, is currently reading two contemporary novels that she calls "enormously important to the contemporary corpus." They are *Independence Day* by Richard Ford, and *Therapy* by David Lodge. "Both are warm and wise and funny and they get at the human condition very well."

She's also re-reading Carol Shield's Pulitzer-prize-winning *The Stone Diaries* ("everybody's idea of what they should be reading now") as well as the Bible (Jewish Publication Society translation) for a lecture she's preparing to give soon at the Holy Blossom Temple.

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Citizens: A Chronicle of the French Revolution, by Simon Schama (1989) has been occupying Toronto writer **Erna Paris.** "It's an interesting, anecdotal and closely-researched account of the decades leading up to the French Revolution and the Terror. He's looking at the social causes as well as the usual politic motives.

Paris' latest, *The End of Days. A Story of Tolerance, Tyranny and the Expulsion of the Jews from Spain* (Lester), is due for an October release.

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Toronto literary agent **Beverley Slopen** has been turning the pages of Robert Fulford's *Accidental Cry: The Transformation of Toronto*, released this month by Macfarlane Walter & Ross; she handled the book professionally.

"It's a marvellous book that traces the development of Toronto from a rather dour city to the vibrant place it is now," says Slopen. "Fulford sees the opening of the new City Hall as marking the beginning of the blossoming of the modern city."

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"I am large, I contain multitudes," wrote Walt Whitman, and mightn't the same be said for the nation of Israel as a whole?

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Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

Roll Over, Marco Polo: Twelve centuries ago, during Europe's Dark Ages, the world was divided into three large empires. United by Charlemagne, Central Europe was dominated by the Christian Carolingians, who expressed obedience to the Pope. The Mediterranean, meanwhile, was a Mohammedan lake, the Islamic crescent encompassing parts of Spain and France, Morocco, Algiers, Egypt and Palestine, and reaching eastward through Syria, Babylonia, Persia and the Sind region of India. The third empire, situated between Persia and the Pacific, was China of the T'ang dynasty.

Smaller realms included Slavonia, an unchristianized territory east of the Elba River, and Khazaria, an independent Jewish kingdom in the Crimea. To the north were the fur-producing steppes of Russia, to the south the nearly impenetrable continent of Africa.

Having conquered the Mediterranean basin by sword, the Mohammedans continued to proffer their swords in its defence. No Christians could safely travel in Islamic lands. Likewise, no Muslim was safe in Christian Europe, where a Papal bull forbade any intercourse with the "infidel."

East and West were thoroughly divided against each other and only one party — the Jew — was tolerated in all spheres. Only the Jew could travel with impunity from Christian to Muslim lands, or vice versa, and through Khazaria.

At that time, a group of Jewish merchant travellers, the Radanites, took full advantage of the opportunity that geopolitics had handed them. The Radanites — the name might have come from the Persian *rah dan*, meaning "knowing the way" — established at least four different trade routes over which they carried Russian furs, Damascene swords, "heathen" slaves from Slavonia and other commodities eastward, to be sold in markets from Baghdad to Canton, Jeddah to Kai-Feng. On the return journey, they brought back silks and spices, which proved to be almost worth their weight in gold. Theirs was a highly lucrative commercial monopoly.

As it had been for eight centuries, the Jewish dispersion was still centred in Babylonia, although wandering tribal bands had already settled as far west as Spain and France and as far east as China, India and Tibet. Utilizing the Persians' famed Khorasan Road to China, the Radanites stopped at Jewish settlements in the Islamic world and points east. They ate with their brethren, worshipped in their synagogues and enriched them as they passed. Since they dealt largely with their fellow Jews, they overcame language barriers by using Hebrew as a common language. Their business practice was based upon an early system of commercial credit. Disputes were resolved through the supra-national authority of halachic law.

Jewish caravans stopped at places like Hamadan, where Mordechai and Esther of the Purim story had supposedly been buried, and at Sura and Pembedita, the "Oxford and Cambridge" of medieval Jewish learning. Along with their trade goods, they often carried the responsa of the *ge'onim* (the rabbis). Delivering these important letters sometimes took years.

According to Prof. Louis Rabinowitz, whose brilliant and fascinating 1948 book *Jewish Merchant Adventurers: A Study of the Radanites* is the definitive work on the subject, numerous charters of rights and privileges were granted to European Jews in the Carolingian era, mainly because of their indispensability in international trade.

He writes: "Taking advantage of the extension of the Empire and their freedom to reside wherever they desired, they [the Jews] spread eastward from the Rhine valley across Germany, Bohemia and Poland."

Several factors were responsible for the collapse of the Radanites' lucrative monopoly in East-West trade. A wave of xenophobia in China led to the massacre of 120,000 foreign businessmen, including Jews, in 845 CE. Venice and Bari, two Italian cities which became important centres of international trade, sought to exclude Jewish shipping traffic. Waves of crusaders, who slaughtered Jews as they tramped to Jerusalem, finally broke open the East for all in the Christian world.

Sketchy though it may be, our knowledge of the Radanites has forced us to revise our conceptions of the medieval Jew.

"The picture of the European Jew of the ninth and 10th century as an 'old clothes man' and a pedlar is as absurd as it is baseless," writes Rabinowitz.

He says it was the wealth accumulated by the Radanites that later enabled other Jews to become the bankers of Europe.

Though they indulged in a slave trade that Christians and Muslims equally accepted as a legitimate commercial enterprise, the Radanites evidently exerted a positive force in the medieval world. Noting that they likely carried Arabic numerals to the West from India, Rabinowitz argues that they "brought ideas as well as goods, books as well as spices" and helped to "convey the fruit of Arab culture to the Christian world for the profit of mankind as a whole."

Future bright for bakery/cafe

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"It took 14 months to buy the building next door [to the bakery]. I took a mortgage out on everything. We were busy the moment we opened the door. Boy did I learn to make sandwiches quickly."

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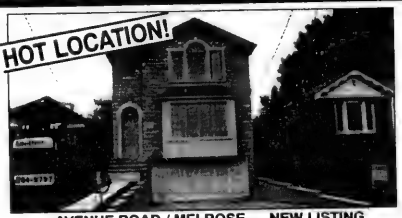

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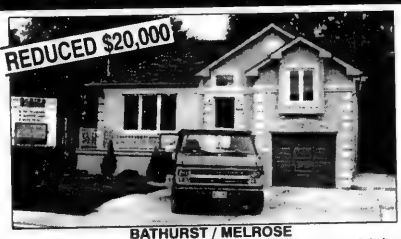

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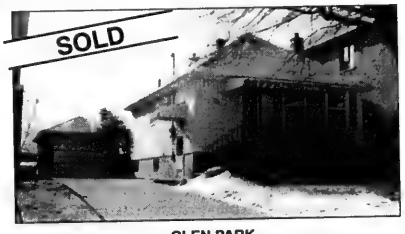

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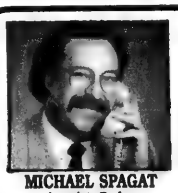

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Wasserman, Wilfred Gordon on September 8, 1995, late of 345 Sheppard Ave. E.
Pruskin, Annie on September 8, 1995, late of 1925 Steeles Ave. E.
Glatt, Thomas on September 9, 1995, late of 270 Mullen Dr.
Perlin, Alexander on September 9, 1995
Tovievitch, Hikhail on September 9, 1995, late of 175 Cummer Ave. #166
Fuchs, Betty on September 11, 1995, late of 250 Robert Hicks Dr.
Sharpe, Dr. Sidney on September 12, 1995
Siegal, Joseph on September 11, 1995
Koczerginski, Izak on September 11, 1995, late of 83 Seneca Drive
Clodman, Ben on September 11, 1995, late of 208 Searle Ave.
Law, Issy (Lipa) on September 11, 1995, late of 269 Vaughan Rd.
Kis, Georgie on September 12, 1995
Rojkovski, Perilea on September 11, 1995, late of 1005 Steeles Ave. W. #1504
Reider, Alvin on September 12, 1995

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Bathurst South of Steeles
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Relatives and friends are invited to attend

The unveiling of a monument to the memory of the late
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Bathurst South of Steeles
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BESS GELMAN ז"ל
will take place
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Mount Sinai Memorial Park
Leibowitzer Section
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Dear Ella,

It seems that whenever I go to a shivah house there is always lots of food, but I feel this is for those sitting shivah and not for the visitors paying their respects. Yet everyone goes for the food and the atmosphere is almost like a big party. I find this disrespectful as I feel we should be visiting with those sitting shivah and talking about the person who recently passed away.

Is the food frenzy commonplace? Should I hint to those going to the "free meal" (as it seems) that perhaps they should leave the food for those sitting shivah?

Thanks for your help.

Shivah Shambles

Dear Shivah Shambles,

Traditionally when returning from a funeral, the community's first act for the mourners is to provide a meal of consolation *seudat havra'ah*. Often, this meal becomes large enough to feed not only the mourners but also many of the people who return to the shivah house. So now you have the ingredients for a party – people coming together in one small area with food. This may resemble a "party," but if you listen to the conversations around the room they will often be about the funeral, the deceased or the mourners.

It has also become customary for people to provide meals for the mourners. Three meals a day (and they usually send a little extra) adds up to a lot of food, not to mention the people coming in with cakes. It is not appropriate to take food out of the house during shivah; therefore, if it isn't eaten, it goes bad. That is not appropriate either. Cakes get left out on the table. People coming from work or for a minyan are hungry and voila, they are eating. The mourners may not be concerned with serving; however, there is usually a well-meaning relative or friend there who takes over.

Different shivah houses have different tones. Take your cue from the mourners. Don't feel disturbed because people are eating. You are there to comfort a friend or relative and pay your respects. Don't get caught up in what other people are doing. Although it may seem to you that the crowd is there for a "free meal," that is usually not the case. Food or no food, it is never pleasant having to go to a funeral or shivah, but it is a very important mitzvah.

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN. *But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

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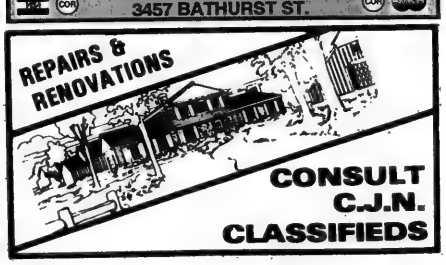

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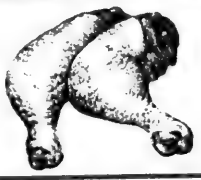

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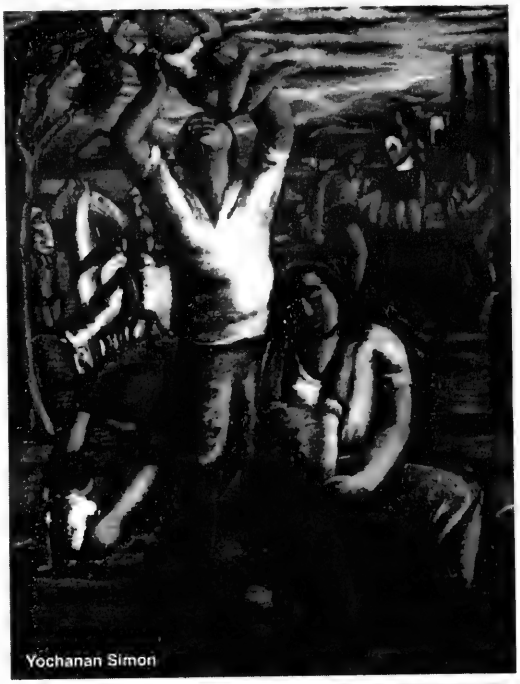
The Jewish Concept of Community

At this time of year, naturally enough, we tend to focus inward, looking back onto the paths we have taken and peering forward to the paths that may yet lie ahead. But unless we live solitary lives high atop a mountain or deep within an unexplored pocket of a forest, our paths must inevitably cross with the paths of our fellow human beings. Most of us do not live alone. Most of us live in and with a community. But what does "community" mean?

In this supplement to our Rosh Hashanah issue, we explore a number of aspects of the Jewish concept of community. We have assembled 13 articles, written by scholars and experts who each expounds on a different perspective of community.

A good starting point, however, to understanding the Jewish concept of community is, as ever, the teachings of our sages. The daily morning prayers begin with a succinct social formula advocated by the rabbis more than 2,000 years ago.

"These are the practices whose fruits one enjoys in this world, but whose essence remains intact for the world to come. They are: to honor one's father and mother, to act kindly, to attend early at a house of study in the morning and at night, to be hospitable to guests, to visit the sick, to provide the means for a woman to marry, to accompany the dead to their burial, to be focused in prayer and to bring peace between others. But the study of Torah is equal to them all."



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The behaviors enunciated above confer an immediate benefit upon another human being. They are not theoretical musings about how good things could be. True to rabbinic form, they are particular and practical directives of the things that must be, if we are to live in a good society. They are also a poignant description of the needs of all human beings around which institutions have arisen and societies have been built.

At this time of year, we reflect on the paths we have taken and the paths which may yet lie ahead. We should also reflect on how much we, each one of us, has contributed to make the society we live in a good one.

The study of Torah is equal to all the practices because, after all, such study should lead inexorably to these good behaviors. It is a mentshlich cycle.

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Choosing what's important

So here we are again. The lazy days of summer have already begun to recede into the dim recesses of our minds.

Not that summer really *has* many lazy days for those of us grappling with children, jobs, housework, lawn work and multitudinous errands, but the sunshine and warm weather make those never-ending duties much less tedious. Or so people say.

Now that Labor Day is over, the kids have gone back to school, eager to savor the gems of learning that their inspired teachers will impart.

Or so people say. Actually, any kid who expresses that attitude, I suspect, is either bucking for a large allowance increase or seeking a later curfew. They probably also tell you that they like your music or your taste in clothes.

Why is it that myth-makers keep pumping out these feel-good notions, instead of focusing on the reality of steamy traffic jams, kids threatening to join the Foreign Legion rather than face that math teacher who everyone knows makes Atilla the Hun look like a pussycat, and upcoming snow storms, which, considering the lateness of the holy days this year just may join us in our sukkah.

Which might be better than the guests at one of the first Sukkot holidays in the then-nascent Jewish community of Thornhill.

Spying a huge field of bulrushes, a persuasive householder convinced a group of artistic-minded husbands that this foliage would make ideal coverings for their sukkah.

A contingent of men with machetes, in true chalutz spirit, cut down the bulrushes and divied the bounty around the neighborhood.

The plants looked and smelled beautiful, we all thought. Unfortunately, the bees thought so too — in such vast numbers that we humans had to take refuge in the house.

Needless to say, the experiment was never tried again. A triumph of practicality over esthetics.

Why then are we so susceptible to what "they" say?

Is it easier to go along with the crowd, to fit in with the prevailing mood or philosophy so that we won't feel alone in what can seem a very frightening world?

In the big scheme of things, it really doesn't matter if you follow the crowd and pretend to love driving in non-air-conditioned discomfort in August or claim that sharing your sukkah with insects is one way to truly commune with G-d's creation.

But it does matter if you stand by indifferently in the face of cruelty, hostility and intolerance.

It does matter if you stay silent when others say that a classmate or colleague is a cheat; that victims of AIDS are unworthy of support; that Jews of a different religious ilk are not "real Jews;" that the fate of Muslims being tortured in Bosnia can be ignored because, after all, they aren't "our people."

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are an interesting combination of "they" and "I".

The Holy Days are also, for many, the only time to come together to pray as part of a community. The Al Chet prayer, the communal confession of sins, is said as a congregation, not as individuals.

But Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are also time for individual reflection. They are a time to acknowledge not just our sins but our innate frailties and weaknesses as well.

At this solemn time of year, let us all — collectively and individually — decide that we will display toward each other the same compassion, tolerance and understanding that we pray G-d will show us.

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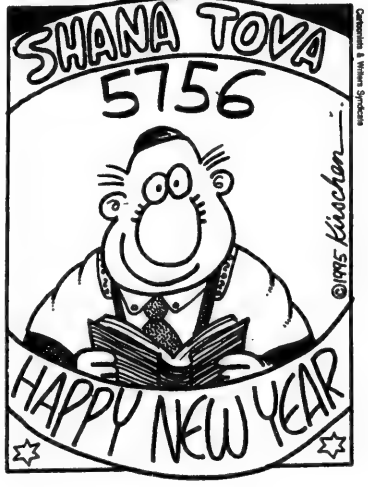

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Community... according to Rav Kook

By Martin Lockshin

It is a basic truism in the Jewish community today that what we *really* need for our continued success and perhaps even for our survival is more tolerance and community unity.

Tolerance is a given in our Canadian society. Everybody favors tolerance. But the tolerance we have here in Canada is ultimately very limited.

Very few Canadians have much tolerance for people like child pornographers, pathological liars, plagiarists, racists or hard drug dealers. We do *not* generally accept their right to espouse different value systems than our own. Our pluralism has very clear limits. When we feel strongly about an issue, we rarely have much tolerance for other people's positions.

So why are we so sure that what Judaism needs today is more tolerance for the different visions of Judaism? We know well that sometimes the different movements of Judaism can teach precisely the opposite teachings about one question. One movement's approach could be considered dangerous by another movement.

Is tolerance a traditional Jewish value? Many would argue that it is not. In fact, a common opinion of quite a few 20th century thinkers is that religious tolerance has gained popularity in the modern world only because religion has lost popularity.

For people who are lukewarm or negative towards religious values — as so many 20th century people are — it is not difficult to espouse religious diversity and tolerance as a value. If religion doesn't matter, then of course tolerance of other religious views is a value. But if Judaism is really important, if it's the most important value in someone's life, maybe a little intolerance is perfectly natural?

If we wish to promote Jewish tolerance, it is probably wise that we not promote the tolerance of indifference, the pluralism that says that any Jewish approach is okay because it doesn't really matter. Can we find a model of Jewish tolerance that is connected to a passionate concern about Judaism and a firm commitment to a particular vision of Judaism? I think we can.

Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, first chief rabbi of modern-day Israel, was known and respected throughout the Jewish world of his time as a tolerant man. Kibbutzniks who had little respect for traditional religion would come to visit this great rabbi who lived a life of deep piety and stringent observance of the commandments of Jewish law.

When one reads Rabbi Kook's writings today, one often wonders how he earned that reputation. Rabbi Kook's writings very often display an attitude that is essentially the antithesis of Jewish pluralism.

Rav Kook

For example, consider the controversy about the "Uganda plan," the scheme for the creation of a Jewish homeland in Africa instead of in the land of Israel. Eliezer ben Yehudah, who is seen as the creator of the modern Hebrew language, had been one of the more famous supporters of that idea. He once wrote in defence of the Uganda Plan that, while it is true that giving up on the land of Israel could be seen as turning one's back on Jewish History, "we (= secular Zionists) have all turned our back on our historical past, and that is our glory."

Rabbi Kook was livid, both about the Uganda plan and about the way that Ben Yehudah defended it and prided himself on his discontinuity with Jewish history. Rabbi Kook wrote that it may be the case that Ben Yehudah had turned his back on Jewish history, but one need not worry. "When withered leaves like this fall off the vine of Israel, the loss is not very great." Hardly the words of an advocate of pluralism!

On another occasion Rabbi Kook was asked by some secular Zionists to write an article for a volume memorializing fallen members of the Jewish watchmen organization in the land of Israel, Ha-shomer.

Rabbi Kook obliged, but his article described at length both his pain at their loss and his pain about the fact that they were not observant Jews. The article took the editor of the memorial volume aback. He and Rabbi Kook eventually agreed not to include the piece in the memorial volume.

So how did Rabbi Kook earn his reputation as a tolerant rabbi? Why did people with no connection to his vision of traditional Judaism flock to him and honor him? There were probably two important reasons for that reputation.

First of all, Rabbi Kook had an unparalleled love of all Jews. As a result of his great commitment to Jewish mysticism, he really believed, not just on the rhetorical level, that all Jews are one and that our fates are interconnected.

But even more than that, Rabbi Kook's reputation for tolerance was a result of his willingness to raise commonality of interests above the importance of factionalism. When Rabbi Kook found that his religious-Zionist interests often overlapped with the goals of secular Zionists, he was willing and eager to highlight the things that they had in common and not dwell on the difference.

Those are two things that we can all learn from him, no matter what movement we belong to: to strive not for the tolerance of indifference but for an approach to community that is based on the love of fellow Jews and the realization that, with all of the serious and important divisions that we have in our community, we do have some crucial commonalities."

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Community... according to the Rav

By Rabbi Mark Dratch

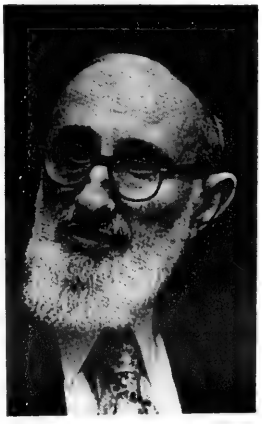
Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik, *zecher tzaddik livrachah*, was lonely, and in his loneliness he discovered his religious philosophy. But the Rav, as he was affectionately called by his students and devotees, was not alone. Thousands flocked to his lectures, devotees continually solicited his halachic decisions and leaders often sought his advice.

He was the leading talmudist of the Rabbi Isaac Elchanan Theological Seminary of Yeshiva University, ordaining over 2,000 of its rabbis. He served as spiritual mentor and halachic authority of the Rabbinical Council of America and as honorary president of Mizrachi of America. He was the religious leader of his adopted community of Brookline, Mass., and the founder of its Maimonides Day School.

Yet, the Rav was, in the words of the title of his epic essay, "the lonely man of faith." This was not social solitude but rather the existential isolation of a contemporary whose faith values differed from those of the modern society in which he lived. It was, as well, the existential loneliness that results when a person realizes his own uniqueness and singularity as a human being. "The 'I' is lonely ... because there is no one who exists like the 'I' and because the *modus existentiae* of the 'I' cannot be repeated, imitated or experienced by others."

In this essay, the Rav analyzed the two biblical narratives of the creation of humankind and identified in these accounts what he termed Adam the first and Adam the second. For these two types, loneliness is overcome by becoming part of a community. Adam I, who has the challenge of subduing a hostile natural environment, confronts many tasks which he cannot perform alone. Realizing the difficulties of acting alone, he unites with others.

Adam II seeks more. He is searching for a redeemed existence and finds it in what the Rav labeled the covenantal community where "not only hands are joined, but experiences as well; there one hears not only the rhythmic sound of the production line, but also the rhythmic beat of hearts starved for existential companionship and all-embracing sympathy, and experiencing the grandeur of the faith commitment; there one lonely soul finds another soul tormented by loneliness and solitude yet unqualifiedly committed."



Rabbi Joseph Soloveitchik

The convenantal community includes not only I and thou, but God as well. "If God had not joined the community of Adam and Eve, they would never have cared to make the paradoxical leap over the gap, indeed abyss, separating two individuals whose personal experiential messages are written in a private code undecipherable by anyone else." It is through communion with God and through living according to Halachah that human beings transcend their alienation and are redeemed.

The Rav also spoke about what he called the *masorah* (tradition) community, a "community [which] cuts across the centuries, indeed millennia, of calendric time and unites those who already played their part, delivered their message, acquired fame and withdrew from the covenantal stage quietly and humbly with those who have not yet been given the opportunity to appear on the covenantal stage and who wait their turn in the anonymity of the yet to be."

It is participation in and identification with the generations of tradition that firmly plants unrooted, alienated Jews in time, with meaningful pasts and purposeful futures.

The principles of Jewish law established the world view of Rabbi Soloveitchik, the eponym of another of his classic essays, *The Halachic Man*. Indeed, all of life was seen, defined and lived in halachic categories. While his religious positions were sensitive and understanding of the individuals and communities that turned to him for guidance, he did not abide deviation from Jewish law.

Nevertheless, he embraced the entire Jewish community. In fact, he disagreed with the decision of 11 prominent *roshei yeshivah*, which prohibited the involvement of orthodox rabbis with rabbis of other denominations and permitted the Rabbinical Council and the Orthodox Union to participate in the interdenominational Synagogue Council of America in matters of concern to the general community.

He rejected the anti-Zionist position of his upbringing and became an advocate of Religious Zionism and a leader of Mizrachi.

It has been suggested that his embrace of the larger Jewish community was based on his understanding of the two covenants, the

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Shared circumstances have forced a covenant of faith among the Jewish people. Seen here is *The Dancers of Meron,* an oil painting by Reuven Rubin.

Rav Soloveitchik rejected anti-Zionism

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covenant of fate and the covenant of destiny, which define Jewish peoplehood, as described in his *Kol Dodi Dofek.*

The covenant of fate is forged through the shared circumstances and suffering of the Jewish people and engender mutual responsibility and liability. The covenant of destiny, which is the covenant of Sinai, "consists in a special way of life which directs man's existence toward attaining a single goal, a goal beyond the reach of the man of fate, namely, man's imitation of his Creator through an act of self-transcendence ... The deeds of lovingkindness and brotherhood which are interwoven into the covenant at Sinai have as their motivating force not the Jew's strange sense of isolation, but rather his experience of the unity of a people forever betrothed to the one true God."

The Rav led the way

For the Rav, both covenants are "indissoluble and indivisible ... A Jew who participates in his people's suffering and fate but does not bind himself to its destiny, which expresses itself in a life of Torah and mitzvot, violates a fundamental principle of Judaism and impairs his own singularity. Conversely, a Jew who does not grieve over the affliction of his people, but seeks to separate himself from the Jewish fate, desecrates the holiness of Israel, even if he observes the commandments." Nevertheless, perhaps because of the covenant of fate, Rabbi Soloveitchik involved himself with the people and issues of the larger Jewish community.

In his essay *Confrontation*, the Rav outlined a double approach in our relationship with the non-Jewish world. "We think of ourselves as human beings, sharing the destiny of Adam in his general encounter with nature, and as members of a covenantal community which has preserved its identity under most unfavorable conditions, confronted by another faith community."

The Rav posited that we are obliged to enrich society with our creative talents and to be constructive and useful citizens, participating in every civic, scientific and cultural enterprise. Yet our souls, our personalities and our "metaphysical destinies belong exclusively to God."

Elsewhere he derives a similar lesson from the way Abraham identifies himself as both a stranger and a resident (Genesis 23:4). Thus the Rav permitted interreligious activity only in matters of secular concern, prohibiting any theological dialogue.

The Rav, through his guidance and inspiration, led the way in transforming our contemporary North American Jewish community of fate and destiny into a covenantal community of faith and *masorah.* May we, his disciples, continue in the path he so ably forged for us.

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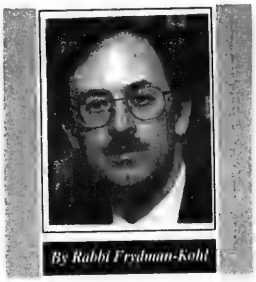


By Rabbi Frydman-Kohl

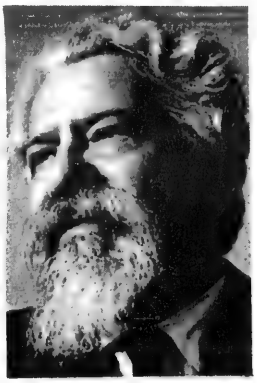
Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, the descendant of generations of chassidic rabbis and a professor of ethics and mysticism at the Jewish Theological Seminary, was one of the seminal intellectual and moral figures of Jewish religious life in the 20th century.

Although a scholar of medieval thought, Rabbi Heschel became well known for his personal exposition of Judaism. His own writing sought to expose the inner splendor of the Jewish tradition, to penetrate the lived reality of faith and to illuminate the living and dynamic relationship between God and human beings.

Rabbi Heschel's emphasis on the need for personal experience as a path to God was coupled with a distinct concern for community. Both stemmed from his awareness of the covenantal relationship between God and the Jewish people.

Writing to a non-Jewish audience, Heschel stated: "I speak as a member of a congregation whose founder was Abraham, and the name of my rabbi is Moses. I speak as a person who was able to leave Warsaw, the city in which I was born, just six weeks before the disaster began. My destination was New York; it would have been Auschwitz or Treblinka. I am a brand plucked from the fire in which my people was burned to death."

Rabbi Heschel's sense of community included the Jewish people of the present and of the past. In giving voice to that perspective, he was unsparing in his critique of the "religious behaviorism" he saw in Orthodoxy and the radical individualism he found in Reform



Rabbi Abraham Heschel

Judaism.

"Judaism is not only the adherence to particular doctrines and observances, but primarily living in the spiritual order of the Jewish people, the living in the Jews of the past and with the Jews of the present ... It is not a doctrine, an idea, a faith, but the covenant between God and the people. Our share in holiness we acquire by living in the Jewish community. What we do as individuals is a trivial episode; what we attain as Israel causes us to become a part of eternity."

Writing to a generation which found the glitter of contemporary culture alluring, Rabbi Heschel presented a vision of holiness which he believed was still present within the Jewish community.

"Israel is the tree, we are the leaves. It is the clinging to the stem that keeps us alive. There has perhaps never been more need of Judaism than in our time, a time in which many cherished hopes of humanity lie crushed. We should be pioneers as were our fathers three thousand years ago. The future of all men depends upon their realizing that the sense of holiness is as vital as health. By following the Jewish way of life we maintain that sense and preserve the light for mankind's future visions."

For Rabbi Heschel, "Belonging to Israel is in itself a spiritual act. It is utterly inconvenient to be a Jew. The very survival of our people is a *kiddush hashem*. We live in spite of peril. Our very existence is a refusal to surrender to normalcy, to security and comfort."

Rabbi Heschel believed that the contemporary Jewish community must be informed by an awareness and appreciation of that mission. "We do not live in a void. We never suffer from a fear of roaming about in the emptiness of Time. We own the past and are, hence, not afraid of what is to be. We remember where we came from. We were summoned and cannot forget it, winding the clock of eternal history."

That covenantal commitment is different from an intellectual concept. Rabbi Heschel wrote: "Abraham, Isaac and Jacob do not signify ideas, principles or abstract values. Nor do they stand for teachers or thinkers, and the term is not to be understood like that of 'the God of Kant, Hegel and Schelling.' Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are not prin-

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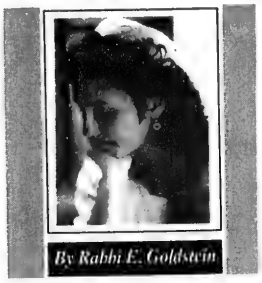
Community... according to Rabbi Borowitz



By Rabbi E. Goldstein

If we are purely cultural, non-religious — and I do not count Reform, Conservative, or Reconstructionist Jews, i.e. "liberal" Jews among those — we can express our oneness with the Jewish people by following folk customs at this time of year.

We can buy High Holy Day tickets to the synagogue of our choice and "enjoy" the tune of *Kol Nidre* or recitation of *Yizkor*. We can serve apples with honey and send cards. We can meditate on the universality of the theme of the world's birthday.

But if we are religious, Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur have a different hold on us. We go to services not only to be a part of the folk. We go to renew our covenant, to repent before the Sovereign, to strive for oneness with the One. For liberal Jews, this brings up a perplexing dilemma of modern religiosity. How do we as autonomous individuals, we who on principle profess the ability — no, the right — of each person to choose their path to God, come together as a community of common believers?

Widely recognized as one of the leading theologians of liberal Judaism, Rabbi Eugene Borowitz asks questions about community which are at the heart of Reform Judaism today in his book *Renewing the Covenant*. Where shall liberal Jews, who reject as unfailing truth that God's revelation came to us once in verbal form, find a compelling sense of Jewish duty?

Caring Jews — liberal Jews who take their Judaism seriously as the core of their being — find themselves increasingly conscious of the clash between two of their most powerful intuitions: personal autonomy and Jewish duty to a community. How can we be integrated when on some deep level, we find ourselves to be bifurcated — individualistic and yet communal? Oriented to the present and yet historically bound?

There is no either/or answer for a liberal Jew. We recognize that without Jewish heritage and tradition and the communal setting of standards there can be no continuity. Yet we equally recognize that we require no automatic following of regulations; we do not rely on the notion of a rule-based spirituality. The issue is one of balance. What are the proper roles of the self and the group in determining what a Jew ought to do?

The operative words here are "ought" and "do." Rabbi Borowitz writes, "Consider, for instance, the weak sense of 'ought' one can gain by esthetic validation,

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Abraham Joshua Heschel

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ciples to be comprehended but lives to be continued. The life of him who joins the covenant of Abraham continues the life of Abraham. For the present is not apart from the past ... We are Abraham, Isaac, Jacob."

Rabbi Heschel was deeply conscious that the world of Eastern European Jewry had been exterminated by the Nazi barbarians. In his eulogy to that vanished world, he contended that the generations to come had a sacred task: "A world has vanished. All that remains is a sanctuary hidden in the realm of spirit. We of this generation are still holding the key. Unless we remember, unless we unlock it, the holiness of ages will remain a secret of God ... If we mislay the key, we shall elude ourselves. In this hour we, the living, are 'the people of Israel.' The tasks, begun by the patriarchs and prophets and continued by their descendants, are now entrusted to us. We are either the last Jews or those who will hand over the entire past to generations to come. We will either forfeit or enrich the legacy of ages."

In staking out the Jewish claim on history and God's claim on the Jew, Rabbi Heschel continues to challenge us: "The gravest sin for a Jew is to forget what he represents ... We are God's stake in human history. We are the dawn and the dusk, the challenge and the test."

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Eugene Borowitz addresses the issue of Jewish autonomy

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by commending Jewish acts as emotionally rewarding and personally enriching, the 'art form' we utilize to enhance our existence ... By validating Jewish acts in terms of personal satisfaction they afford, we make Judaism only another activity that must continually prove its worth to us or be discarded. The competition is severe, for we are inundated with other possibilities of improving our lives and realizing our ideals."

Whenever a substantial conflict arises between society's and Judaism's demands on our time, energy or attention, Judaism usually loses out. That is because we expect Judaism to serve us, not the other way around. This is the danger of putting the individual first.

Yet we equally recognize the danger of putting the community first. Rabbi Borowitz gives the example of a time recently when pressure was put on American Jewish leaders by Israel to stop being so hospitable to Soviet Jewish emigres so they would be "encouraged" instead to go to Israel.

"Despite the high priority given to the needs of the State," he says. "our community could not in good conscience comply ... We believed so in the right of individuals to decide where they wanted to go that our leaders resisted the demands of the Israeli statesmen whom they normally considered to be the leaders of our people."

A second example is that when women, following the dictates of good conscience and solid learning, choose to become more involved ritually or more assertive in seeking Jewish leadership, they are often told to squash their own individual needs for spiritual attainment for the good of a "community tradition."

The liberal community completely rejects the idea that a community can impose such sanctions on half its adult population; moreover, the health of the community is in serious danger when it cuts off that spiritual potential. Rabbi Borowitz writes, "As long as Jews continue to believe that a God-given dignity inheres in each single self, a Halachah that can require the significant surrender of "conscience" will be "unacceptable."

Today's Jews must return to the notion of covenant — a personal, compelling (though not necessary halachically commanding) relationship with God. Rabbi Borowitz's theory of covenant is one of relationship. The Jewish self, he says, has its roots in the Jewish people's historic relationship with God. In every generation, that relationship broadens and changes. We are one link in that chain, but our link need not look or feel exactly like the link before us or the link after us.

Reared in a secular society which celebrates the individual, believing that each one of us has a "divine right" to practise as we wish, most modern Jews have real trouble distinguishing between personal freedom and communal responsibility. Jewish autonomy, Rabbi Borowitz says, becomes "the use of our freedom in terms of our personal participation in the people of Israel's covenant with God as the latest expression of its historical tradition."

How do we know what properly constitutes a life of convenantal mitzvah? The two most widely accepted responses, Orthodoxy and ethnic loyalty, fail me either by overemphasizing the role of culture or by overemphasizing the role of rules. I am moved by Rabbi Borowitz's call for a liberal Jewish agenda seriously seeking a sense of obligation that respects the self's autonomy and opens up the possibility of a spirituality based on relationship as well as rules.

"Jewish selfhood arises as ethnic existentiality when remaining an individuality dignified by autonomy ... In contrast to contemporary privatistic notions of selfhood, the Jewish self, responding to God in covenant, acknowledges its essential historicity and sociality. One did not begin the covenant and one remains its conduit only as part of the ongoing people of Israel."

Eugene Borowitz

Rabbi Borowitz's covenanted people, *am brit*, can provide a conceptual framework for the reintroduction of the concepts of common good, responsibility and commitment rather than self-interest, individual choice and self-fulfilment which have become the vocabulary of North American secular "religion." A community dedicated to *tikkun olam* (making the whole world a better place) and *kedushah* (holiness/spirituality) is an opportunity to experience transcendence and meaning.

So it is that we return, year after year, to once again strive for that balance between our self-as-individual and our self-in-relation. As in any human relationship, when we meet without hesitation the challenge between independence and interdependence, so we need to meet without hesitation the challenge of a relationship with God, a relationship with community and a healthy selfhood.

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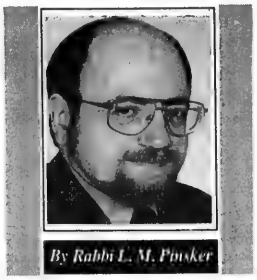
Community according to Rabbi Kaplan



By Rabbi L. M. Pinsker

Reconstructionist Judaism is the youngest and smallest of the organized religious movements in North American Judaism. It developed out of the enormous influence of the teaching of Rabbi Mordecai M. Kaplan, whose insights form the foundation of Reconstructionist ideology. Many of Rabbi Kaplan's ideas have become a part of the discourse of other movements within Judaism.

Rabbi Kaplan began his rethinking of Judaism over half a century ago as an impassioned criticism of the modern Jewish movements, which he viewed as having failed to recognize the unique challenges to Jewish life implicit in democracy and in modern education. Life in North America would not duplicate the close associations and community ties that formed the basis for Eastern European Judaism. Jews who would diversify within democracy, lost all sense of being part of a greater Jewish enterprise.

In place of older definitions of Judaism held by most Jews at the turn of the century, Rabbi Kaplan devised another way of looking at our people. We are, he said, a *civilization*, pluralisitic, complex, and encompassing a variety ways of expressing Jewish identity. Judaism is also an *evolving* and *religious* civilization, not a series of faith-statements or eternal truths, theologies, and rituals. Some Jews are pious, others secularists, social activists, irreligious and anti-religious, focused only on culinary habits.

If there was any glimpse of eternity in Judaism — and Rabbi Kaplan believed that there was great and enduring wisdom in it — then it lay in the living record of Jewish ideas and cultural patterns, which affirmed certain ideals over time. This was the secret of Jewish endurance: each generation of Jews is a community in time, charged with responsibility for invisioning the Judaism of its era out of inherited traditions. We add the substance of our own experience to what we have received from our

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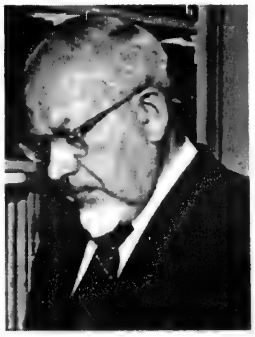

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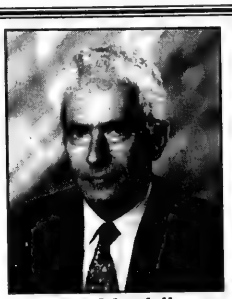

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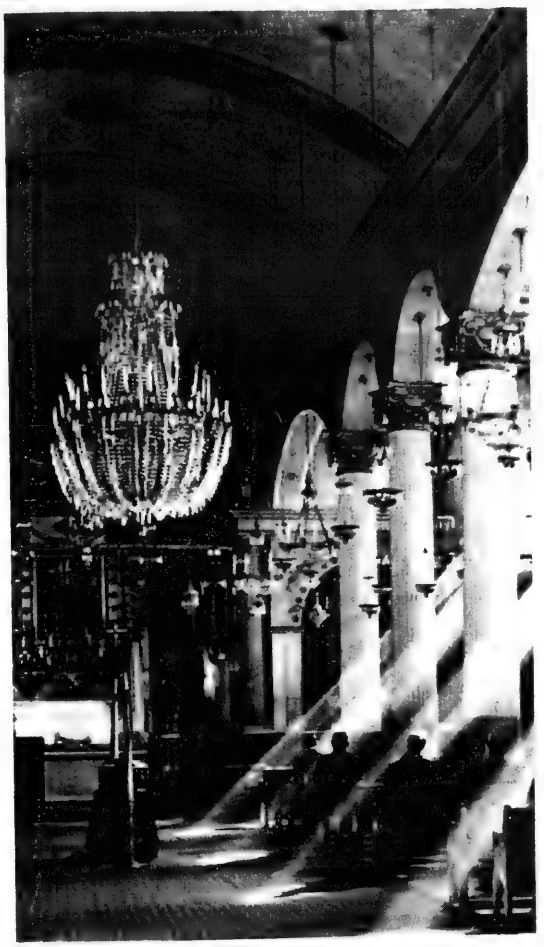

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Mordecai M. Kaplan

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parents and grandparents. The social, economic and political dimensions of life, as well as specific Jewish practices, yearnings to know G-d, habits of thought, and faith traditions, laws, customs, language, literature, art, music — all are part of Jewish life and thoughts, to be taken seriously in understanding Judaism in any era. They must also be considered in shaping the way Judaism is lived in our own time.

All Jews strive to achieve a balance of the "three B's" of our existence — *believing*, *belonging* and *behavior* — so that they express what we mean when we say we are Jews. We don't deny or reject our history. We remain responsible for inherited traditions, and also for incorporating our own experience.

For Rabbi Kaplan and his students, who call their movement *Jewish Reconstructionism*, the concept of Am Yisrael, the Jewish *people*, is the key to understanding the meaning and purpose of Jewish existence, rather than focusing exclusively on Torah (or Jewish law) or on G-d or theological concerns, when defining Judaism. For some Jews, our people exist for the sake of living out G-d's plan as transmitted through Torah. For others, we exist to present ethical ideals taught by God. In Rabbi Kaplan's Reconstructionism, the Jewish people seek to know the Divine and to renew Torah as the ongoing record of their experience of what is ultimately valuable in life. The ethics and concepts of morality we associate with God are our list of ultimate concerns, a set of ideals by which we live and attempt to impart greater goodness to the world. They are valued because they have a profound impact on the quality of life, they connect people, they enable us to find strength and confidence and hope in difficult times, and they beautify life and remind us that it is possible to live a transcendent and holy vision.

Perhaps the most extraordinary feature of Rabbi Kaplan's vision of a renewed Jewish community is a changing relationship between lay and rabbinic leaders. In his concept, Jewish life would be viewed as a "work-in-progress" rather than as a finished product conferring authority on only certain individuals. In congregations and communities following a democratic pattern, decision-making power would be exercised by everyone concerned with enriching his or her spiritual life. Rabbis and other teachers would be dedicated to helping all Jews make thoughtful decisions reflecting love, caring, and devotion in every possible context and on every possible occasion.

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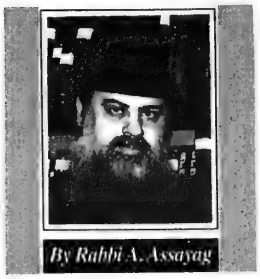
The legacy of the kehilah of Tangiers



By Rabbi A. Assayag

On a hill overlooking the blending of the Mediterranean and Atlantic oceans, the city of Tangiers stood, small in its physical structure yet ever so tall in its communal life.

As one of the ancient Jewish communities, dating back to before the expulsion of the Jews from Spain in 1492, Tangiers left a legacy for the modern community to aspire to.

From 1853, history has recorded for posterity a communal system based on self-imposed duties, to provide for *every* need of *every* individual Jew in the most *respectable* fashion. The *kehilah* was to envelop and enhance every aspect of its members' lives, thus becoming for them, the central and most vital organization.

Indisputably, the institution of the Chief Rabbinate provided the most essential services to the people. It took charge of all the religious affairs of the community and directed every element of religious life.

Its rabbinical functions included the maintenance of the *beth din* (rabbinical court), the management of the *shchitah* (ritual slaughtering), the supervision of kashrut, the overseeing of religious institutions such as synagogues, schools and mikvot (ritual baths), as well as the performance of marriages and divorces.

However, the Chief Rabbinate served beyond the ritual. All real estate transactions, subdivisions and liens had to be executed and recorded before the Chief Rabbinate, as well as wills and real gifts. Birth and death certificates could only be obtained at the Chief Rabbinate.

Education was very high on the community's priority lists. At one time, Tangiers enjoyed four different streams of schools. The Alliance Israelite constituted the public free Jewish school system. Otzar Hatorah was the private religious school. Yeshiva Torah Vehayim, later known as the Rabbinical Seminary, educated the future rabbis. Yeshivat Etz Chaim was the high-learning rabbinical institution.

Tangiers was one of the first communities that operated a nursery program known as Gan Yeladim. Their appreciation for scholarship, expressed itself by the institution of the *Talmide chachamim shel bet hamedrash* (aid to studying scholars).

The Jewish community of Tangiers was one of the few communities in the world that established and administered various Jewish medical institutions.

The Haim Benchimol Hospital was the general Jewish hospital, staffed mostly by Jewish doctors. In 1893, the hospital boasted the formation of a very active ladies auxiliary committee known as *benot Tziyon* (the daughters of Zion).

The Asilo Laredo-Sabbah, was originally established as an asylum for the demented and emotionally handicapped, and admitted shut-ins from all the Jewish communities of Spanish Morocco. As the number of these patients diminished, it was later transformed into a home for the aged.

The Salvador Hassan Maternity Ward was founded for the care of mothers and their infants. This was to be the first day-care centre.

All the above establishments were endowed by the people whose name they carry.

The sensitivity of Tangierian Jews was best confirmed by their concern for the poor. Many committees were funded to alleviate poverty at every level.

The family experiencing a temporary financial difficulty found relief in the *Rodef Tzedaka Vachesed* (the seekers of righteousness and kindness society). *Ozer Dalim* (aid for the needy) was the general monetary fund for the poor. *Malbish Arumim* (dress for unclothed) was a society devoted to providing clothing to poor families.

The very destitute, however, could not obtain all their needs from these societies alone. They would enrol in the *chiluk* (distribution), where they could secure a weekly supply of food, staples and groceries. A smaller group would come for the *lechem chaluka* (the bread dole). Beyond the bare necessities, the community had to satisfy other critical needs.

The *Bikur Cholim* (the society for sick visitation) extended itself beyond its name, to granting free physicians' consultations and dispensing free medicine.

The *mohar betulot* (the dowry endowment fund) expanded into contributing fully towards the bridal trousseau. The chevrat simchat chatanim (the society for the rejoicing of the bride and groom) made it its duty to be present, sing and dance at every wedding that had a very small attendance.

Tangierians' love for Israel was exemplary. Their fundraising efforts for the *Yishuv* abounded

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The community of Jewish women

By Rachel Turkienicz

With the onset of the Jewish New Year, our traditions and our prayers emphasize an internal journey. During the time between the New Year and the Day of Atonement, known as the Days of Repentance, each person re-evaluates his or her deeds and motives of the past year and projects more positive attitudes toward the future.

Aside from the concerns we all share, there are new doors opening to women that afford both men and women the opportunity of involvement and growth as individuals and as families.

Within the Jewish community, one can find small communities of women who have taken upon themselves the commitment to search and become educated about their Jewishness. These women are to be commended, as is anyone who pursues meaning and knowledge that will impact on their lives.

And yet, to a large extent these groups of women remain on their own to struggle with modern issues and the tension they may encounter in blending their Jewishness with the world outside. I would like to suggest that the women of today reach out to a larger community of Jewish women that has been waiting silently to be discovered.

This larger community to which I refer is the core of Jewish women whose struggles, strengths and triumphs are recorded in our sources. They live in Jewish literature and some are women whose wisdom is thousands of years old. The women chronicled in the Bible and rabbinic literature encountered many of the same concerns with which women today are struggling — they are a community of women who have been waiting to speak to Jewish women for centuries. Here are but a few of its members.

Deborah — she lives in the Book of Judges. Deborah is the "work outside the home" woman. She is referred to as the wife of Lapidot; thus we know she had a husband, if not children, to worry about. Deborah is a judge, a prophetess, and ultimately the leader of the Israelite army. When Barak, the general of the army, refuses to follow her instructions and go to war, she is forced to take matters into her own hands and lead the army herself.

Yael — she lives in the Book of Judges. Yael is responsible for killing the general of the opposing army, thus ensuring an Israelite victory. Deborah praises her as "blessed among tent dwelling women." Yael is obviously the "stay at home" woman. She is not involved in the war and yet she takes action when the opportunity arises.

In the one story we see an example of two women who live opposite lives, one involved in the world at large, the other focused at home; yet they unite for a common goal and commend each other for the outcome.

Esther — she lives in the Book of Esther. This woman faces the challenge of being cast as the beautiful "plaything." Having won the royal "beauty pageant," she must ultimately overcome the illusion that outside of her physical attributes she has no worth. It is through her strategy that the Jewish people are not only spared from slaughter

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The kehilah in Tangiers

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through the society *chesed yibane* (by kindness shall be built), supporting in later years the Keren Kayemet.

The community's benevolence extended to all Jews near and far. The society *hachnasat orchim*, which was initiated to assist wayfarers through a hospice provided for them, was to play a pivotal role during the war years, along with Mrs. Reichmann and the Vaad Hatzala, to become known as the Committee for Refugee Assistance.

This is not a complete chronicle of the charitable enterprises of the Jews of Tangiers, nor does it include the philanthropic activities of the Jews of southern Morocco. However, the Jewish community of Tangiers, numbering only 24,000 Jews at its height, serves as a model for the future development of Jewish communities worldwide.

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Deborah, Yael, Esther, and Bruria speaking to us

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but become victorious over evil.

Bruria — she lives in the Talmud. This woman was married to one of the greatest rabbis of their generation: Rabbi Meir. Yet, the Talmud indicates that her knowledge was respected independently. Certain cases were not decided until someone was sent to consult with Bruria, even though her husband was present and able to vote.

She faced the challenge of a marriage where she and her husband were educated and functioning in the same "field." Unfortunately, her marriage broke down. The commentators suggest that she ended her own life in disgrace, but the text itself does not portray her in this light. In fact, on one occasion she teases a particular rabbi who has expressed extremely restrictive views regarding women. Bruria is the woman who functions within the home; yet the outside world does not allow her to remain isolated and draws her in for consultations.

The happiness is evident on their faces. [Photo by Bill Aron]

Juggling their roles

The women in the community of Jewish sources have faced the challenges that women today are facing. At times they were successful and at times they failed. One sees through their eyes that they had to weigh priorities and juggle roles and opportunities — as we ourselves do. Some were successful mothers and others were not. Some were successful professionals while others were not. They tell their stories honestly.

Every Jewish person should enter the New Year questioning if they are ready to take on the commitment of learning more of their Jewishness. The community of women in our time should question whether they are ready to reach out across time and connect with the women who continue to live bound between the covers of our Jewish sources.

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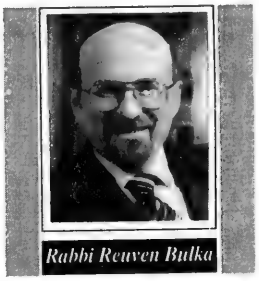

Rabbi Reuven Bulka

Of all the social disorders we face in this harsh world, probably the most pervasive is loneliness.

Loneliness, to be sure, is not new. Awareness of the potential loneliness in the human condition is evident in the famous biblical statement: It is not good for the human to be alone ... (Genesis, 2:18), which more accurately reads as — it is not good for the human to be lonely.

Humans have encountered loneliness throughout history, but quite likely never as ubiquitously as now. Everyone's dream today is to have their own private home. In prison, solitary confinement is the harshest of sentences; outside prison, solitary is the public yearning!

In this post-technological era, with job or joblessness stress and the need to get away from work into some form of quiet, a home locked away from everyone else is for many a necessity.

But it all comes at a price. The price is a heavy one, in that privacy of this sort almost precludes community. And without community, when private and privacy-seeking people need support, it is not to be found.

Many people will argue that they do not need community. All they need are friends, be they family or unrelated but close confidants. That may be true, but not everyone is lucky enough to have friends who really care.

And without friends who really care, the human being is likely to be lonely. The consequences of loneliness range the full gamut, from a simply unpleasant void in one's life, to the harbinger of serious life-threatening depression.

Relatively recent surveys indicate that one out of five people in North America suffer from depression. And loneliness hits all of us at one point or another in life, and at least one-quarter are hit quite seriously.

If you think there is no relationship between loneliness and depression, then think again. The connection is real, not merely statistical. Acutely lonely people are serious candidates for depression.

There are many ways to counter loneliness, including everything from boosting self-esteem to retooling one's approach to the outside world.

But nothing is as effective in countering loneliness on a general level as the simple process of eliminating aloneness by engendering togetherness.

Togetherness is people caring for each other, putting the needs of others if not in first place, at least

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A sense of community can begin even at an early age. [IPPA]

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in significant place.

In simple, practical terms, the advantages of togetherness are concisely enunciated in the Book of Ecclesiastes (Kohelet):

Two are better than one, for they get better return for their labor. For should they fall, one can raise the other, but woe to the one who is alone, when that one falls and there is no one to pick up. If two sleep together, they keep warm, but how can one be warm alone? Where one can be overpowered, two can resist attack (Kohelet, 4:9-12).

Alone, the human being is vulnerable and sorely deficient because of that vulnerability. When the human being is together with a caring other, the danger may not be totally removed, but there is comfort in sharing the pain and the hurt.

James Lynch, in the *Broken Heart: The Medical Consequences of Loneliness* (New York: Basic Books, 1977), shows that those who are alone have higher mortality rates and higher incidence of serious illness.

There is obviously a distinction between being alone and loneliness. Not everyone who is alone is lonely, and some people who are in the unpleasant company of others are more intensely lonely than people who are alone.

But aloneness does conduce to loneliness and togetherness does serve to pre-empt the serious consequences of loneliness.

Jewish tradition long ago recognized this, as is evident in the famous Talmudic statement, "Either companionship or death" (Talmud, Taanit, 23a).

On a proactive level, the need for friends is so pressing that the person is advised to "Buy for yourself a friend." (Avot, 1:6).

It is in the countering of loneliness that one apprehends the most significant psychological benefit of community. The fact that community is necessary for the major events in one's life, starting even at the beginning with the ceremony of brit milah or of giving the baby her name, at the very least indicates the centrality of this relationship of the individual to community.

The community is there for the bride and groom who are overwhelmed at the thought of the exacting task of building a future that stares them in the face. At the wedding, and at the ensuing six days of Sheva Brachot gatherings, the community is there with good wishes, encouragement and hopefully support.

And finally, when one has suffered the loss of a loved one, the community is there in a most meaningful way. Just after completion of the burial, the mourners walk through a two-sided human wall of family and friends who express their condolence prayers.

This is a poignant picture of the community telling the shattered mourners, who are lonely in their grief, that they will never be alone, that the community will form a wall for them on either side to ensure that they do not fall.

But how can one best ensure that the community will be there for them in their time of need, in their loneliness crisis of happiness or sadness?

There is no better way to ensure this, and perhaps there is no other way, than by being there for the community and its members in their times of need.

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Halachah and the allocation of resources

By Rabbi Jay H. Kelman

The Jewish community today, like every other one in history, is faced with the responsibility of allocating often scarce resources to its institutions. We are fortunate in that the communities in the western world are wealthier than any that preceded them. Therefore, we should be able to fund programs to ensure Jewish continuity. Yet recently, concern about Jewish continuity has become one of the main issues on today's Jewish agenda both in the Diaspora and even in Israel.

This phenomenon highlights the fact that the key to Jewish survival is not dependent on money, but rather on a strong and serious commitment to Jewish living both individually and communally. The value of finances, though, cannot be underestimated. This being the case, it is interesting to look at how previous Jewish communities arranged their communal finances to maintain vibrant Jewish life throughout the generations, as well as at how the Halachah perceives the allocation of resources.

Throughout the medieval period, under both Christian and Muslim rule, the Jews enjoyed varying degrees of autonomy, usually in return for a monetary fee exacted from the Jewish community. The community in turn funded itself through the levying of taxes. These taxes in addition to raising the money needed to pay the local government were also used to support a Jewish communal infrastructure. Institutions such as the synagogue and its religious functionaries, local schools, the mikvah (ritual bath) and charitable institutions for the poor were funded by these assessments of the members of the Jewish community.

In essence then, the Jews had a quasi-state which was recognized as such by the local ruling authorities. While the issue of the tax base often generated much controversy, Jewish law accepted the premise that for communal institutions, half the revenue should be raised on a per capita basis and half on a progressive income tax base. This compromise was based on the fact that while poor and rich equally need basic institutions such as a synagogue or a mikvah, the wealthy can better afford it and are willing to pay for extra "frills." The implication of this policy is that as we move from necessities to luxuries, the wealthy are able to and therefore should bear more of the expenses.

As important and necessary as it was to maintain religious institutions, communal leaders had to ensure the social and economic well-being of all members. Thus regulation, via the *beth din* (court system), was called for in such diverse areas as tort law, contracts, restraints on conspicuous consumption, advertising methods and employer/employee relations to name a few. The authority of the *beth din* to enforce its decisions was as a rule willingly accepted and was backed by the authority of the state. There were therefore only rare instances when it was challenged.

With the emergence of the modern period and the breakdown of the ghetto, the Jewish community lost much of its authority and power. The enlightened world now viewed the Jews as individuals and not just as a community to be tolerated when it served their interests. No longer would the non-Jewish authorities grant the Jewish community the right to enforce its own standards. As the external constraints on the community became looser the individuals of the community were freer to diffuse outward.

Economic, educational and social opportunities of the non-Jewish world were open (in theory anyway) to Jews, often for the first time. Intermarriage and assimilation, in no way near the percentage of today, were now an option. Under these circumstances (which varied widely in different communities) the structure of the Jewish community changed drastically. Many opted out of community life altogether. The focus shifted from implementing a traditional Jewish way of life in a supportive constituency to one of trying to entice Jews to get involved in the community. Tax assessments were replaced by volunteer donations of tzedakah, which frequently do not provide the funds needed to fully fund the community. This basic mitzvah requires that a minimum of 10 per cent (maximum 20 per cent) of after tax income be set aside for charitable purposes.

One of the most pressing issues has become the allocation of the limited funds raised through tzedakah. Jewish law teaches that

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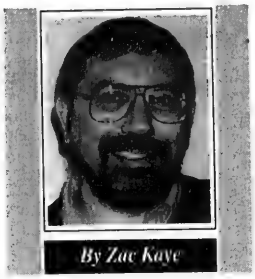

By Zac Kaye

The Canadian Jewish community is undergoing vast changes as the demographic trends that have swept the United States begin to impact on Jewish life north of the border.

Three months ago, I arrived in Toronto to assume the position of executive director of a new agency to serve the Jewish needs of the over 12,000 students, faculty and staff who spend most of their daily lives on the university and college campuses here.

Nowhere are the demographic trends highlighted so clearly as on our college campuses. It is the first time for many of our young Jews to live outside of a closeted family and community oriented lifestyle. The openness and variety of opportunities that are suddenly available and the different views and new ideologies to absorb challenge the most committed person. This is especially relevant when we consider that over 80 per cent of our young people age 18 to 24 are in some form of higher education.

The assumption is that the student is prepared for this onslaught of new ideas, or indeed has taken a conscious decision that the "ghetto" is no longer a barrier to exploring new opportunities. But "free at last" takes on an entirely different connotation. Anyone doubting this should have spent the last 12 years by my side working on campus.

The west coast is not the east coast. The west coast was and is a different place, but many of the young people I came into contact with as executive director of Hillel came to Vancouver from Toronto to "escape." The irony was and is, that many of them chose to identify with the Jewish community on campus and became active participants in Hillel events.

Recognition should be given to the fact that the Jewish community has worked hard to provide lifelong learning opportunities, to build a community that provides services from the cradle to the grave. Unfortunately a flaw occurs early in the process; for many it comes to a grinding halt after bar or bat mitzvah or graduation from high school, with the possibility that it might be picked up further along life's path.

It is ironic, therefore, that Jewish education claims the largest share of federation funding in North America, with the majority of funds dedicated to the day schools and not shared proportionally with the informal sector that includes camps, youth organizations and the campus.

The Jewish experience on campus becomes a vital cog in the paradigm the community has created to ensure the continuity of our people. However, the lack of Jewish experiences, of Jewish role models, of a sense of Jewish pride, creates a "black hole" for many of our young adults.

Unless the student arrives with a strong Jewish identity or is attracted by a strong Jewish presence on campus, the potential for loss is enormous.

The physical Jewish entity on campus is not just a building. It is an opportunity — some would say a final opportunity — for the Jewish community to "build" for its young people a strong sense of their Jewish selves.

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Community and resource allocation

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our first priority must be providing the basic necessities of food and clothing for the poor and Jewish education for the children. Local needs take precedence over national and international ones, though the needs of the people of Israel are considered as if they are local. In order to contribute to the well-being of society around us, we must also allocate funds for non-Jewish causes. The tremendous expense of providing a solid Jewish education impels the community to provide assistance in this area and to make it a priority. Without educated Jews, the future of the community is really quite bleak.

Another dilemma for the community arises in the question of allowing communal resources to be used by those who are financially able but unwilling to contribute to the communal upkeep. While we do not want communal resources denied to anybody, without support these institutions cannot function effectively. Rabbi Moshe Feinstein, the great Jewish legal authority of the latter 20th century, writes that all manner of public pressure should be applied to induce payment. However, if one refuses to pay the mikvah, for example, it should still be made available to them. Threatening to deny access is likely to cause neglect of the mitzvah rather than to induce payment.

We are faced with a challenge to make Jewish life so appealing that people will gladly support the community financially and more importantly with active participation. By promoting the beautiful values of Judaism we can help ensure Jewish continuity.

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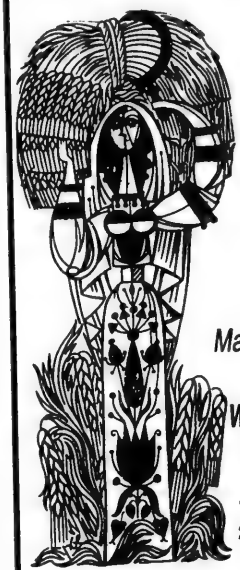

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Community on campus

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The friendship groups that children carry through school, camp experiences and for many, the Israel trip, all contribute to a positive sense of Jewishness but in themselves are no guarantors of a Jewish future when the open society calls.

The class entering university and college this year was born in 1977, four years after the traumatic events of the Yom Kippur War, too young to remember the fateful triple handshake of Menachem Begin, Anwar al-Sadat and Jimmy Carter. They are products of the memory of intifadah, perhaps of the Lebanese War that preceded it, of an Israel that still performs miracles but is not a miracle in itself.

The issues of vicarious Judaism so strong in the '60s and '70s no longer carry a passion about them. Not with the generation whose main concern is "me" and the "job," for a future that does not appear secure.

Pride in being Jewish for many of our young people in such a setting cannot be taken for granted. So many are passive in their Jewishness, they are not only Jewishly distant, but are products of the multicultural society that is Canada today, a society where togetherness and sharing are the rule, not one where pride in being different is valued.

Yet we as a community believe that if Jewish life in Canada is to have meaning, then we have to transcend the established and accepted norms of our wider society, to ensure that ethnic and religious pride is a priority for our young people. Nowhere is this more evident than on the campus, where the pluralistic open environment is proud of its multicultural identity.

Unless you are strong in your own identity, as a student you will be easily seduced into whatever you find attractive and vital. Into this situation comes the Jewish community with its own paradigm: "Come to us, be Jewish!" But such a response is no longer relevant. "If you build it — they will not come."

The Torah "is not in the heavens" but sometimes studying it can almost take you there.

We in Jewish campus services understand that our task is to go out on campus and provide a smorgasbord of Jewish opportunities in a non-judgemental manner. In responding to societal pressures, the entity known as Hillel by many in the United States and Canada is developing an approach to the Jewish campus community that allows for a variety of views, feelings and lifestyles. Being pluralistic and inclusive is the hallmark of the Jewish campus program, within which all are valued for who they are.

Bringing together students, faculty and staff to celebrate and learn with and from each other in an open and caring environment is the new focus of campus services seeking to engage our campus dwellers wherever they are, to enable them to enjoy meaningful Jewish experiences in an atmosphere of trust that is non-threatening and where faculty serve as role models.

Parents should not delude themselves that assimilation here is not the reality it is on the west coast, that Jewish continuity is not the issue some believe it is.

We in Jewish campus services seek to be a catalyst, a facilitator working with a diverse range of partners to reach the hearts and minds of our campus community.

If we do not provide for the future leadership of our community now, there will be no leadership and no future. As the surviving generation, we have a responsibility to build meaningful Jewish lives.

In past years, Hillel was synonymous with such efforts, with B'nai B'rith and more recently the federation being the main underwriters of campus work. The emergence of centres of Jewish studies at our universities and the rich variety of Jewish opportunities are a few indications of the vitality of Jewish life in our major cities. Sad to say, only a small proportion of the approximate 25,000 young people on campus are active participants in such programs.

The new agency will challenge accepted norms and create a Jewish address on each campus that our students and faculty will be proud to identify with. We will respond to new and existing needs. We will create programs tha excite and entertain, that extend and stimulate the mind.

The scholar Hillel wrote: "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am for myself, what am I? And if not now, when?" The challenge lies before us, at stake is the future of our community.

Zac Kaye is the director of Jewish Campus Services of Toronto

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Community and the peace process

By Shira Herzog

It used to be simple. The Jewish community supported the positions of the Israeli government on security issues, on the grounds that to do differently would "give comfort to Israel's enemies." Moreover, it was argued, only Israelis could be responsible for issues relating to security, since only they would have to deal directly with the consequences. Although there were passionate, political differences of opinion within the community that dated back to the early Zionist movement, these were voiced internally. Externally, it was felt, it was essential to maintain a united front in support of the Israeli government of the day.

Today, it seems, things are hardly simple. The intense debate inside Israel over the peace process appears to be mirrored in the Jewish community and few restraints are exercised. Even mainstream organizations do not feel bound to the discipline of the past and dissenting voices from within Israel campaign actively for support in the community.

The changing dynamics in the community's view of this issue are a reflection of the evolving relationship between Israel and Jewish communities abroad, and of the changing nature of the debate over security issues inside Israel. Since the establishment of Israel in 1948, three periods can be discerned in this regard.

Between 1948 and 1977, very few questions were asked. Before the Six Day War, Israel was perceived as vulnerable and its government was viewed as deserving of unanimous support in its decisions. The Labor governments of this period included many of the leaders of the Zionist movement in the pre-state era who were known to Jewish leaders abroad. Support for Israel was equated with support for the Labor establishment.

Inside Israel, the opposition was weak, and Menachem Begin's Herut party was not considered a serious alternative to the Labor government. This period included the high of 1967, when Israelis and Jews abroad walked taller and prouder after the lightning victory of the Six Day War, and the low of 1973, when Israel's vulnerability was exposed and Israelis felt the limitations of their conventional power in the first difficult days of the Yom Kippur war.

This period also included the first wave of Labor-supported settlements in security belts in the newly-administered territories — primarily in the Jordan valley — and the early wave of settlements in the heart of Judea and Samaria by Gush Emunim, the religious settler movement. Jewish communities outside Israel subscribed to the discipline of support. In the absence of a very vocal opposition in Israel and in the absence of any serious Arab overtures for peace, this was an easy line to hold.

The national election of 1977 resulted in the first change of government in Israel. The rise to power of the Likud government led by Begin sent shockwaves through Jewish communities abroad. Israel had always prided itself on being a democracy, but surprisingly, a change of government was not something that had been naturally contemplated.

In 1977, leaders of Jewish communities confronted a brand new question: What was their role if the Israeli leadership they had traditionally supported (i.e. the Labor party) as the government of the day would now be relegated to the opposition benches in the Knesset? Since the intense political debates in the pre-state Zionist movement, there had been no such dilemma.

Israelis who disagreed with the newly elected government could voice their opinions in the give-and-take of an open democracy, but what were they to do? Nineteen years of one way of thinking and communicating were challenged virtually overnight. In 1977, as Israeli democracy started to mature, the new *modus vivendi* was developed: The government of the day was the government that would be publicly supported by Jewish leaders and organizations outside of Israel. The stakes were too high to publicly disagree with the policies of a duly-elected government.

Furthermore, how could support from foreign governments be encouraged and maintained through domestic lobbying activities if the Jewish community was not of one voice? Dissenters from this position claimed that the Jewish communities' political power in their own countries would be weakened by the perception that they were

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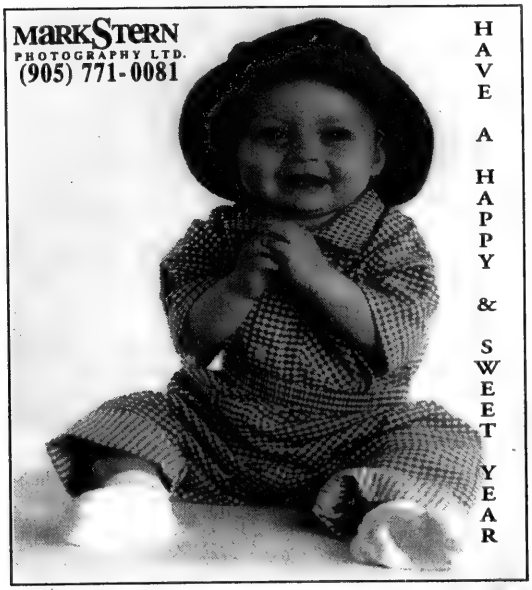
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Kehilah, klal Yisrael and the peace process

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merely a mouthpiece for the Israeli government's policies, but in 1977, these voices were marginal.

While Begin was negotiating with Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat, there was overwhelming support for the first official peace treaty with an Arab government. But when Israeli troops moved into Lebanon in the summer of 1982, the *modus vivendi* was sorely tested. This was the first Israeli-Arab war that was publicly questioned by Israelis, even as it was underway. The sight of Israeli reserve soldiers on home leave from the front demonstrating against the government was a new phenomenon for Israelis and it did not go unnoticed abroad. The limits of consensus were tested even further as the Begin government embarked upon its policy of encouraging Jewish settlement in all parts of Judea and Samaria. However, for the most part, the discipline held.

Israeli government leaders urged Jewish leaders to remember their responsibilities towards the democratically elected government of Israel, even when the latter occasionally took issue with them in private meetings. Representatives of the Peace Now movement who came to North America were discouraged from appearing at public meetings and their weak efforts to influence foreign governments were frowned upon. Israeli opposition politicians who visited North America refrained, for the most part, from actively encouraging Jewish communities to speak out against the government. The consesus held — if uneasily at times. One was reminded of Abba Eban's definition of a consensus: "Everyone agrees to say collectively what no one believes individually."

Following four years of the unique Israeli version of national unity government — during which one could support the government and the opposition at the same time — the Likud was voted back into office in 1988. And then, in 1992, the pendulum swung again. After 15 years of the country's being dominated by Likud policies, Labor's Yitzhak Rabin formed the government, with a mandate to negotiate territory for peace.

A generation of Jewish leadership that had become close to the Likud and that had shown solidarity with its policies — or at least had reacted in self-imposed silence — was faced with the familiar dilemma: The Israeli leaders they had supported were now in opposition; their role, in turn, was to support the Rabin government and its pursuit of peace.

But this time, the contours of the debate changed. Shortly after the July 1992 election, Norman Podhoretz issued a rallying cry in the pages of *Commentary* for public questioning of the policies of the elected Israeli government. He argued that when the state's survival was at stake, the old rules — which he had admittedly supported — should no longer apply. The September 1993 signing of the Oslo accord with the PLO lent a new urgency to the public efforts of those opposed to the process.

Settlers' organizations launched an aggressive campaign for funds and support. Most significantly, an unprecedented lobbying effort in the U.S. Congress and Jewish community was underwritten by three former Israeli officials closely connected to Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu. If progress is made in the current talks, these efforts are likely to increase. Disagreements over the Israeli government's policy on peace and war with its Arab neighbors have now broken out into the open.

In Canada, these disagreements may be milder in tone, but they are no less ideological or political. While leading Jewish advocacy organizations continue to publicly profess their support for the Israeli government's policies, they are under constant pressure from elements in the community who disagree with this position and indeed, with the underlying principles of the debate. There are some who question the wisdom of maintaining old traditions that may no longer be necessary or relevant, while others defend the principle of solidarity with the government as the only constructive way to proceed. These positions will be debated a great deal over the next year, especially as Israel approaches its national election. In discussing them, several questions are worthy of consideration.

Israeli demonstrators take to the street to protest proposed IDF redeployment on the West Bank [Israel photo]

First: How does a Jew living outside of Israel express his or her political views in the absence of the ability to vote? This question perhaps more than any other highlights the inherent ambivalence in the worn slogan, "We Are One." While many Jews sincerely feel that their fate is inextricably linked to that of Israel, they are not full participants in that country's decision-making process — by definition. Israelis vote their parties in and out of office. Jews outside of Israel react to these events. Even the debatable practice of donating money from abroad to Israeli political parties does not compare to the employment of the voting citizen and his or her capacity to shape events. How does a community committed to supporting the State of Israel react to the shifting political sands there?

Second: What is the nature and depth of the information we receive? We are exposed to the loudest voices of opposition from Israel, but they are not necessarily the most representative. The militant settlers of today are no more representative of a majority of Israelis than Peace Now was a decade ago. We only hear the voices that go to the trouble to invest time and money to lobby for support and to raise funds abroad. But we don't hear from ordinary Israelis.

I am reminded of Tom Friedman's discussion of Israeli public opinion in his book, *To Jerusalem and Back*. To really find out what the people were thinking, he would stroll over to his neighborhood grocer, Sasson. We do not talk to Sasson — but most Israelis are like Sasson. They discuss politics in Hebrew over Friday night family gatherings or on the beach, and they are far removed from the sophisticated political rhetoric used to generate support by political organizations on either the left or the right. Israelis like Sasson can hold apparently contradictory views — they can question concessions to the PLO and at the same time oppose the position of the militant settlers; they can consider voting for Benjamin Netanyahu in the upcoming direct elections for prime minister in 1996 and at the same time consider voting Labor for the Knesset list in the same election.

Third: How sensitive are we to the complex web of pragmatic considerations faced by Israelis? It is easier to maintain a firm ideological position on any issue the farther one is removed from the day-to-day exigencies of the situation. At the end of the day, Israelis look at one other and realize that they have to emerge together at the other end of the debate. For most Israelis, there is nowhere else to go because they don't want to go anywhere else. Israel is home — small, intense, overheated — but home nevertheless. The way the debate is conducted today will have a profound impact on the way they will live together in that small space tomorrow. That is why, as polarization has developed in some quarters of Israel, voices have emerged calling for moderation for the sake of the future fabric of Israeli society.

Communities living outside of Israel don't have quite the same imperative. There is more breathing space in the expanses of North America and the numerous options it offers for Jewish involvement, even for those who feel alienated from the positions of the mainstream.

This is further complicated by the relative stakes in the debate. For every Israeli, on either side of the debate, survival and the quality of their lives are at stake. Each side attaches a different priority to the existential issues of democracy, security and the Jewish character of the state — and the relationship between these principles. But they all care about the kind of country that they and their children will live in. Thoughtful Israelis recognize that no single ideology can satisfactorily reconcile all of these and yet they know that only with pragmatic compromise can they move forward. No matter how close Jews outside of Israel feel to the country, they do not feel these daily pressures in the same way. Security, democracy and the Jewishness of the state take on a different meaning the greater the distance from Ramat Gan or the Knesset.

As we ponder these questions, we should note that what goes around, comes around. Israel is a democracy and its governments will change. The government of today may be the opposition tomorrow and it may react in kind. In addition, as communities faced with our own challenges of Jewish commitment and continuity, we have a particular perspective. We have supported Israel not just as the fulfilment of the Zionist dream but as a value that enriches Jewish life and that provides a focus for Jewish identity and participation.

If the policies of the government of Israel can be subject to open debate and active questioning, will we be able to maintain the value of support for Israel based on a fundamental respect for its democracy and the collective wisdom of its citizens? Will "support for Israel" become a forum for political debate and posturing? Will the positions we take on the peace process enhance our sense of of community or will they be divisive? Will we still be able to speak of a shared destiny in spite of political differences, or will this become an increasingly hollow sentiment? And if so, what will be the ramifications for our sense of *kehillah* and *klal Yisrael*?

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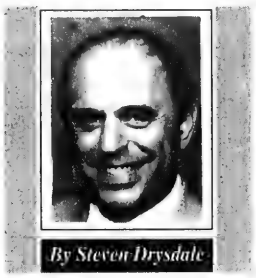
How communities define themselves



By Steven Drysdale

I have come to the realization that Jewish communities the world over define themselves by what they want visitors from elsewhere to see or experience. It is what the host shows off to the guest that clues us in on self-definition of a community.

Somehow it is the individual's attachment to the institutions and accomplishments of one's community that contributes to an understanding of how a community sees itself. This is most poignantly true even in those communities that have ceased to exist.

I remember visiting the Jewish cemetery in Warsaw and being shown the graves of the great actress Ida Kaminska and of Ludwig Zamenhof, the originator of Esperanto. They defined a community of scholarship and tradition, of reverence for our folk culture and involvement in the modern world. The tour of the cemetery taught me something about how Warsaw Jewry saw itself. (The rest of what one is shown in Warsaw is a monument to Nazism, not Judaism.)

I recall visiting the Jewish day school in Madrid a number of years ago. The community was very proud of this school which was the first to open since the 1492 expulsion from Spain. The school, now populated mostly by North African French-speaking Jews, defined the community as the successor to the Golden Age of Spain at the same time that it bore witness to a hopeful future for Jewry in Spain.

In Morocco, a visit to the graves of revered Jewish saints to celebrate the Hiloula defines the community as one that respects scholarship and the special legacy left to the community by the pious and the learned. It connects the current generation to its glorious past.

In Florence it is the magnificent Moorish synagogue; in Charleston, the oldest synagogue in the United States. In Paris it is Goldenberg's in the Pletzl and the Rue Copernic Synagogue where in both places brutal bombings shattered the myth of security in the French Jewish community.

I recently visited Ukraine, and in the small town of Khmielnitsky met with the president of the community. He spoke at length about how proud they were of their new Jewish library which would be the spark for a renaissance of Jewish learning in Khmielnitsky. A Jewish library to me was the Jewish Public Library in Montreal, so I was taken aback to find that the library being heralded consisted of a few shelves in an unused closet with a few dozen books and tapes courtesy of the Joint Distribution Centre. But to the people of Khmielnitsky that meager library defined who they were becoming.

I am most familiar with Montreal, and I have the opportunity of showing off the community to many visitors. A community such as ours is endowed with so many institutions of today and so many sites of yesteryear that it is hard to know where to begin.

Probably the two most visited sites are the Jewish Public Library and the Holocaust Memorial Centre. The former still bespeaks a community that has its contemporary roots in the massive wave of Yiddish speaking immigrants that hit these shores at the beginning of the century. The latter is testimony to the deep identification with the world of European Jewry that was lost during the Holocaust and the fact that Holocaust survivors make up such a large proportion of our community.

Individual must connect to something bigger

The smoked meat sandwich and the Montreal bagel are loved by all the citizens of Montreal and are pointed to as proof positive of the important influence of the Jewish community to the culture at large. Though rather mundane, these gastronomic specialities when added to respected institutions like the Saidye Bronfman Centre define our contribution to a multicultural society.

Why do I cite examples in the context of a High Holy Day piece on Jewish community? It is because in these places and in many others that I have had the great privilege of visiting in recent years, the sense of community is transmitted through those things about which the community is proud. One cannot have a common identity without reference to the institutions of the community. It is only when an individual connects to something bigger than himself that he breaks his isolation and becomes a community member.

To be a true member of community he must take an interest in the institutions of the community, one must support them and help them grow, one must be proud of them. One must earn the right to show them off to the visitor from elsewhere as the communal achievements that they took part in bringing to fruition.

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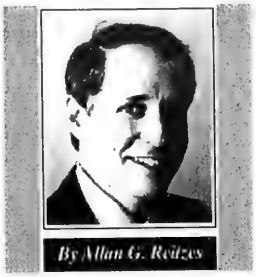

By Allan G. Reitzes

Outside of its religious dimension, we can partially define Jewish community as a manifestation of three core Jewish values: klal Yisrael (the sense of unity of the Jewish people); *areivim zeh bazeh* (mutual responsibility); and tzedakah (social justice).

Although great things can be achieved by individuals, it is only when we work together, sharing determination strength and resources, that we can set and achieve goals for the sake of the betterment of the community, locally, nationally and around the world. The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is the practical expression of this desire to work together for the sake of the community.

At all levels of its operation and in as many ways as possible, the Federation attempts to incorporate these three core values into the formulation of our goals and objectives.

For example, the unity of the Jewish people is expressed in the composition of the Federation Council, which has representation from almost every Jewish community agency, school and organization. The Council meets at least once a year to elect the Federation leadership, and whenever there is an overarching issue which requires this representative body to convene.

Mutual responsibility is expressed in our system of voluntary community social, cultural and educational institutions. While the services are delivered by Jewish community professionals, volunteers are often at the centre of service delivery and make the policy that governs our agencies and schools. Moreover, our community is a partnership with the Jews of Canada, world Jewry and the people of Israel in collective responsibility one for the other.

Social justice, or the sharing of ourselves, is expressed through voluntary annual contributions to the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) campaign. Through UJA, we share in the mitzvah of helping others by sustaining the lives of poor Jews and children in Jewish education, fighting anti-Semitism and Holocaust denial, assisting new immigrants and helping with the rescue and resettlement of Jews to Israel.

The help Federation extends to others is felt in a number of activities. Lifelong Jewish learning and in particular, Jewish day school education has been our community's priority. Through the Board of Jewish Education, working with day elementary and high schools and supplementary schools, we seek to enhance the Jewish education of the approximately 9,000 students. UJA-funded scholarships are provided to over 2,000 day school students. Further support of these students is delivered by the Jewish Vocational Service Guidance and Counselling Program.

Through Jewish Family & Child Service, we support Jews in chronic and short-term financial distress. Support of the Bathurst and Bloor Jewish Community centres is focused on membership and program scholarships for those who cannot afford full fees.

Outreach and Jewish programming for Jewish university students and new immigrants is both a local and national commitment.

In the context of Jewish continuity and complementing our investment in Jewish education are a variety of modest Jewish cultural initiatives, such as the annual Jewish Book Fair and Yiddish concerts.

Together with Canadian Jewish Congress, national and regional, we offer Holocaust education and fight against the evils of anti-Semitism.

The Jewish Agency for Israel is our partner in the rescue of fellow Jews, beginning with the survivors of the Shoah, followed by Jews from Morocco and Yemen, Romania and Ethiopia, and now the former Soviet Union. Through the Jewish Agency, the world Jewish community joins together to accomplish this sacred mission.

Not specific to the major activities, other important community assets are Jewish Women's Federation, the Kashruth Council, Ontario Jewish Archives, committee for Yiddish, Holocaust Memorial and Remembrance and the Jewish Campus Agency. The Federation also has a close relationship with the Toronto Hebrew Memorial Park.

To support the key activities, the Federation has four functional and integrated dpartments: campaign, planning, allocations and human resources department. The essence of each of these departments is volunteer leadership.

The key activities, goals, strategy and plans of the annual campaign are set by volunteers. Donors are asked to contribute by these same volunteers. The priorities and planning for social, cultural, educational and integration services are set by volunteers. Our human resources department recruit, train, place and continue to educate the volunteers.

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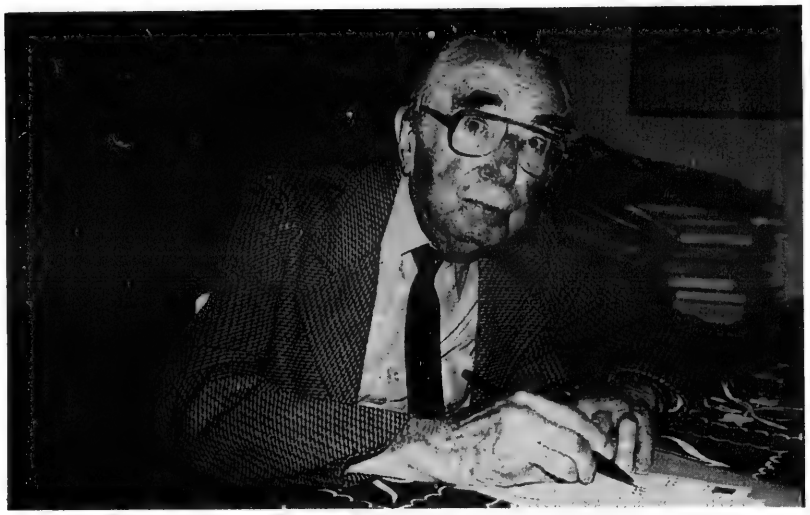

Joseph (J.B.) Salsberg...a longstanding activist

Catching up with J.B.

By CYNTHIA GASNER
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A recent visit with Joseph B. Salsberg (known to all as J.B.) answered these questions and more.

J.B. had a fall in his apartment. He hit his head on the sharp edge of the door post and had to be hospitalized. He has been recuperating at home and says he is well on the way to a full recovery.

One of the most beloved and most fascinating personalities in Canadian politics, J.B., who was born in Poland in 1902, still has a twinkle in his blue eyes and a refreshing sense of humor. This, along with his charisma, made him much in demand as a labor leader, politician, writer, speaker and communal worker.

In his own inimitable way, he answers each question with an evasive twist. When asked how long he wrote for *The CJN*, he quipped, "A helluva long time — from the day it started." Describing Uncle Eliezer he explained that he created the lovable Uncle Eliezer because it gave J.B. an opportunity to bring out a traditional Jewish reaction and point of view to events occurring in the Jewish community.

"I got to love Uncle Eliezer because he became a symbolic wise Jewish uncle who had his own opinions — not belligerent but with a sense of humor, yet very persuasive." J.B. says that Uncle Eliezer became real to many people. "I still meet people who ask me to bring back Uncle Eliezer."

He told *The CJN* that he hopes to start writing again before long. But he has some reservations. "When you write, you must take a position. I am no longer so quick to arrive at a yes or no answer. I think this is more mature — perhaps a sign of wisdom."

The persona of this mild-mannered and soft-spoken gentleman hides the dynamic, controversial activist, leader and politician whose odyssey has been recorded in Canadian history.

He recalls his childhood in Lugov, Poland. His parents, Avraham and Sarah Gittel (Kleinmintz) were observant. Before the family immigrated to Canada, his mother took her 10-year-old son to the rabbi because she and the family were worried about the evil influence America would have on him. After discussing her concerns with the rabbi, J.B. recalls that the rabbi lovingly pinched his cheek and said, "You can take him to America, he will be all right."

On their arrival in Toronto in 1913, his father took him to his Chestnut Street shtiebl, a *landsmanshaft* of people who came from the same area in Poland. "Everyone knew that the rabbi had knipped my cheek — which was an honor," he says. "The rabbi in Poland was right. I was OK in America, but not the way the rabbi thought I would be."

His father was one of the founders of the Eitz Chaim Schools and took a lifelong interest in Jewish education. His mother served as president of the Eitz Chaim Schools Ladies Auxiliary. They hoped that their son would follow in their traditional footsteps.

During the day he was a student at Landsdowne Public School, in the evening and on weekends he went to his father's shtiebl. His father tried to steer him to a yeshivah in New York. He left school at age 13 to help support his family and went to work as a leather cutter making purses at a factory.

Employers were not allowed to hire children under 14 years of age. When an inspector would come to the factory, the boss would say, 'Joey, go hide out on the fire escape. Part of his duty, he recalls, was to wait outside after work with other boys to push the boss' car to get it started, so the boss wouldn't have to crank it.

His friendship with Chaim Langer influenced the direction of his life. Langer later headed the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. Despite his parents' objections, J.B. and Langer secretly began attending meetings of the Young Labor Zionists.

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A visit with Uncle Eliezer

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While still in his teens, he was sent to New York where he became the general secretary of the Young Po'alei Zion of America, the socialist wing of the Zionist movement. He became the editor of its weekly youth newspaper in New York.

J.B. says that it was the General Strike in England in 1926 that shocked the labor movement and steered him into his role as a leader in the labor movement, pushing him more to the left. Again, his father tried to break him away from this secular world for he felt it was stealing his son.

Despite threats by his father, he stood his ground believing that, "I have a right to read what I want and to do what I believe is right." He was active in the trade union movement and served as Canadian vice-president of the Hatters' International Union.

There was a great resurgence of Yiddish culture in Russia and J.B. and thousands of other North American Jews became pro-Communist. He joined the Communist party in 1926 and became a member of the Central Committee.

He married Dora Wilensky, a social worker who later headed the Jewish Family and Child Services. She had graduated as a teacher, specializing in German and French, but as was the case with Jewish teachers at the time, she was unable to get a position in Toronto. She became nationally prominent in the field of social work.

With tears in his eyes, J.B. said, "My love for Dora lasted all my life — and it still continues."

J.B. became involved in politics and was elected an alderman for Ward 4 in 1938, a position he held until 1943 when he was elected to the Ontario Legislature as a Labor Progressive Party member defeating John J. Glass, a Liberal and active member of the Jewish community.

J.B. remembers with great satisfaction the night he was first elected to the legislature. After speaking from a fire escape on Brunswick Avenue at College Street to hundreds of people, the crowd marched down Spadina Avenue on their way to an auditorium.

One person shouted, "Let's go to J.B.'s parents' home on Cecil Street." Despite their earlier resistance to his direction in life, he says his parents were very proud of him. His mother told the gathered crowd, "May the Lord bless you all to have children like mine."

As an elected representative, people came to J.B. with every problem imaginable — land, immigration, jobs, welfare and personal matters. Involved with protest marches, skirmishes with the police, and as a favorite bandstand speaker, he became a well-known Canadian political figure.

An ardent Zionist, after World War II, J.B. hoped for a Jewish state in Palestine with the former Soviet Union's active support. But Soviet policy towards the State of Israel was soon to turn from support to hostility and to active anti-Semitism in Stalin's last years.

J.B. represented St. Andrews riding for 12 years and became known as an eloquent spokesperson for anti-discrimination laws. It was during Premier George Drew's government that J.B. was able to have a bill passed which outlawed discrimination in public places. This was a breakthrough in fighting discrimination in Ontario.

And later, his friendship with the Conservative premier, Leslie Frost, resulted in the naming of a township in the Thunder Bay district — the Salsberg Township. He was defeated by Allan Grossman in 1955.

The anti-Jewish policies in Russia during the 1950s, led to J.B.'s disillusionment with the Communist party. "I was disturbed by what was happening in the Jewish area in the Soviet Union — more and more Jewish institutions were closed, rumors of murders became rampant.

"First I went to see the Russian ambassador in Ottawa. I had a feeling that he was embarrassed in what he could tell me. So I said that I wanted to go see for myself for until I would be there myself, I would not speak out on Russian Jewish matters. So I decided to go there."

In 1957, J.B. went to Russia where he was confronted with the truth of the rampant discrimination in Eastern Europe. He met with Nikita Khrushchev, leader of the Communist party. Khrushchev asked J.B. not to make a public issue of the Jewish situation because it would become anti-Soviet.

Using the analogy of a getting a difficult horse to obey, Khrushchev warned, "Beware, the enemy will ride you. They do it very gently — they will gently stroke you, put you in a blanket, throw a saddle on you, grab you with a rope and when they have you, they will ride you." J.B. replied that "nobody ever rode and no one will ever ride me. When I came back to Canada, I realized that the only way things could be helped and improved was to go public."

On his return to Canada, he wrote a series of articles on his Russian visit in the *Vokhenblat*, a German Jewish weekly. He broke with the Communist party of Canada and along with leaders, Morris Bidderman and San Lifshitz, left the Communist-dominated fraternal group, the United Jewish People's Order, taking with them a considerable number of its members. They formed the New Fraternal Jewish Association of Toronto — a left-wing group free of Russian ties.

J.B. established the Model Insurance Agency Ltd. in 1957. He became active on behalf of the State of Israel and for the resurgence of Yiddish. He became active in the Canadian Jewish Congress and a senior's activist at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care.

Looking back, J.B. says that he has no regrets about his life. "I went with my heart and my mind. I tell young people to fight for genuine democratic process — no dictatorship of any kind." He emphasizes that it is important to have respect for the individual's right to think, speak and write.

"If I want the rights for me, I cannot deny the rights to others." Citing Ernst Zundel, he adds that "I cannot deny Zundel his rights, but I would go out and fight him tooth and nail. When they cross the line between an expression of an opinion and set themselves up as a guiding force, then it's time to openly oppose them."

Although J.B.'s accident has taken some of his physical strength, it has not taken any of his youthful spirit. When approached for this interview, he said, "You must be scraping the bottom of the barrel. We can make this interview in one sentence. If you want me to reflect on my life, I'll just give you a mirror."

Asked to describe himself, J.B. says, "I am a Jew — a Yid — everything else flows from that."

One of the highlights in his life, he says, is his ongoing relationship with individuals from the former Labor Zionists, some 10 or 12 people who meet every Saturday night "to sit around and talk and exchange our views." And he adds, "My long association with *The CJN* was a very important factor in my life.

"I value everything that is advancing the physical and economic well-being of all people and reaffirming and strengthening the everlasting tie with the Jewish State of Israel. And above all, I am very proud of the J. B. Salsberg Medical Centre that was established in Kuryiat Yam in Israel in my honor."

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L' Shana Tovah

Searching in Marrakech for peace from one's past

By BRIGITTE DAYAN

On a warm, October evening in Marrakech I met the rabbi who held a key to my past.

I made my way through the throngs of Americans and Moroccans socializing with each other by the poolside of our elegant hotel. Buffets laden with exotic Moroccan specialties — couscous, chicken and olives, shishkebab — lined the perimeter of the gardens. The spices pierced the senses and the area was abuzz with the blissful enjoyment of vacationers.

But for this brief period, I remained oblivious to the sounds and smells around me. I was absorbed by my mission to find out as much as I could about my great-grandfather, a revered Moroccan rabbi who lived during the first half of the 20th century.

During the late afternoon, I had made about a dozen phone calls to members of the Jewish community, numbered at 350. I explained to each person that I am a Dayan, that my family's roots are in Marrakech, and that I was looking for anyone who knew my great-grandfather and could tell me stories about him.

Each call led to a dinner or Shabbat invitation — none of which I had time to accept — and the name of another community member who might help me. Everyone seemed to point to Rabbi Shalom Gabbai, the sole remaining rabbi in the city.

I found him and his wife by the buffet, stacking food on their plates. He was a friendly man in his 50s, with a full head of whitened hair, no doubt the result of caring for the spiritual needs of a dwindling, but vibrant community.

I interrupted his meal and, with the swiftness of an expert diver, launched into an explanation of who I was and why I had come to my ancestral Marrakech. With a smile emerging indicating familiarity with my last name, he told me the community records contained many Jewish legal documents authored and signed by my great-grandfather.

"Come tomorrow night to the kollel and I will show them to you, so that you can see his signature," he told me in French.

He told me the kollel's address, giving me a street name, but no number. "Don't worry," he said. "Just take a taxi to the street and ask someone to show you where it is; everyone knows the kollel."

Sensing my hesitation to venture alone after nightfall to an unfamiliar neighborhood in an Arab land, he added a very unconvincing, "It's safe."

The next day, I debated whether to go. Finally, I reasoned that I simply could not leave Morocco without some of my great-grandfather's papers in hand. Rabbi Gabbai hadn't said anything about letting me take them, but I had my own agenda.

When it came time to meet the rabbi, I flagged a taxi outside our hotel. I was equipped with a self-imposed and quite romantic sense of filial duty and, perhaps more importantly, a male friend from my American tour group. The fact that he was barely taller than me and certainly much thinner didn't daunt me — yet.

As we rode in the taxi, I was absorbed in my thoughts, having already painted a larger-than-life fantasy about retrieving, at great risk, documents belonging to my family, and coming home to a hero's welcome. But as if to shatter my notions of Middle Eastern danger, the taxi driver seemed interested only in picking our brains about why Michael Jordan had chosen to leave the Bulls.

He took us to the right street, but unsure as we were of the kollel's exact location, he graciously accompanied us out of the cab to seek outside help.

Although I was already fearful, I was totally unprepared for the sight that greeted me. Mobs of people were in the street and the loud sounds of Arabic permeated the air.

The women, dressed in long, black dresses and veiled, so that only their curious eyes peered through, were scurrying home carrying packages filled with fruits and vegetables. The men, sporting the traditional Arabic *jelabias* and *keffiyahs*, were manning the storefront shops, selling anything from nuts to electronics.

And I have never felt so out of place, with my GAP shirt and skirt sticking to my skin as if to remind me of my difference.

We approached an electronics merchant and the taxi driver asked him for directions. He seemed confused by the term "kollel." Do you want the synagogue, he asked me?

Afraid to answer yes, and thereby confess my Jewishness, I opted for silence.

"The Jewish mosque?" he persisted.

Yes, I nodded with all the strength I could muster.

He smiled a large smile and as he began to lead us to the kollel, he told me he knew Rabbi Gabbai very well.

The electronics merchant took us down the street and around the corner to a rather decrepit building, with a narrow, dark staircase. We made our way up and breathed a sigh of relief at the sight of a mezzuzah.

Rabbi Gabbai was seated next to two elderly gentlemen. They had a large Gemara open in front of them. I waited at the entrance with bated breath and the exhilaration of anticipation.

The rabbi understood. He walked to a tall wooden chest, unlocked it with a key and took out a large book, with the edges of its yellowed pages sticking out.

As he was leafing through the community records for *ketubot* that my great-grandfather wrote, one of the men told me he went to school with my great-uncle and knew my great-grandfather.

"What can you tell me about him?" I implored.

"Well," he said, "he spoke very fast, just like you."

Just then, the rabbi called my attention to a *ketubah* written and signed by my great-grandfather in 1934. And there, at the bottom of a text on a faded page, it clearly read, in Rashi script: Shlomo Dayan.

For a fleeting moment I felt closely connected to these three strangers. Their community was my community, not merely in the lofty sense that all Jews are interconnected and are responsible one for another, but a very real and direct way. Geography had distanced us perhaps, but we were borne of the same soil.

I beseeched the rabbi to let me bring the originals home, so that I could show my father. I promised to send them back to him via Federal Express, but he staunchly refused.

"These documents belong to the Jewish community and you can't take them out of this room," he said.

In a city whose Jewish population was once among the most vibrant in the Sephardi world, all that is left are the legal documents to prove it. The rabbi was right; I couldn't take them.

I settled for photocopies of three *ketubot* written and signed by my great-grandfather. After posing for a picture with the men, and expressing my genuine thank you, I took off with my patient companion for the cab that awaited us outside.

I had stood on the ground where my great-grandfather prayed, learned, ate and slept. And in the process, I retrieved, for the sake of posterity, a precious symbol of his life.

Brigitte Dayan is a writer living in Chicago.

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L' Shana Tovah

HI!!! HOLIDAYS..

By LINDA ANDER
Special to The CJN

Welcome to *CJNews for Kids*. One of the special parts about Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is that you have lots of chances to make things better for yourself and for other people. You can make small changes like being nicer to your brothers and sisters or your friends. You can help a person who is hungry or who needs clothing or shelter. You may not be old enough to fast but there are other ways to be a part of this holiday.

"L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu," is how you greet people and it means, "may you be written in the book of life for a good new year."

BACK IN TIME

To learn of the traditions for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur let's go back a long time ago to the year 1700 BCE. Abraham and Sarah are travelling through the desert to the promised land. At night they rest and look up at the sky. After a really long time they notice the moon always changes its shape, getting smaller and then bigger in some sort of regular pattern. Abraham and Sarah believe that G-d is responsible for these changes. They call this the new month and to celebrate each new moon they blow the ram's horn. The new moon celebration of the seventh month gets the longest and loudest blasts on the ram's horn. The seventh month is the holy month in which we now celebrate Rosh Hashanah.

Time passes and it is 955 BCE and King Solomon builds the Temple. Again, the seventh month is important because the Temple is dedicated in this month.

Around 586 BCE the Babylonians celebrate a holiday where they write their names on tablets and have a day of judgment. This is similar to the book of life in which G-d decides our fate. The book is open for 10 days and you think about all you have done during the year and what you can do better. The book is closed at the end of Yom Kippur.

The Canadian Jewish news for kids

The Temple of Solomon is destroyed and it isn't until after the Jews return from exile that the Second Temple is built. It takes 23 years to finish. A man named Ezra returns to Judah from Persia and reminds the Jewish people about practising the rituals. Ezra reads the Law of Moses in public and people are so touched by this reminder that many Jews begin again to follow the rituals of Judaism. The sages make two holidays Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur.

When the Temple was destroyed Jewish people start to dress in white during the holiday of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. This helps them feel pure and simple before G-d. They also cover the Torah in white to be pure. Today you will see white table cloths, and rabbis and some men in the synagogue who wear a kittel or white robe. Women often wear white as well.

Take a big jump in time and you are now in the time of the 1400s and the Jews in Spain are ruled by a very cruel leader. Jewish people are forced to pray secretly. You listen to the sounds of them singing the Kol Nidre on the holiest night of the year. The sad and beautiful music reminds you that many Jewish people have suffered over the years.

Now you are back to the present and Rosh Hashanah has begun. You eat honey and apples and listen to the sound of the shofar blowing and think how lucky you really are!

Crafts & Activities

1)Years ago people took a chicken, waved it over someone's head and after killing the chicken, gave it to a poor person. This was called "kapparot" and was supposed to bring a long peaceful life. People now wave money instead of a chicken and then give the money away. Ask your family if they would like to give kapparot money.

2) You can collect extra clothes your family has to give to JF&CS's Just A Second shop at 3418 Bathurst St.

3) For hundreds of years on the afternoon of Rosh Hashanah, Jewish families have taken a walk to a river or stream. You turn your pockets inside out and by throwing bread crumbs into the water you throw away your sins. This is called Tashlich.

4) Make fabric paper for New Year's cards. Shred used paper, put in a blender and add water. Take the pulp out Hiof the blender and put it in a bin. Scoop out the pulp and spread it flat on a piece of screen. Don't leave any holes, let the water drip out. Let it dry on the screen, add dried leaves, flowers, food coloring or sparkles.

5) Weave your own challah cover with scraps of old fabric from ripped clothes. Cut strips 1 inch wide and 12 inches long and weave away! Sew or tape or glue edges.

WHAT IS EACH SENTENCE REALLY ABOUT?

1) You pray for forgiveness and a blessing for a good year.
2) You return to G-d by doing mitzvot good deeds, and saying sorry for the bad things.
3) You are doing this when you give to needy people.
4) It is made from a ram's or goat's horn. The sound of it tells us the start of the holiday, that G-d is ruler and judge, and reminds us of the Jews who got the Torah at Sinai.
5) You know this is called the head of the year or the day of sounding the horn.
6) You know this as the day of atonement when you are sorry for what you have done and you think of others who suffer.

Here are your choices:
a) Shofar
b) Tshuvah
c) Yom Kippur
d) Tfillah
e) Rosh Hashanah
f) Tzedakah

ANSWERS:

1) Tfillah
2) Tshuvah
3) Tzedakah
4) Shofar
5) Rosh Hashanah
6) Yom Kippur

L'Shanah Tovah Tikateivu!

The next children's column will come out at Chanukah. If you'd like to send me a short story, poem, joke, or word search, mail it to Linda Ander, care of CJNews for Kids, 10 Gateway Blvd. Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont.

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SWEET, SWEET FOOD!

You dip apples in honey for a year as good as the apple and as sweet as honey. Challah is made with a ladder or crown because G-d is spoken of as King or Ruler. Challah can also be in the shape of a bird with wings so your prayers can fly up to heaven.

GREAT CHALLAH
Dissolve 1/2 cup of sugar in 1/2 cup of warm water in a mixing bowl that has first been rinsed with hot water.
Sprinkle yeast on top and let stand for 10 minutes.
Stir.
Mix with 1/2 cup oil, 1/2 cup warm water, 1/4 cup sugar, 2 tsp salt, 2 eggs and 2 cups of flour.
Beat well.
Stir in 2 more cups of flour.
Cover sticky dough for 10 minutes.
Turn onto a floured board and have fun kneading for 10 minutes adding flour if you need to.
Round up in a greased bowl. Cover and let rise in a warm place for 1 to1 1/2 hours.
Punch down and leave it for 45 minutes
Take a little dough for making a crown or ladder then divide the rest into 3 parts, shape each part into long strands and braid loosely on a greased baking sheet.
Fasten the ends well and cover until double. Make your ladder or crown and add to challah.
Brush with egg yolks and bake at 400 degrees for 30 minutes.
Cover top with foil at ends so it doesn't burn.

BOOKS FOR EVERYONE

1. *A Rosh Hashanah Walk*. By Carol Levin, Illustrated by Katherine Janus Kahn. Children preschool to Grade 2 will learn about the idea of Tashlich and saying I'm sorry in this lovely story.

2. *It's Rosh Hashanah!* By Ellie Gelman.
Here is a board book just perfect for the toddler who gets an introduction to the new year.

3. *Minnie's Yom Kippur Birthday*. By Marilyn Singer. Pictures by Ruth Rosner.
Children ages 5 to 7 will learn a little about the holiday through the eyes of someone who has a birthday on Yom Kippur.

4. *Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur, Sweet Beginnings*.
By Malka Drucher. Illustrated by B. Hoban.
Older children ages 7 to 12 will learn the meaning and traditions of the holidays with the extra stories to make it fulfilling and understandable for them.

5. *Sound the Shofar*. By Miriam Chaikin.
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LOOKING BACK AT 5755

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Elul/Tishrei (September)

EVENTS

• The "early empowerment" agreement, which hands over civilian affairs to the Palestinian authorities in Gaza and Jericho, is unanimously ratified by the Israeli cabinet. Control over education is officially handed over on Sept. 1.

• Morocco establishes diplomatic ties with Israel.

• Premier Bob Rae and Israeli Industry and Trade Minister Micha Harish sign a memorandum of understanding on economic cooperation between Ontario and Israel. The memorandum undertakes to promote a free trade agreement, exchange information on business opportunities, identify cooperative projects and locate partners for hi-tech ventures.

• Germany's parliament passes a crime bill making it easier to prosecute individuals who deny the Holocaust ever happened. The law includes provisions for jail terms of up to five years.

• A McGill University study based on a 1991 census predicts "a cautiously optimistic" forecast that Montreal can maintain a Jewish population of 100,000 people.

• President and Mrs. Bill Clinton attend High Holy Day services at the Martha's Vineyard Hebrew Centre. It is believed that this is the first time a U.S. president has attended High Holy Day services.

• The Jewish Community Centre (JCC) in Toronto files proposals to its creditors under the Bankruptcy Act. The JCC shuts down the Leah Posluns Theatre and cancels the remainder of the season.

• Grant Bristow, an informant working for the Canadian Security and Intelligence Service (CSIS), is reported to have provided names of members of the Jewish community to the Heritage Front. Solicitor General Herb Grey orders the Security Review Committee to investigate CSIS activities.

• The Alberta Court of Appeal overturns the conviction of Jim Keegstra in a 2-1 decision.

• The Parti Quebecois wins a majority in the Quebec election. The central plank of its platform calls for separation from Canada.

PEOPLE

• Tommy Baer of Richmond, Va., is elected president of B'nai Brith International.

• Steven Spielberg donates all his personal profits from the film *Schindler's List* to the Righteous Persons Foundation. The foundation is to focus on Holocaust education and other Jewish causes.

Cheshvan (October)

EVENTS

• Saudi Arabia and five Persian Gulf states announce that they will ease the Arab boycott on Israel. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres calls the announcement "an additional move in diminishing the walls of hatred and separation and boycott."

• Israel and Tunisia begin to normalize ties by announcing that their countries will establish economic interests in Tel Aviv and Tunis.

• A bomb blast on a bus near Dizengoff Square kills 22 people.

PEOPLE

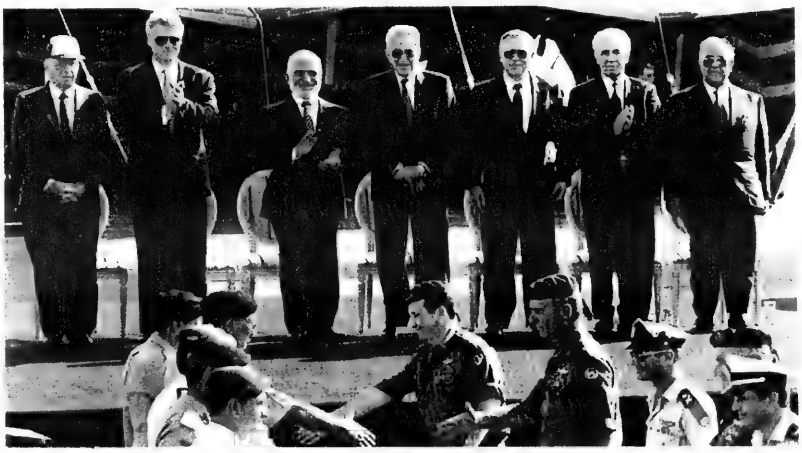
• Stephen Victor of Ottawa is appointed the national chair of the Canada-Israel Committee.

• Sylviane Borenstein becomes the first Jewish woman to be appointed a judge in Quebec. Born in France, Borenstein has lived in Montreal for 36 years. She graduated from McGill Law School and was called to the Quebec bar in 1967.

• Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, known as the father of modern Jewish music, dies of a heart attack in New York. Carlebach blended contemporary and chassidic music and composed hundreds of melodies. He was 69.

Kislev (November)

• As Israel and Jordan sign a peace agreement, U.S. President Bill Clinton attends the official signing ceremony in the Gulf of Aqaba.



GREETINGS, NOT SHOOTINGS

On Oct. 26, 1994 Israel and Jordan signed a peace treaty, formally ending the state of war that had existed between them and declaring full diplomatic relations between the two states. [IPPA photo]

• The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto opens Marnie's Rainbow, an entertainment area in memory of Marnie Kimmelman, who was killed by a terrorist bomb in Tel Aviv a year ago.

• Hungary apologizes to the Jewish people for its role in the Holocaust. The Hungarian government also takes steps towards a formal memorandum of understanding on restitution of Jewish property seized by the Nazis.

• Israel and Jordan initial a peace treaty. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin says the two countries have achieved "a peace with dignity." The agreement is the first full peace treaty signed since the 1991 Madrid peace conference.

• An international conference on the economic development of the Middle East takes place in Casablanca, with 2,000 companies, businesspersons and industrialists participating.

Clinton expresses his hope that the Jewish people will never again "suffer and die because of their race or their faith."

• Sheila Finestone, secretary of state for Multiculturalism and the Status of Women, visits Israel for the International Women's Conference. Finestone addresses the conference and holds talks with Israeli Arabs, Palestinian women and members of Knesset.

• To protest Canada's diplomatic relations with Iran, 200 university and high school students from Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto march from Parliament Hill to the Iranian Embassy.

• The Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society officially opens its Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre. Dr. Robert Krell, a survivor and president of the centre, says the goal of the centre is to teach of Nazi horrors so that the younger generation will never forget what happened.

• The Canadian Friends of Hebrew University turns 50.

PEOPLE

• Rabbi Shlomo Goren, former Ashkenazi chief rabbi of Israel, dies in Tel Aviv's Ichilov Hospital. He was 77.

• The chief justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, Antonio Lamer, visits Israel for the Canada-Israel Legal Cooperation Program conference. This is the first visit of a Canadian chief justice to the Holy Land.

Tevet (December)

EVENTS

• Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat receive the Nobel Peace Prize in Oslo, Norway. "The prize is awarded both in recognition of efforts which have been made, and to encourage still further efforts," Rabin says.

• Rabin meets with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien to discuss the possibility of a Canada-Israel free trade pact.

• The Palestinian Authority accepts responsibility for taxation, health, education, welfare and tourism in Gaza and Jericho under the terms of the "early empowerment" agreement. Foreign donor countries, as well as the World Bank, pledge $200 million (US) to support the day-to-day operations of the Palestinian Authority.

• The first free-standing Jewish chapel in a Canadian hospital is built at the Sunnybrook Health Science Centre in Toronto. The chapel includes a sanctuary for day and evening services, a library, a rabbinic consultation room and a sukkah patio.

• Israel and Jordan officially inaugurate their respective embassies in Tel Aviv and Amman.

• The European Union declares that Israel should be given "privileged" status in its relations with the organization's member states.

• The Jewish Agency begins evacuating the estimated 50 to 60 Jewish families remaining in the Russian breakaway republic of Chechnya.

PEOPLE

• Prominent Canadian businessman and philanthropist Israel Koschitzky dies at his home in Israel. He was 89.

• Rabbi Jacob Kaplan, who served as France's chief rabbi for 27 years, dies in Paris. He was 99.

• Ken Filkow of Winnipeg is elected president of the Canadian Association of Statutory Human Rights Agencies (CASHRA).

Shevat (January)

• David Berger, an MP from the riding of St. Henri-Westmount, resigns his seat. Lucienne Robillard, Berger's replacement, is expected to spearhead the federalist cause in the Quebec sovereignty referendum. Berger is recommended as the next Canadian ambassador to Israel. (Berger's appointment is confirmed in July.)

• "Alternative" Nobel Prize ceremonies are held in Jerusalem honoring former Nobel Prize committee member Kaare Kristiansen, who stepped down from the committee as a protest against the awarding of the prize to Yasser Arafat.

• Israel's Tourism Ministry reports that two million tourists visited Israel in 1994, of whom 63 per cent were Christians and only 26 per cent were Jews.

• A suicide bomb attack in Beit Lid, near Netanya, kills 21 and wounds more than 60 people.

• Israel and France establish a security forum comprised of groups working on security, military strategy and arms control.

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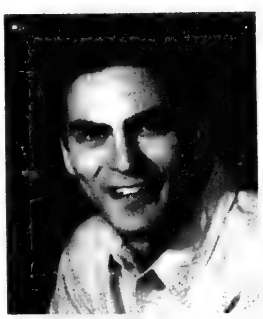

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• El Al loses its monopoly on direct flights to Israel, as Air Canada announces it will introduce biweekly direct flights from Toronto to Tel Aviv.

• For the first time in its history, kosher food is served at the Super Bowl.

PEOPLE

• Solomon Gaon, the chief rabbi of congregations affiliated with the World Sephardi Federation, dies n New York. He was 82.

• Sheila Engel and George Wasserstein are re-elected as Canadian representatives to the Council of Jewish Federations' executive committee.

Adar I (February)

• Israel and Jordan formally agree on the details of most of their international border at a ceremony in the Arava. Under the accord, Israeli farmers are being allowed to work the land now under Jordanian jurisdiction.

• The Belgian parliament enacts a law making it a criminal offence to distribute Holocaust denial literature.

• World WIZO marks its 75th anniversary at a plenary session held in the Knesset.

• Hundreds of Auschwitz survivors hold a memorial at the concentration camp site to mark the 50th anniversary of the liberation of the camp.

• Two Manitoba teenagers are sentenced to nine months probation, 75 hours of community work and attendance at a Holocaust awareness seminar, for spraying anti-Semitic graffiti on the 40-year-old Winnipeg Beach Shul.

• Republican Senator Jesse Helms advocates an end to Israeli aid from the U.S. government. "I'd like to cut it all out and just revisit the whole issue in terms of what is best for the American people," he says.

PEOPLE

• Rabbi Shlomo Auerbach, head of the Kol Torah Yeshiva for nearly half a century, dies in Jerusalem. He was 84.

• Jehudi Kinar, a native of the Netherlands and 25-year veteran of the Israeli Foreign Ministry, is nominated to become Israel's consul general for Toronto and for Western Canada, replacing Dror Zeigerman.

• Dr. Adolph Asher Appell dies in Toronto. Appell was one of the first Jewish doctors to intern at the Toronto General Hospital. He was 89.

• Rabbi Haim Ya'akov Goldvicht, dean of Yeshivat Kerem Beyavne for 40 years and founder of the Hesder yeshiva program, dies in Jerusalem. He was 69.

Adar II (March)

EVENTS

• Wolfgang Droege, leader of the Heritage Front, is sentenced to six months in jail for assaulting an anti-racist activist during a 1993 street brawl. Droege is also sentenced to two years probation and prohibited from possessing firearms and explosives.

• The B'nai Brith Canada League for Human Rights audit shows that anti-Semitic incidents in 1994 were up by 12 per cent from 1993. Of the 290 incidents recorded, 146 were in Toronto, 54 in Montreal, 36 in Ottawa and 15 in Winnipeg.

• On a visit to Israel, Lithuania's president, Algirdas Brazauskas, offers a public apology to the Jewish people for the mass murder of Jews by his country's citizens during World War II.

• The *Catholic New Times*, a biweekly newspaper, comes out in favor of public funding for schools operated by other religious denominations, including Jewish day schools.

• The Vatican and Great Britain announce their intention to boycott the festivities marking Jerusalem's 3,000th birthday. The move is in response to a recommendation made by the European Council not to support the celebration.

• Foreign Ministry officials in Israel advise the Knesset aliyah committee that they consider the rescue of Syrian Jews to be officially complete. Of the 4,500 Jews formerly in Syria, approximately 250 remain.

PEOPLE

• Rabbi Louis Bernstein, a three-term president of the Rabbinical Council of America dies in his home in New York. He was 67.

• Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin celebrates his 73rd birthday.

• Abba Eban celebrates his 80th.

Nissan (April)

EVENTS

• A bomb blast in a Gaza apartment complex kills nine people and wounds 30, including some members of Hamas.

• Ofek 3, an Israeli satellite, is successfully launched into orbit by

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Israel. The 225-kilogram satellite will orbit the earth every 90 minutes, reportedly over Syria, Iran and Iraq.

• Ezrath Nashim Herzog Hospital celebrates its 100th birthday in Jerusalem. The hospital is one of the foremost geriatric and psychiatric hospital in the country.

• Alisa Flatow, a 20-year-old American student, is killed in one of two bus bombings in the Gaza Strip which killed six and wounded 26.

• The House of Commons passes an all-party motion commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II and the liberation of the Nazi death camps. Celebrations marking the anniversary are held around the country and throughout the western world.

• Israel media report that Francois Mitterand may live in Israel after his term as president of France.

PEOPLE

• Dr. Frederick Lowy is named rector and vice-chancellor of Concordia University. He becomes Concordia's first Jewish rector.

• Shimon Shamir, Israel's ambassador to Jordan, officially presents his credentials to Crown Prince Hassan.

Iyar (May)

EVENTS

• Goldie Hershon is elected the 14th national president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, defeating Thomas Hecht in a contest marred by electoral controversy and mutual allegations of wrongdoing.

• McDonald's Israel announces plans to open the chain's first kosher restaurants. The outlets will open in Rehovot, Mevasseret Zion and Ra'anana.

• A new chapter of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University is inaugurated in Ottawa by Tel Aviv University chancellor Sir Leslie Porter.

• The Canadian War Museum in Ottawa devotes an entire wing to honor the achievements of Canadian Jewish servicemen and women. The 2,000-square-foot addition will chronicle Jewish history, the Holocaust and the Jewish contribution to World War II.

PEOPLE

• Saul Laskin, who amalgamated Port Arthur and Fort William into Thunder Bay, is honored by his hometown. Laskin is awarded an honorary doctorate of laws by Lakehead University.

• Bernie Farber of the Canadian Jewish Congress is honored by the Jewish Chautauqua Society as its Interfaith Person of the Year.

Bernie Farber

Sivan (June)

EVENTS

• In a speech to the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, Prime Minister Jean Chrétien promises to pass legislation calling for stiffer sentences for hate crimes.

• Quebec's largest financial institution, Le Movement des Caisses Desjardins, signs a cooperation agreement with Bank Hapoalim. The agreement is designed to make business activities between Quebec and Israeli interests more effective.

• The Progressive Conservative Party of Ontario wins the provincial election by a wide margin. Mike Harris is the new premier.

• Former Soviet Prisoner of Zion Natan Sharansky announces the establishment of a new political movement in Israel. Yisrael ba-Aliyah is expected to become a political party, making it eligible to compete in the 1996 elections.

• The Ottawa Jewish community prepares to open its first Jewish high school with 10 students in Grade 9 and four in Grade 10.

• Alberta Premier Ralph Klein signs an economic cooperation treaty with Israel. The agreement will focus on energy, technology and ecological trade.

PEOPLE

• Rabbi Shaul Yisraeli, one of Israel's leading Zionist thinkers, dies in Jerusalem. He was 85.

• Louis Lenkinski, long-time labor leader, Jewish, social and human rights activist dies in Toronto of a heart attack. He was 74.

Tammuz (July)

EVENTS

• Charles Harnick, MPP for Willowdale, is sworn in as Ontario's attorney general. Harnick is the only Jewish MPP in the Conservative caucus. Elinor Caplan and Monte Kwinter of the Liberal Party are the other Jewish members in the Legislature.

• Jerusalem 3000 celebrations in Toronto are inaugurated at the Royal Alexandra Theatre.

• Israel suffers its worst ever forest fire. Primarily in the hills around Jerusalem, it lasts approximately 20 hours. Parts of Canada Park are destroyed. The fire leaves 30 families homeless and causes $30 million in damage to personal property and another $27 million damage to the forests.

• At least six people are killed and 33 injured when a suicide bomber blows himself up on a bus in the Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Gan.

• Hungary sets up procedures for the restitution of Jewish property seized during World War II.

• A Chabad House to be used as a Jewish student centre is opened just off campus at McMaster University.

PEOPLE

• Saidye Bronfman dies at her home in Montreal. She moved to Canada with her husband Sam. In 1943, she was honored for her effort in establishing the Jewish branch of the Canadian Red Cross Society during World War II. She was 98.

• Judith Dan, wife of philanthropist Leslie Dan, dies of a heart attack. She was 61.

• Alan Rose, former executive vice-president of the Canadian Jewish Congress, dies in Montreal. Rose moved to Canada from Scotland in 1957. He was 74.

Av (August)

EVENTS

• The United States successfully blocks Yasser Arafat from being treated as a head of state at the United Nations 50th anniversary celebrations. The PLO's status at the UN remains that of observer mission.

• West Bank settlers adopt North American style tactics of civil disobedience to protest the peace policies of the Rabin government. Former New York rabbi Shlomo Riskin is at the head of the demonstrations.

• Israel and Jordan send a joint humanitarian aid airlift with shipments of food, clothing, drugs and medical equipment to Bosnian Muslims.

• The Taba accord, which facilitates the expansion of Palestinian autonomy over six cities and 420 villages, is approved by Israel's cabinet. The agreement calls for the pullback of IDF forces and grants the Palestinians administrative and limited security control over these areas.

• A suicide bomber bows up a bus in Jerusalem's Ramat Eshkol neighborhood, killing at least five people and injuring nearly 100.

• Former foreign minister David Levy completes his split from the Likud party and announces that he will form a party to stand in the 1996 elections.

• In cooperation with a special committee created for the purpose, Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region, launches a cam-

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paign to register Quebecers living outside the province who are eligible to vote in the referendum.

PEOPLE

• Mitzi Dickstein becomes president of B'nai Brith Women of Canada. (B'nai Brith Women subsequently changes its name to Jewish Women International.)

• Bea Wyler, 44, Germany's first female rabbi, assumes the pulpit of two congregations, one in Oldenburg, the other in Braunschweig.

Elul (August/September)

EVENTS

• Holocaust deniers are reported using a new and frightening tactic. As opposed to posting their hate messages on an Internet bulletin board, there now are reports that they are sending hate messages directly and personally to individual computer terminals.

• Israel's Minister of Police, Moshe Shahal, announces he has received news of potential threats from radical right wing Israelis against the lives of Prime Minister Rabin and Foreign Minister Peres. He says the government is treating the information seriously.

• Neither the Canadian nor the American government sends a representative to the launch of the Jerusalem 3000 ceremonies. The Clinton administration says it will participate in the festivities. The Canadian government, however, is undecided. The Europeans had earlier announced their intention to boycott the celebrations.

• Peace Watch reports that 149 Israelis have been killed by terror attacks since September 1993, when the Oslo agreement was signed.

• A bomb explodes outside a Jewish school near Lyons, France. Fourteen people were injured. The rabbi of the community says "It was only a "large miracle" which prevented a tragedy of staggering proportions.

• The government of Quebec announces Oct. 30 as the date of the referendum on separation.

PEOPLE

• Alexander Bielski, the leader of the renowned Bielski brigade that carried out guerrilla attacks against the Nazis and rescued Jews during World War II, dies in New York. He was 83.

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Jewish education in Victoria to get proper home

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

A home for Jewish education for children and adults of all ages is in the advanced planning stage in Victoria, at an estimated cost of $1.5 million.

The building will be physically linked to the 132-year-old Congregation Emanu-El and will function as part of the synagogue.

The need to provide proper Jewish education facilities for the burgeoning Jewish population here has been a topic on the syngogue agenda for a number of years. When Charlotte Atlung Sutker was president six years ago, she moved the matter to the top of a priority wish list. A dwindling population in the immediate post-war years had discouraged attempts to build a school, but in recent years the community has come back to life.

Now, former Torontonian Lisa Shendroff, the chair of the building task force, says architectural plans are almost complete and she is hopeful the congregation will put approval on a fast track so a building fund campaign can get under way after the High Holy Days.

The synagogue has 175 member units totalling about 500 congregants, while the estimated total Jewish population of the city is about 1,500 and growing.

Rabbi Victor Reinstein has his office in his home and sometimes has to use the shul kitchen for meetings, because the sanctuary is being used as the school.

The rabbi is confident that, despite the comparatively small population, the new school will be built. He cites Herzl's dictum that "if you will it, it is no dream."

Present school attendance is 60 boys and girls, ages five to 12 years in grades 1 to 6, with eight teachers — all conducting classes at the same time, three afternoons a week.

Add to this a bar and bat mitzvah class of 13 which meets in a private home, plus 32 preschoolers from 18 months to kindergarten who meet in a portable attached to the shul, and the need for space is obvious, the rabbi says.

He stresses that the Hebrew school not only serves children, but also has extensive programs for adults to satisfy a variety of interests. Such classes include Hebrew literary courses in both modern and siddur Hebrew and sometimes the aleph bet; a Lunch and Learn program to discuss the weekly Torah portion; Exploring Judaism, covering Jewish history, Jewish living and philosophy; and a chaverim program for the many seniors in the area.

Rabbi Reinstein says Jewish education has always been part of the congregational program. Rabbis were hired with the stipulation that they would also teach the children. When Rabbi Reinstein came to Victoria in 1982, the Hebrew school classes were being held above a local apparel store. There were 15 students, he recalls, and three teachers, including himself.

The rabbi felt strongly that the school should be moved to the shul to give young people "a direct sense of emotional attachment. I wanted them to know it was their shul as well as their parents'. It's important for them to have a direct relationship with the synagogue."

He sees the synagogue as the heart of the community, where all who attend are part of the *mishpocha*. "Through the children, the families connect with the community," he says.

Besides moving the school to the shul, the rabbi created a new framework, starting from Grade 3. Optional attendance two or three times a week was changed to compulsory three times a week classes — two afternoons and Sunday morning, for a total of six hours. Where there had been no specific curriculum, Rabbi Reinstein established one, based on that of the Melton Institute and other Conservative sources.

All bnei mitzvah students are required to attend services and become familiar with prayer procedures for a year before their 13th birthday. Students must be able to read Hebrew. Those who can't are taught through an outreach program, especially up-Islanders outside the city.

The rabbi says some children have to be driven four or five hours to get to the bar and bat mitzvah class on Sundays.

When children who need special attention can read Hebrew, they can prepare for the bar or bat mitzvah, which may take place after age 13.

With the growth of the school, the rabbi has turned over the principal's job, and the school program is under the supervision of an educational committee co-chaired by Sutker and Lindy Shortt. Teachers are recruited from among former students and adults with Judaic training, including several Israelis living here.

To encourage total community participation, the rabbi has organized well-attended Shabbat dinners, at which families get instruction on how to make Shabbat at home. Frequent services are held where families daven together.

Bnei mitzvah students learn more than just a maftir. The rabbi says they are prepared to participate in shul life and to understand what it means to be part of a community as adults.

As for older members, "many come to this beautiful area to leave a Jewish life," the rabbi comments. But they usually have a spiritual hunger which brings them back to active Judaism through the synagogue. Often it's a single event, like a death in the family, that brings them to shul to say Kaddish.

The new three-storey building will have a roof garden a playground, eight classrooms, kitchens, a board room, a meeting room for major events and an office for the rabbi. If feasible, there will be a mikvah.

The schools' budget for the coming year is $51,400. Students pay $700 per year and the balance comes out of shul dues. Students conduct various fundraising programs, including operating the synagogue gift shop. In all, the school is more than 60 per cent self-financing.

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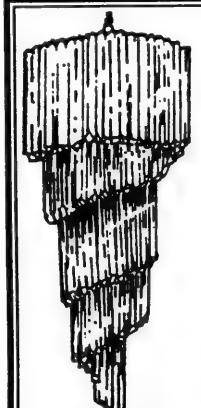
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L' Shana Tovah

Man who escaped Auschwitz lives unsung, largely ignored

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A hero of the Holocaust, Ceslav Mordowicz, was recently presented with an honorary degree by Union College in Schenectady, N.Y. But he lives quietly in Toronto, unsung and largely ignored.

Mordowicz, 76, escaped from Auschwitz May 27, 1944, to tell an unbelieving world the truth of what was happening there. He is credited, along with three other brave escapees, of saving 200,000 Hungarian Jews from deportation.

On April 30 this year, Holocaust historian Prof. Stephen Berk of Union College, who frequently mentions Mordowicz in his lectures, was giving a talk at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. A woman asked him: "Do you know that the man sitting next to me is Mr. Mordowicz?"

"The entire congregation was stunned," Berk told the *Wall Street Journal*. "It was like someone stepped out of a history book."

For his part, Mordowicz is bemused by the adulation poured on him at Union College, and the VIPs including U.S. Senator Patrick Moynihan who wanted to shake his hand, in contrast to the obscurity of his life in Toronto.

He came here 10 years ago from Israel because his daughter, Dagmar Wertheim, an architect, lives in Toronto.

"I escaped from Auschwitz not to save my life but to tell the world what was happening at Auschwitz, the big secret the Nazis were trying to hide," said Mordowicz.

Several official sources acknowledge Mordowicz' role as a hero. One is Martin Gilbert's *The Holocaust*, which includes a map of the route Mordowicz and his fellow escapee, Arnost Rosin, followed to reach Slovakia. Through the Jews there, they told their story to people in the United States, England, the Vatican, Switzerland, Sweden and at the International Red Cross.

As a result of these reports, sufficient public pressure was brought on Hungary that its deportations of Jews stopped in July 1944.

Before Mordowicz escaped Auschwitz, he saw the first Hungarian Jewish deportees put to death in the ovens at Birkenau.

The map in Gilbert's book was reproduced as well in *The Voice of Auschwitz Survivors in Israel*, along with pictures of Mordowicz, Rosin and two other Auschwitz escapees, Rudolf Rosenberg (Vrba) and Alfred Weltzer. The caption under the illustration states: "This most effective act by the Auschwitz resistance movement contributed to the rescue of more than 200,000 Hungarian Jews."

One of Mordowicz's proudest possessions is a certificate bestowing honorary membership in Lapid Israel, the movement for transmitting the lessons of the Holocaust, "in recognition of his heroic escape, which made the truth about Auschwitz known worldwide for the first time."

The certificate adds: "Lapid shall always remember this courageous example, which has proven that, sometimes, what seems impossible, is indeed possible."

Mordowicz, a native of Mlawa, Poland, lost his parents and his sister in the Holocaust. After his escape from Auschwitz, he fought in the Resistance, was recaptured, and sent to the death camp again.

"He's probably the only person who ever survived Auschwitz twice," said Berk.

After the war, Mordowicz worked as a manager in an electrical parts factory in Slovakia before immigrating to Israel in 1965.

Following his escape to Slovakia, Mordowicz gave his critical testimony on June 20, 1944, in the Vatican office at the Suaty Jur monastery near Gratislava.

The meeting with Msgr. Josef Gurzio, the papal nuncio, lasted six hours. "It was a very difficult mission to persuade him of the horrors of Auschwitz," said Mordowicz. The Vatican petitioned Hungary to stop the deportations and enlisted the help of the Allies to add pressure.

Today he is amazed that not one of the many thousands of Hungarian Jews living in Toronto has sought him out.

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L' Shana Tovah

The Jewish community in Guayaquil, Ecuador

By ABRAHAM ARNOLD

On the first Friday in February, I chanted *Lecha Dodi* at the Sabbath eve service of the Communidad de Culto Israelita, at the Guayaquil Jewish Centre in Ecuador.

There are just 20 Jewish families, not more than 100 people, now living in Guayaquil's largest city, which has some two million people. Yet the Communidad Israelita Jewish Centre has a swimming pool and tennis court, as well as the sanctuary, classrooms and social hall. How did they achieve this type of centre?

The answer must begin with the history of the Jews in Ecuador, where the Jews first arrived in some numbers in the late 1930s as refugees from Germany and German-occupied countries. The Ecuador Jewish community, including an estimated 1,000 in Quito, thus began as a Holocaust escape centre.

Ecuador was one of the few countries which admitted Jewish refugees from Germany after the rise of Hitler. Some bought their way into the country; others said they were farmers even if they were lawyers or economists.

My wife, Bertha Arnold, served in Guayaquil as Canadian Executive Service Organization volunteer adviser with Fundacion Natura, a non-government environment protection organization, helping them plan membership and fundraising campaigns.

In Guayaquil we soon learned that the contact person for the Jewish Community was Johnny Czarninski, honorary consul of Israel and president of the Communidad Israelita. He is also the head of Mi Commissariato, Ecuador's largest supermarket chain.

We met Czarninski in his nondescript office, next door to his downtown supermarket, which doubles as the "consulate." The only visible evidence of this status was a road barrier reading Consulat de Israel on the street in front of the building.

The 40-ish honorary consul was born in Ecuador and educated abroad. He speaks Hebrew as well as Spanish and English. He told us his grandfather, Jacob Czarninski from East Prussia was among the 1939 arrivals and one of the founders of the Jewish community. His grandfather's name was also the second one on the En Memoria (Yizkor memorial) tablet in the synagogue sanctuary.

Guayaquil was a harsh and swampy place in the late '30s and early '40s, with malaria and yellow fever prevalent. The Jews arrived there because it was a port city with economic opportunities.

Several hundred Jews stayed and started the synagogue and centre, maintained in a rented apartment for many years. During World War II, 400 to 500 Jews lived in Guayaquil. Some soon began to leave for Quito, the capital, and later for the United States and Canada, until the number of Jews was reduced to the present level.

About a dozen years ago, the remaining families in Guayaquil decided to build their own Jewish centre. Probably none were more determined to see the centre built than the Czarninski family who became its main benefactors.

The Guayaquil Jewish Centre is not visible from the street; it is protected by a high wall and several armed guards. (Armed guards are not unusual in Guayaquil at banks and other buildings. More affluent residences are also well-protected.)

Despite the fact that it was the height of the hot and rainy season and some people were away on vacation, the congregation still mustered a minyan of a dozen men (I was the 13th). It was a quasi-Orthodox service with the men sitting on one side and the women on the other; there was no mechitzah. Only one woman was present alongside my wife.

Jaime (Chaim) Grubel, 26, of Quito (now living in Guayaquil), conducted the service. The congregation used a Hebrew-Spanish siddur published in Buenos Aires, which has an introduction by the late Rabbi Marshall T. Mayer of the United States, who served in Argentina for many years. The baal tefillah used a smaller paperback prayer book, which we later learned was the Oraciones Para el Kabalat Shabat (Siddur Kabbalat Shabbat) published by the Associacion Israelita de Quito.

Before the service, we met several congregation members, including Erwin Hess and Helmut Wellisch of the 1939 arrivals, and Jack and Victor Ezkenazi who in 1973, came from Lima and Buenos Aires respectively. Hess spoke Yiddish and Wellisch spoke English.

The next day we spent a pleasant afternoon with Helmut Wellisch and his wife, the Quito-born former Eva Steiner; she is the vice-president of the Guayaquil Jewish Centre.

Helmut was 7 years old when he arrived in Guayaquil with his family in the spring of 1939. His father, with a PhD in economics, had been the investment director of a bank in Dresden.

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Johnny Czarninski, honorary consul of Israel and president of the Guayaquil Jewish community, at the Aron Kodesh of the local synagogue.

Still mustering a minyan

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In 1933, a Nazi-government edict was issued to the banks to dismiss all their Jewish employees. The manager of the bank where Helmut's father worked read the edict to his staff with tears in his eyes. On being dismissed from his post he was able to work as an independent investment adviser until 1938 and continued to do some work for his former employer.

However Helmut's father and uncle knew they would have to leave the country. They heard it was possibile to settle in Ecuador as farmers and enrolled in a HIAS school in Berlin, still functioning before 1938, which taught farming and carpentry. This helped them to obtain a visa for Ecuador.

After reaching Ecuador with their families, the Wellisch brothers rented a farm near Quito and lived and worked there together until 1942. They then concluded the farm could not support seven people in their two families. On a roll of the dice, Helmut's father left for the city to start a business.

His uncle stayed on the farm, where he and his wife started a restaurant and later a guest house, which grew into a hotel. Eventually that branch of the family established the Colon Hotel, one of the leading hotels in Quito today, though it is no longer Jewish-owned.

Helmut and Eva Wellisch have been part of the core-group of a dozen Jewish families in Guayaquil for a considerable number of years. They have helped maintain Jewish study classes for the children and a Maccabi youth group, of which their two sons, now 29 and 25, were among the founders.

Jews do not feel threatened

Eva said all the best elementary and high schools are run by the church and by private organizations. When choosing a school for their sons, they followed the example of most other Jewish families who were sending their children to the German-backed school, which had one of the best programs.

They experienced virtually no difficulties as Jews at the German school. In fact while their sons were students, Eva served for a time as the secretary of the school board. And one of their sons was elected president of the student body in 1985.

One student did make an anti-Jewish remark during the election campaign when the Wellisch son was a candidate. The principal called the student body together and announced that the author of that remark would be expelled if his name became known. Young Wellisch, the candidate, knew who it was, but said nothing.

While there may be occasional anti-Jewish encounters, the Jews of Guayaquil and Quito do not feel threatened, I was told.

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Searching for a shul, the soldier finds a life-long friend

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — On erev Rosh Hashanah 1945, a young Canadian soldier wandered through the streets of Nijmegen, Holland looking for the shul. His search for the synagogue led to a loving friendship which he says has grown over the past 50 years.

Murray Schwartz of Toronto recalls that night vividly and with gratitude. Recently, Murray and his wife Esther celebrated their 50th year of friendship in Israel with the family that befriended him on his way to High Holy Day services.

Murray had enlisted in an infantry regiment, the Queens Own Rifles in 1941 when he was 23 years old. After eight months of training, he was shipped out to England where he refused a commission to officer training. He fought in France, Belgium, Holland, Germany and was sent back to Holland.

His commanding officer had given him directions to the synagogue. Unable to find the building, the young soldier came upon a man wearing a black silk top hat and black morning suit with striped pants. Murray asked him, "Are you going to shul?" The man beckoned Murray to come along with him.

The shul had been badly damaged by bombings and the German's had been billeted there. Murray recalls that they were just finishing the cleanup and repairs. When the services were over, the man asked if Murray would like to join his family for dinner.

His visit that night with the Jakobs family was the first of many and the beginning of his lifelong friendship with the Jakobs and their teenage daughter, Edith. The Jakobs' home became Murray's home away from home and Murray and Edith developed a special friendship.

Ben and Edith Samuel (left) with Esther and Murray Schwartz at a reunion in Israel.

Murray learned that the Jakobs had recently lost their young daughter.

The Jakobs had come out of hiding when Holland was liberated on May 5, 1945. They had immigrated to Holland from Germany in 1938. In 1940, Germany invaded Holland. When they received notification in August 1942 that all German Jews were to report to a camp, Edith's father realizing the gravity of the situation made arrangements with a local farmer to hide his family in the farmer's hay loft.

Tragically, the barn burnt down in 1944 and the Jakobs had to flee. Amid fierce fighting, Edith's 19-year-old sister, Rose, was killed when she stepped on a land mine. Murray, who began to attend services regularly, was able to comfort the family. On his return to Canada, he began corresponding with Edith.

In 1948, when Murray and Esther were married, Esther took over the correspondence. Edith married Ben Samuel the following year. Through the mail, they shared stories and photos of their individual families — the Samuels have seven children and the Schwartz have four children.

The Samuels made aliyah in 1969. For their 25th anniversary in 1973, Murray and Esther had their first reunion with the Samuels in Israel.

"We had fears and apprehension that we may not hit it off in person," says Esther. "But, Edith and I became bonded together like sisters and Murray and Ben like brothers. In fact, when we returned to Toronto, our letters became even warmer and more personal."

During the Yom Kippur War, Esther and two of her children went to Israel to show solidarity with the Samuels whose two sons were in the army. And six years ago, Robbie, Esther and Murray's son who made aliyah 12 years ago, was seriously injured by a rock thrown at him while serving in the IDF on the West Bank.

"El Al flew us over to Israel," says Murray. "Edith and Ben were right there for us — offering their help and support." He notes that Robbie has fully recovered and works in education. He is completing his doctorate degree in political science and economics in Jerusalem.

Over the years, there have been many visits to the Samuels, and the Samuels have visited Toronto. When Esther entered an international contest for culinary arts in Jerusalem, where she won a bronze medal, Edith was there to assist her.

The Samuels now live in Jerusalem where Edith works as a handicraft teacher and Ben is an agricultural advisor. As well, he coordinates Keren Klita for new immigrants in his neighborhood.

Murray has retired from the textile business and has pursued his hobby as a sculptor. Esther is the kosher food consultant for the Kashruth Council of Toronto.

Now proud grandparents — the Samuels have 35 grandchildren and one great-grandchild and the Schwartz have seven grandchildren — they are pleased that their children have continued the friendship between the two families.

Murray told *The CJN* that "the only good thing that came out of the war, was this remarkable friendship that has spanned the continents and the generations."

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L' Shana Tovah

In Mozambique, a mere handful of worshippers

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

MAPUTO, Mozambique — Images of erect men and women — shoulders square to the camera, broad hats to shield the blazing African sun — rise out of the faded Aug. 29, 1926, photo.

The blurred figures are clear enough to show the pride in the faces of the 35 people standing on the steps of their tiny synagogue on the date of its consecration.

Now, 69 years later, six worshippers huddle in a circle below the leaky, termite-infested roof of Mozambique's only synagogue.

Above them is the Star of David, its rich stained glass long ago shattered, replaced by a patchwork of faded colors.

Despite the dire condition of Maputo's synagogue, the tiny Jewish community here is experiencing a recovery.

"Things are much better now than before 1989," when the government returned the synagogue to the community, says Christa Lien, 54, a Maputo housewife who has been instrumental in finding support for renovating the synagogue.

A socialist, one-party state in southwestern Africa the size of Texas, most of Mozambique's 15 million people hold indigenous religious beliefs, including those of the Bantu tribes. About one-third are Christian.

When the country achieved independence from Portugal in 1975, the government took over the tiny whitewashed shul and turned it into a warehouse. Almost all private property was nationalized following independence.

Many members of the Jewish community say that when the synagogue was finally returned to the community in 1989, it was in a terrible state of repair and all the furniture had been taken.

The Jewish cemetery, which is more than 100 years old, was also in bad shape in 1989.

"There were heaps of garbage piled everywhere in the cemetery," says Lien. "One Dutch Jew who was here with the embassy started working there on the weekends, and after a while other people started helping and got it cleaned up."

Now, Jewish activists here are hoping that continued stability, brought about by the end of Mozambique's 16-year-long civil war, and by last October's multiparty elections, will bring back the days when the community flourished.

In the 1940s, the Jewish population swelled in Maputo, the country's capital, which was known then as Lourenco Marques.

Refugees fleeing Hitler's Europe were looking for safety anywhere, and because Lorenco Marques was a neutral port, many landed there.

By 1942, some 500 Jews were living in the city.

Job Chambal, the director of religious affairs for the Mozambican Ministry of Justice says there are six to eight Mozambican Jews here today. There are another 20 to 30 in the expatriate community.

"The community here was very weak from around 1960 on," he adds. "They would have services there on high holidays and that was about it.

The synagogue continued to be used by the community until the country's independence.

After 1989, the synagogue was used only for important holidays.

But, since April 1993, services have been held there without fail every Friday night.

Members of the community are now turning their attention to making desperately needed repairs to the structure. The roof has deteriorated so badly that some fear its collapse.

Estimates for repairing the roof alone run close to $30,000.

Community members intend to seek assistance from some of the larger Jewish communities in the region. They planned to appeal for funding at last month's African-Jewish Congress in Johannesburg.

Until the repairs are completed, services will continue in the tiny synagogue located just off July 24 Avenue.

However small the crowd, the synagogue is of vital importance to the Jewish community of Maputo, for it is the only exposure members are likely to have to Judaism.

"I have always known I was Jewish, but never practiced Judaism," says 22-year-old Victor Sousa, the only Mozambican who attended services on a recent Friday.

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Earlier this year, CJN reporter Ron Csillag visited Jamaica, courtesy of the Jamaica Tourist Board and Air Canada.

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Never mind the sunny skies, 30-degree winter weather and rum punches that can leave one grinning for hours. For the Jewish visitor, Jamaica represents the complete antithesis of the trips through the sites of Europe's death camps.

For here, one encounters quite possibly the most philo-Semitic people on Earth; a Jewish community that, although waning, fascinates; strong pro-Israel sentiments; and a synagogue that can charm the most jaded traveller.

Yes, there are Jews in Jamaica — roughly 250 souls — mainly in the capital, but also in Montego Bay and Ocho Rios.

Kingston's old age home has 10 Jewish residents who receive regular visits from community leaders. And scattered in at least 15 different places are the remains of Jewish gravestones from the 17th and 18th centuries, many of which have been moved into the grassy courtyard of the synagogue in Kingston.

The Jews of Jamaica trace their lineage to the Spanish Inquisition and its resulting Marranos (secret Jews). It's believed the first Jews fled Spain and Portugal to the island in 1494 and practised their faith clandestinely.

That explains the fine, white sand strewn on the creaky wood floors of Kingston's synagogue, the United Congregation of Israelites. It reminds modern-day worshipers that Jamaica's Marranos used sand in their synagogues to muffle the sound of their prayers.

The secret Jews came into the open after the British conquest in 1655 (the year marking the community's official establishment) and the first synagogue was built in Port Royal shortly afterward. Jews rented land from the British and went into the sugar business.

By 1735, there were 800 Jews on Jamaica, a number that would swell to 2,500, mainly Sephardim,

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Community leader Ernest de Souza (right) with fellow congregants. Dark-skinned Jamaican Jews are converts.

Jews of Jamaica

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by 1880.

Jamaican Jews proudly point to two watershed historical events: in 1699, a letter from Britain's Commissioner of Trade advised His Majesty "to direct the Governor of Jamaica to treat the Jews gently, and that they not be obliged to be in arms on their Sabbath or other solemn feasts, unless it be when an enemy is in view."

In 1849, the island's House of Assembly adjourned for Yom Kippur, in deference to its eight Jewish members.

The island's Sephardi and Ashkenazi congregations finally merged in 1921 into a curious blend of both, along religious lines which today are Conservative and egalitarian. Kingston's synagogue, a gleaming white structure on Duke Street near more modest Baptist and Pentecostal churches, was dedicated in 1888. Its ceiling fans are welcome.

Today, Jews claim to be the island's second oldest permanent residents after the Spaniards, and boast of a rare sense of security, comfort and acceptance. Jamaica is a religious Christian society, but many view Jews (or Israelites, as they are called) as God's chosen people because the Bible says so.

Jewish surnames resonate with Jamaican history: de Souza, Henriques, Matalon, Ashenheim. The Myers still control their eponymous rum business. Eli Matalon was a senator and mayor of Kingston, while Sir Neville Ashenheim served as Jamaica's ambassador to the United States. Many Jews, however, fled during the political turmoil of the 1970s.

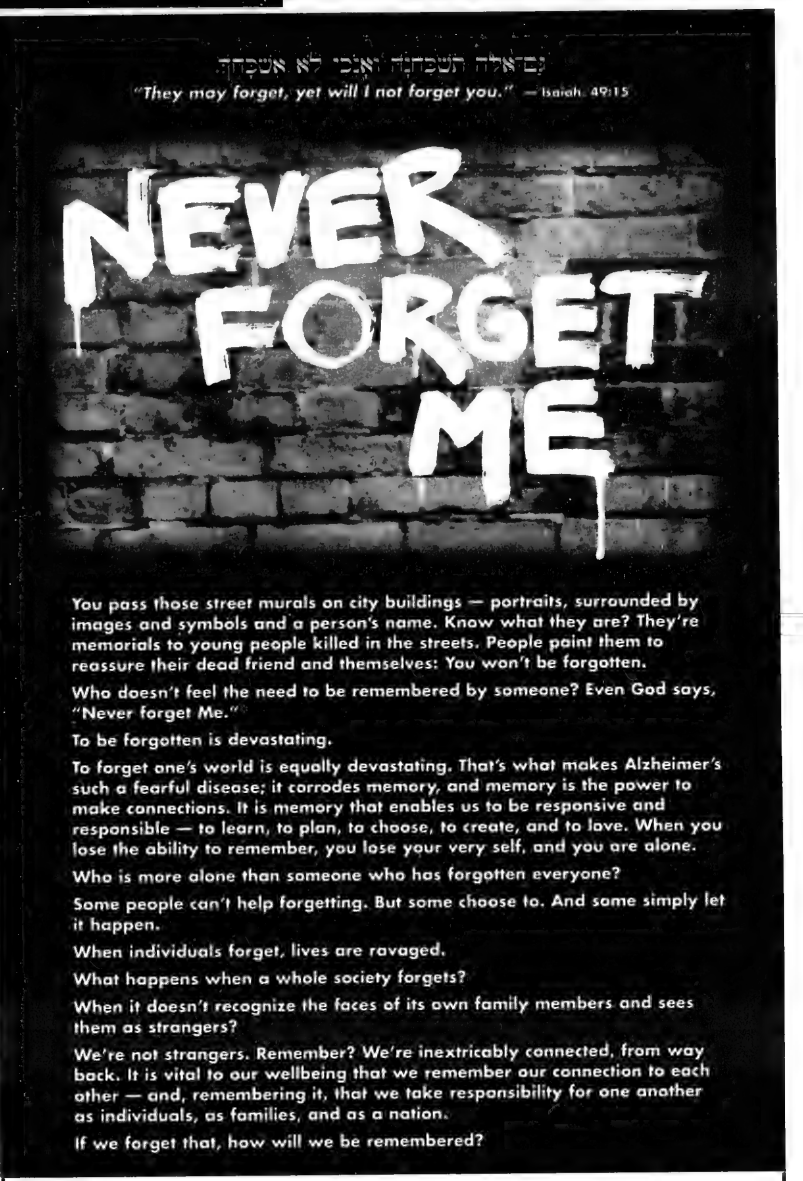
There is no permanent rabbi. It is the renowned Ernest de Souza, a retired photographer, who has been the spiritual and community leader for over 40 years. He leads synagogue services, visits the sick and elderly, presides over life cycle events and makes sure matzot and kosher foods are imported for Passover. Asked about anti-Semitism, de Souza says, "There's none at all."

(In awarding *The CJN* reporter an aliyah at Shabbat services, he whispers, "We're Sephardi, so just say what you like.")

A year ago, "Reverend" de Souza, as so many Jamaicans know him, was made a Commander of the Order of Distinction.

While de Souza rues that the community is mainly non-observant, aging and shrinking, he adds quickly, "We've been here for 500 years, and we'll be here for another 500."

A shop sign in Negril. Asked about the Star of David, the owner said, "I like Jews, man." Apparently, many Jamaicans feel likewise. [Ron Csillag photos]



You pass those street murals on city buildings — portraits, surrounded by images and symbols and a person's name. Know what they are? They're memorials to young people killed in the streets. People paint them to reassure their dead friend and themselves: You won't be forgotten.

Who doesn't feel the need to be remembered by someone? Even God says, "Never forget Me."

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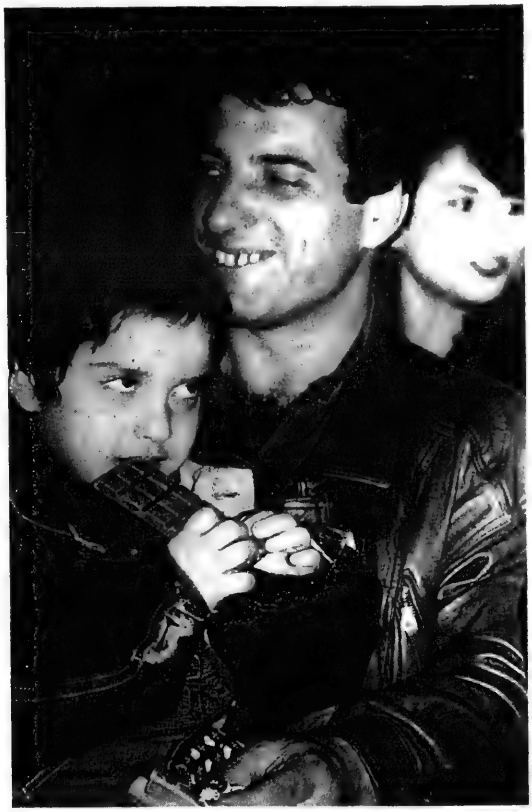

A recently-arrived Chechen family

Chechens at home, feeling safe in Israel

By GAIL LICHTMAN

In the pictures taken at Ben-Gurion Airport in December, they looked like an ordinary family of new immigrants — a father weary from the long plane ride holding a little boy engrossed in his first chocolate bar.

But only a few weeks before, this same Jewish family, preparing to leave Chechnya for Israel, stood in their Grozny home while Chechen soldiers held a gun to the boy's head and threatened to kill him if his parents tried to leave the country with any of their possessions.

"They didn't want us to take money or anything," recalls Dimitri Bibijiev. "We couldn't even take our diplomas or passports — only our birth certificates. We fled with nothing."

Bibijiev, his wife Kobler and their son are three of more than 100 Chechen Jewish refugees brought out of the war zone to new lives in Israel by the Jewish Agency for Israel emissaries. The Jewish Agency receives most of its funds from the annual United Jewish Appeal Federation campaign.

An additional 200 traumatized refugees remain in Russia under Jewish Agency care awaiting permission to leave from the Russian authorities. Some have lost family members in the fighting and bombings that leveled the Jewish quarter of Grozny.

The Bibijievs, along with six other Chechen Jewish families, have settled in Mitzpe Rimon, a development town of 6,000 in the central Negev.

"All the Chechans in Mitzpe Rimon are traumatized," says Galina Guzin, the town's absorption coordinator, herself an immigrant who came from Minsk to Israel in 1990. "They need a warm, caring place to settle in. We hope Mitzpe Rimon will be this place."

Since the start of the unprecedented immigration in 1989, Mitzpe Rimon has absorbed large numbers of new immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Today, nearly 2,000 of the town's citizens are Russian immigrants and they are playing an important role in transforming Mitzpe Rimon, once considered a stagnant town, into a growing community.

Nevertheless, the Chechens are finding their beginnings in Mitzpe Rimon difficult.

"I didn't have to go through what they did to come to Israel," says Guzin. "In addition to the normal absorption crisis, they have this burden. They had to leave everything behind and they are still suffering from the shock of having their homes and their community destroyed. They arrived with only the clothes on their backs. Theirs is not an easy absorption."

The six Chechen families, all interrelated, are Caucasus Mountain Jews who, despite 74 years of Communist rule, preserved their centuries-old community and customs — until the war.

L' Shana Tovah

Remarkable museum celebrates 30th anniversary

By LILI EYLON
Jerusalem Dateline

One of the 20 largest museums in the world, in terms of scope, activities and number of visitors, the Israel Museum in Jerusalem is celebrating its 30th birthday.

It all began in 1906 with the rich collection of Jewish ceremonial art begun by professors Boris Schatz and Mordechai Narkiss. That collection became the nucleus of the Israel Museum in Jerusalem when it opened in 1965.

Today it is a sprawling complex of buildings, housing an opulence of art objects from all corners of the earth. It also includes the beautiful outdoor Billy Rose Sculpture Garden, filled with works by Maillol, Moore, Picasso and many others.

Museum director Martin Weyl says that from its very inception, the museum's guidelines have been the same: an insistence on universal standards of quality matching the best museums in the world in the areas of collecting, research, preservation, exhibition, publications and education.

Visitors to the museum fall into three categories. The tourists, who generally tour the Shrine of the Book which houses the Dead Sea Scrolls, the archeology section and the Judaica collection.

Israelis from all over the country who usually tour the larger special exhibitions; and Jerusalemites for whom the museum serves not only as a national gallery, but also as a regional and municipal museum and who require a faster pace of changing exhibits.

"The result is that there are some eight to nine exhibitions shown simultaneously, with new ones constantly being planned," Weyl says.

The Ruth Youth Wing, a separate building which is always bustling with children, is the museum's particular point of pride.

Changing exhibitions, a library well-stocked with storybooks from many lands and in several languages, various workshops, including a recycling workshop, occasional concerts and contests keep preschool and school-age youngsters creatively busy.

Asked to characterize the Israel Museum, the director replied unhesitatingly: "The museum is remarkable for its diversity. It is not just a Jewish museum, or an archeological museum, but also a museum of classical and contemporary art. We have a strong local input combined with windows to the world."

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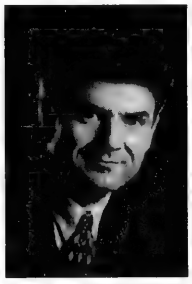
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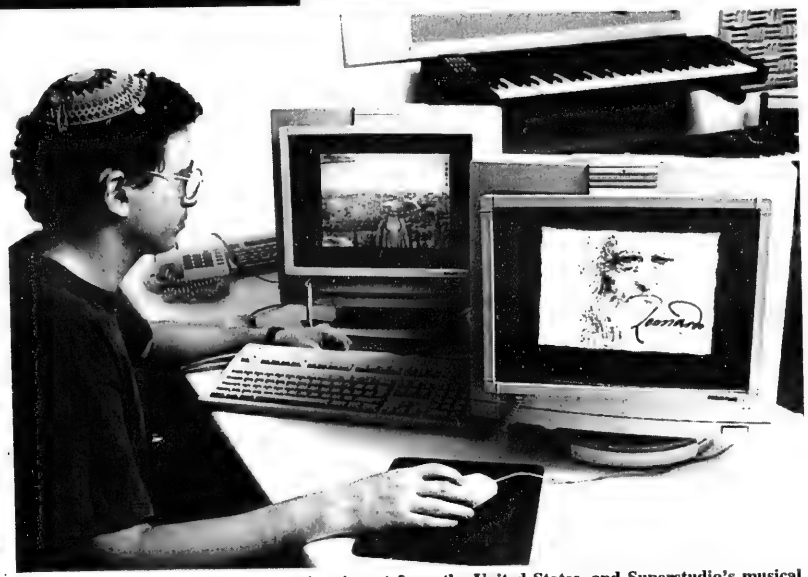

Daniel Silvert, a 28-year-old recent immigrant from the United States, and Superstudio's musical director, demonstrates the company's 'Leonard the Inventor' and 'Pathways Through Jerusalem' CD-ROMs. [WZPS photo by Sammy Avnison]

Israel becoming world player in CD-ROM production

World Zionist Press Service

It's a new game in the computer world, but Israel is already a super player. Just over three years ago, most Israelis had never heard the terms CD-ROM, edutainment, or interactive computer experiences. By 1994, Israeli graphics and multi-media firms were already bringing in $10 million in annual CD-ROM export revenues, and predictions for 1995 set revenues at $50 million.

CD-ROM (which stands for Compact Disc-Read Only Memory, meaning that you can access data on the disc but cannot store new information on it) combines sound, stills, video clips, film footage, animation and text to create new types of learning and entertainment. Users can go anywhere they want in the program and select anything they want to see, thus actively managing their own "edutainment."

These new interactive experiences have been made possible by the discovery of additional uses for compact discs, originally thought of as mere technological improvements over audio records and tapes. A standard CD contains 640 megabytes, which is equal to hundreds and thousands of pages of texts. In the past few years, this tremendous capacity to store digital data has been harnessed to produce programs that present information in complete and fascinating combinations of visual and audio representations.

Among the new crop of Israelis capitalizing on the CD's potential are brothers Robert and Jeffrey Rosenschein. When they first started their small computer company in Jerusalem 12 years ago, they could never have imagined that by 1995 it would become Accent Software International Ltd., an international software company employing some 90 people.

How has Israel become such a booming centre for CD-ROM production? Robert Rosenschein, now president and chief executive officer of Accent, presents several possible explanations.

"First of all, computer creativity does not require high capital investment. It really can be done by a couple of bright people in a garage or a loft. Also, Israel has a rich pool of cultural backgrounds, which spawns internationally marketable creativity. The country is such a polyglot of languages and cultures that we almost instinctively know how to universalize and globalize software and programs," he says.

Accent is about to market a CD-ROM version of their stunningly successful multilingual word processing program which includes a unique "global alphabet."

Although no statistics are available, multi-media companies are mushrooming throughout Israel, especially in Jerusalem. Many employ olim (new immigrants). "As olim, we have had to adapt to another culture," says American-born Dina Porat, manager of Glyph, a 1½-year-old multi-media company located in Jerusalem. "Maybe that's why, as professionals, so many olim understand what it means to adapt our products to different cultures," she says, echoing Rosenschein's sentiments.

But there is no doubt that the vision, guts and sheer chutzpa — for which Israel is renowned — have also made their considerable contribution.

Glyph will soon be marketing *Jerusalem 3000* — its first CD-ROM program — which describes Jerusalem's history, traditions and cultures from biblical times to the present in text, music, film, videos and still photos. Aimed at all three major religions, the program is the brainchild of another new immigrant, Russian born Damien Kudriaytsev.

"We're using CD technology to show people how the city looks and feels," says Porat. "They'll almost be able to smell it."

Superstudio, also located in Jerusalem, employs over 65 people, most of them immigrants from the United States, and competes successfully in the international market. It has produced the award winning *Knowledge Enrichment* CD-ROM, and *Leonardo the Inventor*, which used 3-D animation to bring sketches from the inventor's notebook to life.

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Victoria Anisman-Reiner was called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on August 19 at Beth Habonim in Toronto.

Shira Levine is celebrating her first birthday on Sept. 17. Happy birthday from Saba & Savta Dvora & Itzhak Pilc and Aunty Jackey.

Morgan Bailey Fishman will be 3 years old on Sept. 8. Parents are Rosanne & Elliott Fishman. Proud grandparents are Merle & Stanley Fishman and Pearl & Arnold Weinberg.

Mazel tov to Elena Polyak and Lance Duke on their engagement. Lots of love from Dina, Michael and Allison L. Polyak; Megan, Ron, Gary and Anthony Duke; grandparents Maria & Boris Pinchenko, Rose & Jules Meyer, Rachel Polyak of Haifa, and family and friends.

Rena Zayit happily announces the engagement of her daughter, Tziona Szajman to David Fine, son of Rabbi Robert & Helene Fine. Proud grandparents are Dorothy & Irving Fine and Marge & Ben Mintz. A June wedding in New York is planned.

Risa Lynn Kotzer & Lawrence Ian Hoffman are happy to announce their engagement on July 27.

Amy & Steven Katz were recently married. Happy parents are Joanne & Paul Katz and Sherri & Kenneth Beraznik. Grandparents are Mary Katz, Rhoda Peck and Jack & Ray Beraznik of Montreal.

Sari Black & Carlo Santangelo were married on May 21.

Carol Green Long and Ralph Levenstein were married June 25 in North York.

Congratulations to Julius & Celia Mink on their 50th wedding anniversary from their family Jean, Ben Henry, Avi, Ingrid, Lynne Dee, Rina, Terri, Isabel and Joe.

Sadie & Max Katz celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 10 with their children Pam & Gary Diamond, Shari Katz and Shelly & Bayla Katz; and grandchildren Jeremy, Corey, Joy & Lee.

Moe & Zelda Kuchinsky celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 26. Mazel tov from their children, Ira & Paula, Michael & Ilene, Arnie & Miriam; and grandchildren Richard & Amy, Tracie & Marlie, Cory & Courtney.

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DEADLINE REMINDER

What's New and About People Deadlines — Thursday, Sept. 21 is deadline for Oct. 5 issue and Thursday, Sept. 28 is deadline for Oct. 12 issue. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, Sept. 21

GET INTO THE SWING

The Muki Baum Association for Rehabilitation of Multi Handicapped Inc. is holding a fall golf classic at Glen Eagle Golf Club, 12 noon. Tickets $150.00 include lunch and dinner. Call 630-2222.

Sunday, Sept. 24

G.R.A.N.D. SOCIETY

Support group for grandparents seeking access to their grandchildren, meets 1 p.m., 16 Spadina Rd. $5 non-members. Call 469-5471.

HALF MARATHON

Toronto Half Marathon and 5K Jimmy Jog/Walk in support of the Marvelle Koffler Breast Centre at Mount Sinai Hospital starts and finishes at Runners' Choice, College Park. Call 586-3161.

Tuesday, Sept. 26

HEALING SERVICE

Kavannah offers a meditative and healing service, 9:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m., with kiddush following in the Annex area. Tickets, $30, available through the Bloor JCC. Call 961-8123.

AND WHAT ELSE IS NEW...

IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY

D. Lou Harris chapter of Akim, in support of mentally handicapped youth of Israel, presents the comedy, **It Runs in the Family**, Wednesday, Oct. 18, Stage West. Buses leave Shaarei Shomayim parking lot 10 a.m. For reservations, call 782-0923.

STUDY GROUP

Forum 15 invites new members to attend a series of lectures on contemporary fiction with **Prof. Cathy Tile** and Jewish ethics with Prof. **Selma Sage.** Call 756-0183.

CAREGIVER WORKSHOPS

Family Service Association offers workshops for caregivers covering such topics as normal aging, handling family conflicts and community help. Call **Lynn Gallagher** 922-3126.

JWI MEETINGS

Regular program meetings of the Northern Lights chapter, Jewish Women International (formerly BBW) are scheduled for the fourth Tuesday of every month in northern York region. For information call 905-836-6658.

CANDY TREES

Jordana Yamit chapter Hadassah-WIZO, is selling kosher candy trees arranged in a mug for only $12. Free delivery. Call **Carol** 499-9534.

TRADITIONAL MINYAN

Everyone is welcome to Congregation Shomer Israel, 60 Rockford Rd. Shabbat services 9 a.m., followed by kiddush. Sunday, 8:30 a.m. No dues. Call 665-4815 or 256-1600.

BAYCREST CONGREGATION

Seats available for Baycrest Reform Congregation's High Holy Day services, 3560 Bathurst St. Tickets $30 per person. Call 782-3796.

POSITIVE PARENTING

Jewish Family & Child Service offers the following groups: Parenting the Young Child is Hard Work, begins Oct. 23; Single Parent Challenge, begins Oct. 23; Successful step-parenting; Living with Teens, begins Oct. 19. For information call **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800.

ISRAELI FOLK MUSIC

Talented singers and musicians needed to share their gift with children. For information call **Adela Gertner**, 636-7062.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

Canadian Society for Yad Vashem will hold a service at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial, Earl Bales Park, 2 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 1. All organizations, schools, synagogues and landsmanshafts invited to attend. Call 905-660-6028.

PLAYGROUP

A playgroup for 3-5 year olds, featuring Jewish stories, songs and crafts is held Wednesdays 1:30-3 p.m., Kehillat Shaarei Torah. Call **Joyce Tradburks** 226-5966 or 229-2600.

MENTAL HEALTH ASSN.

Volunteers needed to provide social support to adults who have had treatment for mental illness. Call 789-7957.

DOWNTOWN LEARNING

Ohr Somayach Thornhill presents classes Monday-Thursday 12:30-1:15 p.m., 18 King St. E., Suite 1603. For information call 905-886-5730.

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sker, director, Institute of Jewish Learning, 636-1880, ext. 352.

BAYCREST VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer needed with background in exercise technique, fitness principles, weight training equipment and treadmill. Call 785-2850.

IN SAULT STE. MARIE

The Jewish community will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of Congregation Beth Jacob on the weekend of Oct. 20-22. All current and former members and friends are invited. Call **Jeff Arbus** 705-942-0775 or **Bryna Coppel**, 705-942-9244.

APHASIA CENTRE

Volunteers needed to take part in communication program or assist with planning special events. Call 226-3636.

EMERGENCY SERVICES

City of North York's Emergency Services Day, Friday Sept. 29, 10 a.m.-2 -p.m., Mel Lastman Square and City Centre, includes all aspects of safety and injury prevention and a clinic with the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Canada. Volunteer guides needed to attend training session and escort groups around displays. Call **Sandra**, 395-6475.

GAM-ANON

A self-help group for those badly affected by a family member's uncontrolled gambling meets Sundays, 8 p.m., St. John's Hospital cafeteria, 285 Cummer Ave. Call 366-7613.

DUPLICATE BRIDGE

Holy Blossom Sisterhood holds duplicate bridge, Tuesdays, 7:45 p.m. at the Temple, 1950 Bathurst St. Call **Jean Sengaus**, 781-9695.

BAYCREST SERVICES

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave. holds Shacharit services weekdays 8:30 a.m. and Mincha-Ma'ariv 7 p.m. Shabbat services are at 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** at 8 a.m. Call **David** 256-1600.

For Seniors

Senior Adult Services, Bathurst Jewish Centre is planning an Alaskan Cruise and Vancouver trip July 14-23. $3,600 inclusive. Orientation and sign-up Thursday, Oct. 19, 2 p.m. Call **Teme** 636-1880, ext. 364.

Young at Heart Seniors is planning a Florida trip for one, two or three months at Sasoon or Sherry Frontenac. Call **Helen**, 635-6343.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club sends its best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year to all members and friends. For information on all programs call **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Remember the Golden Book. Donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. Call **Dorothy Bloomfield**, 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club next Saturday dance Sept. 23; movie, Sept. 27, *Lullaby of Broadway*; trip to Israel Oct. 25-Nov. 8 includes all breakfasts and dinners, $2,525 Canadian; Atlantic City casino trip Nov. 13-16. Members $315, non-members $325; General meeting and elections Thursday Oct. 12, 1-4 p.m. in the community centre; annual bazaar, Sunday November 5, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., clubhouse.

LZA Seniors Club holds registration for Miami trip, Wednesdays 10 a.m.-noon in the Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Call **Libby** 782-2059 or **Belle** 633-5841. Ladies folkdancing, Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.; discussion group Tuesdays 10 a.m. at the centre.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays, 15 Hove St. Sept. 21 program is bingo and other games. Call 661-4689.

Club Hadar meets Mondays and Thursdays 1-4 p.m., Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave. W. Thornhill, Meeting Room 2 for Tai Chi, painting, discussions, bingo, cards. Call **Viola Landman**, 886-2625.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Israeli cultural club Etrog, meets Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Call **Anna**.

Lifelong Learning Institute presents Music by the Great Composers of Europe, Thursday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m. Members $2, non-members $4.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre presents *The Healing Force*, a video that teaches laughter, love and positive thinking, Thursday, Sept. 28, 1:30 p.m.

Wednesday afternoon social, Sept. 27, 1:30 p.m., features **Leor Kurland**. Members $3, non-members $4.

at the JCC/BJC

Institute for Jewish Learning at BJC is offering fall term, including a trip to Washington to visit Holocaust Museum on Oct. 22-26 and courses in Hebrew, Canadian Jewish drama, Jewish parenting and enjoying Bible through psychological insights. Call **Marlee Pinsker** 636-1880, ext. 352.

Bloor JCC is holding a public forum in arts and cultural programming, 6 p.m., Oct. 11 to ascertain cultural needs of members and community. Call 924-6211.

Good Age Club, Bloor JCC is celebrating New Year with a concert of Yiddish and Israeli music, Thursday, Sept. 21, 2-4 p.m.

About People

Dr. Richard Rodney

ALPHA OMEGA

Dr. Richard Rodney was awarded the Alpha Omega International Dental Fraternity Certificate of Merit at the group's annual convention held recently in Toronto. He was recognized for outstanding service to one of the world's largest international dental associations.

A member of Alpha Omega since 1960, he is also involved in numerous community and religious activities, including fundraising for United Jewish Appeal and State of Israel Bonds. He is a member of Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

BETEL BOARD ELECTED

A new executive for the Board of Directors at The Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living was elected at a recent annual general meeting, to serve for a two-year term. **Yvonne Martell** replaces **David Magil** as president. **Murray Betel** continues as honorary vice-president. **Mark Tatoff** replaces **Shawn Rosenzweig** as vice-president, finance. **Gilda Jubas** is vice-president, human resources; **Asher Bregman**, vice-president of programs; **Charles Goeldner**, vice-president of members' council; **Rob Singer**, vice-president of public relations and fundraising and **Lois Wells**, vice-president of building and operations.

RIGHTS BILL

A Childen's Bill of Rights framed poster was presented to Uri Korin, principal of Bialik Hebrew Day School by Bialik board member Molly Rothman. It reads: You have the right to learn and ask questions, laugh and be happy, take care of yourself, follow your dreams, protect your mind and your body, be the best that you can be. The drawing was commissioned by Homelife Realty Services.

SENIOR OFFICERS

Pictured above are Shaarei Shomayim senior officers for 1995/96: Back row (from left) Charles Kasner, secretary; James M. Slavens, treasurer; Rabbi Mark Dratch, spiritual leader; Kenneth Lebow, second vice-president. Front row (from left) Jeffrey Zeifman, parnass; Alan J. Burger, president; Michael Goldrich, first vice-president; Dr. Robert D. Erlich, gabbai.

CLUB BEERSHEBA

Club Beersheba of Na'amat Toronto recently installed its new officers. Co-presidents are Judi Sporn (left) and Frances Klinger. [Mollie Rothman photo]

BAYCREST CENTRE

Women's Auxiliary (WA) of Baycrest Centre recently welcomed Gilda Goodman as its new president. As the liaison between the WA and the Baycrest community, she will be involved in all aspects of Baycrest. Shown are (left) Tobie Bekhor, outgoing president of Women's Auxiliary, and Gilda Goodman.

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Larry & Helen Bossin
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Allan & Nancy Blackstien
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Sharon & Syd Bojarski
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Susan & Fred Birnbaum
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Esther Birnbaum
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אין חומש ויקרא כ"ג ווערט געזאָגט, אַז דער צענטער טאָג אין זיבעטן חודש איז יום הַכּפּורים, דער טאָג פון פאַרגעבן די זינד. „ועיניתם את נפשותיכם", מען דאַרף זיך פּייניקן אין דעם טאָג, מען טאָר נישט טאָן קיין אַרבעט, נישט טראָגן קיין לעדערנע שיך, נישט וואַשן זיך, און אויך נישט האָבן קיין באַציאונגען מיט אַ פרוי. און דער עיקר — פאַסטן אַ גאַנצן מעת-לעת.

אינטערעסאַנט איז צו דערמאָנען, אַז אונטער דער השפּעה פון דער קאָמוניסטישער רעוואָלוציע אין רוסלאַנד, האָט זיך אַנטוויקלט אַ ווידער-שטאַנד קעגן רעליגיעזע מנהגים, באַזונדערס קעגן יום-כּפּור, ווען די נאָכ-פאָלגער פון דער רעוואָלוציע פלעגן אַראַנזשירן אַנטי-כָּל-נדרי אָוונטן אָדער סעודות. אין טאָראָנטאָ, אין די צוואַנציקער יאָרן, האָבן די מיטגלי-דער פונעם „לעיבאָר ליג" אויך „געפייערט" אויף אַזאַ אופן דעם יום-כּפּור. אָט די יום-כּפּור פרעסערייען האָבן אַרויסגערופן אַ שאַרפע רעאַקציע ביי דער מערהייט פון טאָראָנטער יידן, וואָס זיינען געווען מער טראַדיציאָנעל געשטימט.

טראָץ דעם, וואָס פאַסטן יום-כּפּור איז אַזוי שטאַרק איינגעקריצט אין יידישן ציקל פון חַגים, האָבן אונדזערע חכמים פון תלמוד געהאַלטן, אַז סתם פאַסטן צוליב אַסקעטיזם איז אַן עבירה. זיי האָבן פאַרגעהאַלטן די נְזִירים, וואָס האָבן געפּרעדיקט נישט טרינקען קיין וויין און נישט עסן, ווי אַ לעבנסוועג.

אַ טייל פון אונדזערע מאָדערנע פּסיכיאַטאָרן, ווי זיגמונד פרויד און טעאָדאָר רייך, האָבן אויסגעטייטשט פאַסטן ביי יידן ווי אַ זעלבסט-שטראָף פאַר קאָמפּליצירטן סימבאָלישן זינדיקן. דאָס איז אויך פאַרבונדן מיט זייער אויסטייטשונג פון דער כָּל-נדרי תפילה.

מיט יום-כּפּור זיינען פאַרבונדן אין יידישן לעבנסשטייגער, פיל דינים און מנהגים, ווייל יום-כּפּור ווערט פאַרעכנט ווי דער טאָג, ווען אין הימל ווערן פאַרגעבן די זינד פון מענטש. אין דאָזיקן טאָג ווערט אויך אין הימל באַשטימט דער גורל פון יעדן מענטש, וואָס מיט אים זאָל געשען אין פאַרלויף פון נייעם יאָר.

ערב יום-כּפּור, דאָס הייסט אַ טאָג פריער, שלאָגט מען כּפָּרות — אַ מאַן מיט אַ האָן, אין אַ פרוי מיט אַ הין. מען דרייט מיט זיי איבערן קאָפּ און מען זאָגט „זה כַּפָּרָתִי", דאָס מיינט מיין כַּפָּרָה, אַן אויסטויש פאַרן מענטש, וועלכער ווייס בלייבן לעבן און דער האָן אָדער הין וועט גע-שאָכטן ווערן. עס זיינען געווען רבנים, וואָס האָבן נישט געהאַלטן פון כּפּרות-שלאָגן, באַטראַכטנדיק דאָס אַלס אַן אַבערגלויבן.

נאָך אַ מנהג: ערב יום-כּפּור אין דער פרי פלעגן טייל פרומע יידן זיך טובל זיין אין מקווה און נאָכהער געלאָזט זיך שלאָגן מלקות אין שול אָדער אין בית-המדרש, כדי אָפּצוקומען דערמיט פאַר די זינד, וואָס זיי זיינען אפשר באַגאַנגען.

אַרום 2 אַזייגער עסט מען אַ פייערלעכע סעודה, מיט פיש און פלייש און קרעפּלעך. דאָס עסן ערב יום-כּפּור איז אַ מצוה.

אַ שיינער מנהג איז אויך ערב יום-כּפּור, אָדער אין שול פאַר כָּל-נדרי, אַרומצוגיין צו פריינד און באַזונדערס צו אַזעלכע, מיט וועלכע מען איז געווען צעקריגט, און זיך איבערבעטן, זאָגנדיק „זאָלסט מיד מוחל זיין" און ווינטשנדיק אַ חתימה טובה — אַ גוטן באַשלוס אין הימל. דאָס איז דערפאַר, ווייל נישט אַלע זינד ווערן אום יום-כּפּור פאַרגעבן. זינד, וואָס איין מענטש באַגייט קעגן צווייטן (שבין אדם לחברו) ווערן יום-כּפּור נישט מכפּר, סיידן מען בעט פריער איבער דעם צווייטן מענטש.

יום-כּפּור ביינאַכט דאַוונט מען אין אַ טלית, וואָס דאָס איז אַן אויסנאַם פון אַ גאַנץ יאָר. גאָר פרומע יידן דאַוונען אויך אין אַ קיטל, אַ ווייסן מלביש ווי אַ העמד, וואָס דערמאָנט די תַּכריכים פון אַ מֵת. דאָס איז כדי צו דערמאָנען זיך אין טויט. עס איז אויך אַ סימבאָל פון ריינקייט.

די לעצטע תפילה יום-כּפּור איז נעילה, ביי זון אונטערגאַנג. נאָכהער בלאָזט מען אַ תקיעה גדולה, אַלס דער שלוס פונעם הייליקסטן טאָג.

ברעכן דאָס פאַסטן האָט זיך אַנטוויקלט ווי אַ שיינע פאַמיליע-פייע-רונג, ווען משפּחות קומען זיך צוזאַמען איבערצובייסן „פרישטיק", און זיך ווינטשן אַ יאָר פון געזונט און פרנסה.

A beit midrash unlike any other

By EMILY L. HAUSER

It's a *beit midrash* (house of religious study) unlike any other: observant Jews and believing Muslims sit around tables in small groups and, led by learned scholars from both faiths, study the Torah and the Koran. Together.

The arguments put forward for a continuation of the warfare between Jews and Arabs in the Middle East are often religious, based in the parallel but all too different Muslim and Jewish faiths. Rather than give in to that difference, however, a group of religious leaders has joined forces to study it.

"It is our fate to live here together," says Dr. Mithkal Natour, professor of Islamic law at the Islamic College in the Israeli-Arab town of Baka al-Garbiya (42 miles northwest of Jerusalem), and one of those leading the *beit midrash*. "We can do it in a state of daily warfare, or we can do it out of understanding and mutual respect. [In this program] we have decided to bring out the points on which we agree and to put aside the points of difference for now."

The study sessions are sponsored by the Yakar Synagogue and Study Centre in Jerusalem. Students and teachers from the Islamic College arrive in buses, make themselves coffee, sit down over the evening's chosen text, hash it out with their counterparts from Yakar and then listen to lectures by one of the Jewish scholars and one of the Muslims. There are questions and lively discussion, but participants report that an effort is made on all sides to keep the arguments friendly and respectful.

One evening this summer, some of the issues were easier than others. Did Abraham/Ibrahim almost sacrifice Isaac, or, as Islam teaches, Ishmael? Sources are found, quoted and discussed, but the matter is left open, almost as if it is enough that the stories are so similar.

The question of whether a man has the right to punish a disrespectful wife doesn't go as smoothly, however. The Jews are visibly uncomfortable with the Islamic approach, which allows for withholding sexual relations and even beatings if a woman refuses to obey her husband.

Natour, a friendly, eloquent 59-year-old who looks younger than his years, responds to the discomfort by saying: "We have a problem with the way that progress has flooded us, in particular because of the Jewish community. However, we still are not like you. In our community, those who call themselves feminists — excuse me for saying this — they are outcasts."

The reactions of the Jewish students are restrained, though. "There is a feeling of 'What, are we going to yell at them because of their attitude toward women?' " a Jewish participant told the Hebrew weekly *Kol Hair*. "The project is barely just beginning, and there's a feeling that they're doing us a favor by coming." Moreover, he says, the point is to get to know each other, not to score conversions.

Yakar was first established in England in 1978 by Rabbi Mickey Rosen, who brought it to Israel in 1992.

The Muslim-Jewish study program was launched just before last Passover, funded by the Barbra Streisand Foundation. The project is currently on hold until after the High Holy Days, as money has temporarily run out. When classes resume, Rabbi Rosen intends to bus the Jewish participants out to Baka al-Garbiya, too. "Psychologically, it's important that they also host us."

Referring to the peace process, he says, "You can't turn a history of enmity around by making a political decision. You de-humanize people if you make a merely political decision ... I think that the real influence we can have is a psychological one — seeing the other person as a real person, rather than a concept."

Rabbi Rosen says he was told by a number of Jewish Israelis that he would not be able to find any religious Muslims willing to join him on the project — "that maybe I'd find one secular guy." To his surprise, he found a number of highly-placed Muslim religious leaders who wanted to be involved, including Natour, the *qadi* (Islamic religious judge) of Jerusalem, and the president of the Islamic College.

In fact, the head of the Israeli Islamic Movement, Shiekh Abdullah Nimir Darwish, is particularly supportive of Yakar's program. "In the Middle East, and I say that on purpose, not just in Israel but in the Middle East, such studies will move things forward well. And then maybe, maybe, maybe, we'll know once and for all that it is possible to live together, even if there are many different beliefs ... I don't expect [Jews] to believe in my book, but I do expect them to respect it."

The Jewish community has not been as unfailingly supportive.

No Jews have actively opposed the project, Rabbi Rosen says, "but there's a feeling that this isn't *unzere* — it's not the sort of thing we do. 'That Rabbi Rosen, he's English, he's an outsider.' "

Natour sees this hesitation as part of a general misunderstanding that the West has of Islam. "If 50 out of 500 Jews are extremists, should I think that all Jews are like that? Not everyone who says that he acts for Islam is a real Muslim ... We are trying to bring out the truth of Islam."

Rabbi Rosen also expresses a religious goal, referring to the concept of *tikkun olam* (perfection of the world under the rule of God). Observant Jews take on the obligation of *tikkun olam* three times a day in their regular prayers, and the idea is Rabbi Rosen's guiding principle.

"*Tikkun olam* is to accept the other as a legitimate equal," he says. "My experience over the last 20 years tells me that this method of intimate learning leads people to be able to see the other as an equal partner, a person of integrity ... That's real *tikkun olam*."

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Rebbetzin Esther Batiste supervises recent Russian olim in the packaging and distribution of free meals to needy families.

'Dew of Life' nurtures needy

By EDGAR ASHER
Isranet

In Petach Tikvah and Rosh Ha'ayin, Rabbi Meir Batiste and his wife Esther are familiar and well-known by both the religious and secular communities. Even those who may not recognize them by sight know their names, as they have become synonymous with the true spirit of *hitnadvut* (volunteerism).

The Batistes have for many years dedicated themselves to helping in the community, in particular the new immigrants from the former Soviet Union and Ethiopia. They do not just organize, but are an integral part of every venture in which they are associated.

Their organization, Tal Chaim (The Dew of Life), has been recognized for its contribution to the improvement of the standard of life of needy Israelis. Tal Chaim recently received the prestigious President's Award for Volunteerism 1995.

Tal Chaim was established three years ago when it was recognized that there are many needy people who in some cases do not have the ability to earn sufficient money to maintain themselves and their families.

In the late '80s, one of the main problems was that many Russians and Ethiopians were not getting enough to cut. This was particularly serious when it came to the children of such families. Another sector in need of assistance was the elderly.

The Batistes realized that there was a substantial pool of new immigrants who could be encouraged to participate in volunteer work and community assistance. From this seed grew Tal Chaim.

Today about 150 volunteers, 75 per cent of them new immigrants who have come to Israel in the past three years, assist in the preparation of meals. Each week Tal Chaim volunteers prepare over 2,500 meals that are distributed — again by volunteers — to about 600 individuals in Petach Tikva and Rosh Ha'ayin.

In addition to ensuring that everybody has a nutritious meal, several times a week the centre offers Hebrew classes, guidance and practical assistance in absorption, cultural activities, seminars and Shabbat hospitality, legal consultations and youth activities.

Many of the older Russian immigrants, who came to Israel before the establishment of the CIS, have received help from Tal Chaim. They have commented on the moral support and affection that has come from the organizers, which is every bit as important as a square meal.

Tal Chaim is run on a very small budget of less than $14,000 per year. Being a volunteer organization it depends on the generosity of food manufacturers as well as the goodwill of its volunteers.

The Batistes hope that the Tel Chaim concept of giving, with the extensive use of immigrant volunteers, will become a model for other communities in Israel.

L' Shana Tovah

El Al set to fly into private sector

By MICHELE CHABIN
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

To Jews around the world, the words El Al are synonymous with Jewish pride and Israeli ingenuity. The Israeli airline's blue and white fleet unabashedly flies the Star of David on its wings and steadfastly refuses to operate on Shabbat.

But El Al's days as a government owned enterprise will soon come to an end.

Determined to promote privatization as a whole, and thereby create a more competitive free-market economy, the Israeli government plans to sell 51 per cent of the airline, possibly by the end of the year.

"Privatization is one of the most important steps the government can take to improve the country's financial market," said Eitan Shapir, director of the Finance Ministry's privatization department.

During the past decade, the government has gradually sold off many of its largest institutions — with good results.

Some companies, such as the Israel Shipyard, were losing millions of dollars and the government was able to cut its losses. Others, such as Israel Chemicals, were sold at a profit.

How going private will affect El Al is far from certain. In 1994, as a government-owned company, the airline scored a healthy $14 million in profits on more than $1 billion in revenues, according to official figures.

This year's profits are expected to total between $10 million and $14 million, with $1.5 billion in revenues.

During the past five years, in a bid to become more competitive with other airlines, the national carrier has expanded its operations and improved its services.

According to El Al spokesperson Nachman Kleinman, the airline flew to fewer than 40 destinations in 1990. This year, the company expects to fly about 2.6 million passengers to 51 destinations.

El Al entered the Far East, the fastest growing airline market, in December 1992, with weekly flights to Beijing. It also expanded service to Hong Kong; New Delhi; Bombay, India; Bangkok, Thailand; and Seoul, South Korea. A much-awaited link to Japan will get under way as soon as the Japanese government approves the venture.

Other factors have also played a role in El Al's recent success. One is the company's realization that it cannot take its customers for granted. Recent fare wars have proved that price, not security, is the bottom line for many passengers.

Another key factor is Israeli wanderlust. Kleinman pointed out that at least 1.5 million Israelis will travel overseas this year.

"Not many countries can claim that one-quarter of their citizens go abroad every year," he said.

And even though young, post-army-age Israelis are world travellers, with a special fondness for the Far East, many older Israelis are also experimenting with visits to Thailand or India.

Kleinman said the peace process has not yet contributed to El Al's growth. However, he added, "We do anticipate a lot more traffic once Israel signs a peace agreement with Syria or Saudi Arabia."

Such an agreement "will give a major push to travellers, particularly Americans, who were afraid to come earlier," he said. "It will also open up the market for travellers interested in seeing more than one country in the Middle East."

In addition to passenger travel, El Al operates a successful cargo service, which accounted for 25 per cent of the company's revenues last year. The company handles 60 per cent of all cargo traffic at Ben-Gurion Airport.

Although the company is flying high at the moment, with market growth between five per cent between Israel and the United States and 12 per cent between Israel and the Far East, increased competition could cut in to investors' profits.

Any potential buyer must weigh El Al's standing vis-a-vis other airlines.

According to a recent report in the Israeli business monthly *Link* magazine, increased competition from other carriers has dropped the company's share of the Israeli market from about 50 per cent in the early 1990s to 41 per cent today.

The piece of the pie could get even slimmer now that World Airways, a U.S. carrier, and Air Canada recently launched services to Israel.

The magazine also said that even though El Al now "enjoys a monopoly on direct flights out of Israel to the Far East," once the anticipated flights of Thai Airways, Air India and Korean Airlines begin, profits may go to the competition.

The "Shabbat issue" is another concern. Although no one at El Al would dare say so publicly, its Shabbat no-fly policy is costing the airline customers.

It is not clear how privatization will affect the policy. A couple of months ago, when local newspapers reported rumors that El Al was prepared to fly on Shabbat as a means of attracting investors and customers, the government quickly denied the reports.

When asked about the future, Joseph Ciechanover, El Al's chairman of the board of directors, said that for now, El Al could not fly on Shabbat because that is the government's decision.

But, he added, "I don't know what will happen in the future."

Despite such challenges, many travel industry insiders believe privatization will be good for El Al — and ultimately its customers.

Whether all 51 per cent of the airline's shares will be floated simultaneously on the Israeli and world stock exchanges is still under discussion.

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Iron determination leads Chinese doctor to Israel

World Zionist Press Service

A traditional doctor of Chinese medicine from Beijing who converted to Judaism and immigrated to Israel is not a usual phenomenon in that country.

And Dr. Yu Shen, 44, is indeed a most unusual woman. Her slight build and shy, girl-like charm deny the years of hardship and deprivation she underwent during Mao Tse Tung's cultural revolution in China and mask her iron determination to follow her own professional and personal path.

Shen was the second daughter of two of China's intellectual elite. Her father, a professor at Peking University, was awarded a scholarship in the 1930s and received his PhD in biochemistry at Cornell University. He was a pioneer in the study of vitamins at a time when the importance of vitamins was just being recognized in the United States. Refusing lucrative offers to remain in the United States, he returned to China to help his people.

During this period, which Shen describes without rancor or bitterness, she became interested in traditional Chinese medicine and taught herself about herbs, massage techniques and other traditional practices. In 1973, she became seriously ill and was sent back to Beijing.

After recovering, Shen taught herself acupuncture and English and began studying at the Beijing College of Traditional Medicine to become a doctor.

In 1983, she left China and travelled to the United States where she began working as a research assistant at the University of Pennsylvania while studying for her masters degree in the history of sciences.

"I was always interested in the integration of Eastern and Western medicine and I wanted to see American doctors practising traditional Chinese medicine," she says.

While studying at the university. Shen met her husband, Massachusetts-born Dr. Philip Lansky, a medical school graduate who was working on blending Eastern and Western medical practices. Shen underwent an Orthodox conversion in the United States, which she admits was difficult.

Dr. Yu Shen practising Chinese pulse diagnosis, a technique used to determine general health while examining the specific function of 12 organ channels (meridians) [WZPS photo by Sammy Avnison]

Shen's mother studied nutrition at the Yen Ging University in China, which is run by the Rockefeller Foundation and affiliated with Harvard University. Both were fluent in English and were in contact with American doctors and professors in their fields.

However, their achievements were also their undoing during the purges of the Chinese cultural revolution. They were among the intellectuals, artists and city people sent by Mao for re-education, to live in the poorest villages and to connect with the peasants through forced physical labor and deprivation.

"My parents never complained about this time in their lives," says Shen. "I know nothing of what they went through."

In 1969, Shen was separated from her family and sent to a remote village with 17 others. "We lived and worked as peasants," she recalls. "We lived in caves, our food was below subsistence level and we were forced to do very hard labor."

"In communist countries such as China, there is no religion, only the culture of Buddhism," Shen explains. "My only previous contact with Judaism was through two academic advisers who were Jewish. The first time I entered the synagogue in Philadelphia, I was overwhelmed. I felt that I was taking part in something ancient. I was very much in awe."

Both the Chinese and Jewish cultures are family oriented, says Shen, and both are complete ways of life. "In China, one must follow one's husband. That's why we are here in Israel."

Lansky visited Israel seven times prior to their aliyah, mostly to attend conferences. Coming from a traditional family with a brother who is a renowned Yiddish scholar in the United States, Lansky

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'Using my knowledge to heal people'

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gives two main reasons for their decision to come to Israel: "We came as a way of connecting to the Jewish tradition and providing this for our children. We also felt that the climate in Israel was conducive to the spread of alternative medicine. Our aliyah process was a mutual evolution. It was more of an openness to come, to see, to take small steps one day at a time."

Lansky feels that being here is a challenge, and professionally both he and Shen have much to offer. "The academic field in Israel is open to natural medicine; it is a growth industry in which Shen and I both have a deep grounding."

Traditional medicine

Shen took an ulpan when they first arrived in Israel, but dropped out after two months. Her two daughters, aged four and six, however, have picked up Hebrew quickly and adapted well to their new life in Israel. Shen is trying to teach them the Chinese language and culture, but with English being the language at home and Hebrew the language at school, Chinese gets lost in the middle.

Lansky is now director of the privately owned American Homeopathic Clinics, with branches in Haifa, Tel Aviv and Jerusalem.

Shen discovered a new traditional Chinese medicine clinic in Jerusalem where she works twice a week. "I like it because here I can practise pure traditional Chinese medicine," says Shen. "But I only take English speaking patients," she laughs. "I'm not adept enough in Hebrew to administer treatment to Israelis."

Shen's family in China is concerned about her safety. Her decision to live in Israel disturbs them far more than her conversion to Judaism and an observant lifestyle.

"Orientals do not know much about Israel. For them, it is synonymous with danger," she says.

Although Shen naturally feels homesick for China and her family, her attitude toward Israel and her chosen path is optimistic. "I am using my knowledge to heal people," she says. "And if I didn't come to Israel I would never have met these people, known the richness of the culture, nor understood the true core of Western civilization."

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE IN THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM

This photo of the church was taken by a Jerusalem photographer, Mr. John Diness, over 150 years ago. It was discovered along with a collection of his photographs about three years ago at a yard sale in the U.S. by photographer John Barnier. More than 130 prints and glass negatives of Diness' photos were recently purchased for the Israel Museum. Mr. Diness and his partner ran a photographic studio which advertised "photos of the Holy Land taken on site."
[Photo courtesy of The Israel Museum]

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Masters teaching chess skills to a new generation

World Zionist Press Service

Luba Alterman is a kindergarten teacher near Tel Aviv. Nahum Olanovsky teaches physical education to Bedouin youngsters near Beersheva. Eduard Duchovny is a night watchman at the Bar Ilan University outside Tel Aviv.

All recent immigrants from the former Soviet Union, these three are also champion chess players — international masters and grandmasters, ranked in the world's top 400. Together with dozens of other international class recent immigrant players, they are spearheading a chess revolution — raising local tournament play to a world-class level and introducing thousands of children to the game.

In the last five years, Israel has moved from an average chess country — ranked in the second dozen — to fifth in the world (behind Russia, Yugoslavia, England and Hungary). Says Shai Biushinsky, who is one of the world's top class software developers, "and it's all because an incredible number of great players have moved here."

Jerusalem attracted 200 competitors under bar mitzvah age, and while many of the proud parents speak Russian, among the children staring at the rooks and pawns, all talk is in Hebrew.

International ratings show three recent immigrants in the world's top 60: Leon Yudasin, Ilya Smirin and Boris Alterman (Luba's husband). There are now some 20 grandmasters here, up from three just five years ago.

For the players themselves, though, the move to Israel has been a crash landing. They've gone from being professionals — and national heroes respected much like basketball stars in North America — to amateurs forced to play in their free hours.

In the Soviet Union, says former Ukraine champion Boris Alterman, the state paid all grandmasters and masters. "It was a profession, like any other. But when we came here and wrote "chess-player" on the immigration forms, the officials only smiled and changed it to "no profession."

Luba Alterman, whose twin sister is now Germany's national champion, says chess was "a Jewish profession" in the Soviet Union, but that "in the Jewish state no one thinks a person should earn a living playing chess." So the board masters have taken the initiative themselves.

Children can play adults at a family chess tournament at the Wingate Institute for Physical Education and Sport in Netanya. [WZPS photo by Paul Samson]

The number of chess clubs has mushroomed from about two dozen to 100 since the start of the current aliyah wave in late 1989, and a 12-team national league has been established, "dramatically raising the level of the game here," according to Moshe Slav, chair of the Israel Chess Federation's immigrants committee.

While the initiative for starting clubs has usually come from the new arrivals, Israeli players have been quick to join and improve their game with the help of one-time pros from the C.I.S. "We have people here now who spent their lives training and teaching," says Slav. In league games most players are Soviet born, but many veteran Israelis have also made the teams. Israeli Russian papers provide their readers with regular coverage of major matches, but the Hebrew papers have yet to follow suit.

Since 1993, over 100 schools and community centres have begun offering chess courses and a youth league has sprung up. A recent two-month youth tournament in

Olansky, for example, in addition to teaching soccer to Beduin children in Tel Sheva, also started to teach them chess after school. Dozens now attend classes. Since arriving from Baku, in Muslim Azerbaijan, he has learned Arabic and become a local hero, with clan heads vying with each other to invite the intellectual foreigner to their homes.

Former Belarus champion Boris Malisov has managed to eke out a living in Jerusalem by teaching chess in some half dozen schools and community centres.

"I just couldn't see myself doing anything else," he says. "And I'm glad for some of the successes my kids are beginning to have."

Malisov's youth team from the Sieff Community Centre has just won the national community

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L' Shana Tovah

The Crusader coin (left) depicts the coronation of Baldwin I. The other coin shows the goddess of healing [Israel Museum photos]

Coining the many phases of history

By LILI EYLON
Jerusalem Dateline

Round diminutive clues to history, coins minted by kings, rulers, cities and states have been with us since time immemorial. A new gallery at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem traces the story of man's means of payment throughout the ages.

Among the many items on view are 9,000-year-old cowrie shells found in the Judean desert, gold ingots from Samaria, copper and bronze ingots used by Canaanites 4,000 years ago and Venetian glass beads used as money in Africa as recently as 100 years ago.

While the Israeli shekel is not a valuable coin today, the money used in the time of the Kingdom of Judah was based on weight, with a shekel weighing 11.2 grams of silver. Also on display from the Kingdom of Judah from about 700 BCE are stone weights. A bone pocket scale for coins from the Hisham Palace in Jericho dates back to the same era.

One female slave could be purchased in 250 BCE with the value of a Ptolemaic hoard of silver coins, such as were excavated from the seacoast settlement of Tel Dor. Another hoard of 36 coins, dating from 132-135 CE, was found recently in two pottery jugs. This amount was sufficient to lease a farm.

Demonstrating that inflation is not a modern invention, 2,000 minute bronze coins from the beginning of the 6th century CE indicate that this was a period of peak inflation. The coins were worth the equivalent of one-third of a gold solidus.

And, again, despite the fact that a block of 600-year-old Mameluke coins found in a shipwreck off the coast of Megadim, near Haifa, weighed 50 kilograms, it equalled only half of an average monthly salary.

Silver drachmas struck in Jerusalem around 370 BCE, gold, silver and bronze *Judea capta* coins minted in Rome to commemorate the fall of Jerusalem, coins from the Ummayad and Abbasid period (650-868 CE) as well as from the Crusader Kingdom of Jerusalem are all included in the display.

There is even a coronation coin of Baldwin I who called himself First King of Jerusalem (1100 CE), which is believed to be the only coin of this kind in existence today.

Mythical gods, many of them patrons of cities, were popular images on coins. Examples shown at the museum are Astarte-Tyche, which appears on a coin from Ashkelon; Perseus rescuing Andromeda on coins from Jaffa; Dionysus on a coin from Beit Shean; and Hygieia, goddess of healing, seen seated at the hot springs of Tiberias.

Israel could become chess powerhouse

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centres championship.

Few of Malisov's students are from Russian-speaking families. Teaching first- and second-graders at a school in Bayit Vegan, the burly immigrant, leather cap pulled over salt-and-pepper hair, moves from board to board, arranging pieces to present challenges: "White, checkmate in two moves."

With the talent available, Israel could now become a real power in international chess if only the money were available. Sadly, though, says the Chess Federation's Slav, "International achievement in chess just is not regarded with much respect here. The country spends a fortune on mediocre soccer and basketball teams, while our people have to pay from their own pocket to get to the biennial chess Olympiad."

The Chess Federation's annual budget, Slav says, is 1.2 million shekels, which comes from Education Ministry grants, membership fees and private donations. That must cover all club and league expenses and participation by a dozen top players in at least 10 tournaments abroad, which is essential for an international rating.

With proper funding, says Slav, a new generation of players, including world championship finalists in the 14- and 16-year-old age groups, have the talent to reach the top adult world rankings.

For that to happen, though, there has to be a change in the country's attitude to chess. The grandmasters are working on it at grassroots level. Next, the media has to take more of an interest. Then, who knows, being a "chess-player" here might even become a recongized profession.

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The physician/patient relationship requires trust based on communication. To ensure communication, Israeli doctors are being innovative. With the help of a flip chart designed by JDC-Israel and the Ministry of Health, an Israeli doctor advises an Ethiopian immigrant patient on the proper use of nasal drops. [Isranet Photo]

Charting a course to good health

By DANIELLA ASHKENAZY
Jerusalem Dateline

When verbal communication is limited, how does a doctor insure that a patient speaking another language will take a medication after eating, and not on an empty stomach? Or not drink his eye drops? Or swallow a suppository?

A pictograph/photograph flip chart for physicians, nurses and pharmacists was developed jointly by a team of Israeli health personnel for just this purpose, after health officials received calls from doctors in the field saying they were having difficulties communicating with their immigrant patients from Ethiopia and the former Soviet Union.

The chart contains photographs of different medications and their packaging — various forms of pills, bottles of syrup, tubes of ointments and suppositories wrapped in foil. Each kind of preparation is accompanied by additional information in visual form, explaining its proper use and dosage.

Simple pictures instruct the patient on how to give medication to a child: give it in a baby bottle, swallow it from a spoon, or take it in a cup of water. The visual portrait of "in the morning," "at noon" and "at night" — sports a rising sun, a sun at high noon, and a moon and stars — not just the face of a clock.

The flip chart was also designed to "remind" doctors to ask all the necessary questions — including a picture of a pregnant woman and a woman nursing a baby.

"In traditional societies a woman may not tell a doctor she is pregnant. It's a matter of modesty," revealed Dina Lipsky, coordinator of health programs at the department for the absorption of Ethiopian immigrants at the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee. She conceived of the flip chart solution together with Nira Baram, of Israel's Ministry of Health, and Diane Levin, director of the health education department at General Sick Fund headquarters.

While the chart was designed to meet the needs of immigrants to Israel, Lipsky says flip charts of this nature could be adapted for use by other multilingual societies, low literacy groups and refugee populations around the world.

L' Shana Tovah

Channa Marron putting on her makeup before the Israeli premiere of Pygmalion in 1954 [Michal Rosh Ban-Ami photo]

Channa Marron: 'alive and kicking'

By SHARON KANON

"I'm still alive and kicking," said the actress in a radio interview shortly after the opening of an exhibition, Channa Marron: The Role of the Actress, at Tel Aviv University's Shrieber Art Gallery.

Not only is she alive and kicking (which is pretty remarkable for a woman who lost her leg and almost her life, and who has been on stage for 65 years), she is also performing in Israel and abroad.

The actress who has received numerous awards including the coveted Israel Prize, began her career in the theatre, movies and radio in Berlin at the age of five.

Marron, the grand lady of Israel's theatre, has appeared in more than 85 plays, playing roles in settings as varied as Shakespeare and Ibsen, Becket and Pinter, or a TV sitcom. Whatever role she plays, her audience sees the actress through the prism of her experiences.

Her life and fortunes, her art and her spirit have been inextricably enmeshed with the growth of theatre in Israel and with the fate of the nation. Herself a victim of a terrorist attack, Marron abhors violence.

Personally, she symbolizes strong determination to overcome obstacles, "to decide one's own fate." The two themes appear again and again in the roles she has played. "I believe it is the responsibility of the theatre to have a voice in the life of the country."

Born in Berlin in 1923, Marron was discovered at the age of four. Her acting talents were encouraged at the Montessori school she attended, where she developed a love for the arts and reading. She also learned French, which was very useful when she and her mother fled to Paris in 1932 to escape the Nazis.

"It was the most difficult year of my life. I found out what it is to go hungry and to be a refugee; and I learned how to get along." In 1933, mother and daughter immigrated to Palestine, where her father had come earlier. Marron spent time on a kibbutz and when World War II began, the spunky teenage actress volunteered for the Women's Unit in the British army. She was among the first to join the theatre group in the Jewish Brigade.

A period of professional growth in Marron's life began when she joined Habimah, Israel's classic theatre. It was here that she learned to improvise. In 1945, Marron was one of the founders of the new Israeli theatre, the Cameri, and veered towards modern drama for the next two decades. In the role of Hedda Gabler and other Ibsen women, she championed equality and independence for women.

Personal tragedy struck in 1970 when Marron was almost killed in a terrorist attack in the Munich airport. She was thrown far away from the wounded, where no one saw her. When she was finally found, she was brought to the hospital where doctors saved her life, but they could not save her leg. The first thing Marron said when she recovered consciousness was, "I'm an actress."

Medea, the ancient Greek tragedy, was the first role Marron was offered after her recovery. The story of a mother who kills her own children in revenge presented a double-pronged difficulty for the actress. She had to battle on two fronts: to portray the complicated, crazed woman who uses revenge to assuage her own pain; and to deal with her own physical limitations on stage with an artificial leg.

The play took on a political importance for it showed the terrible things that people are capable of doing to each other. "At the end of the play, I wanted the audience to feel shaken, overwhelmed, I wanted them to understand that violence is not the way to solve problems."

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Books in Brief

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

With the holidays coming so late this year, we probably expected to get all our preparations done in plenty of time to have endless hours for enjoying the new books that have come in.

After finding ourselves, as usual, madly whipping up one more kugel at the last minute, or tracking down the sukkah table which somehow got stashed in the furnace room last year, let's take a few minutes to relax and have a good read.

Unusual for us here (and no, I don't know why), we have several excellent books for children.

Molly Cone's *Listen to the Trees; Jews and the earth* (UAHC Press, 1995) is a wonderful book describing how today's concern with the environment echoes the injunctions of the Torah.

Parables and short stories help illustrate the biblical and Talmudic injunctions that have a startling relevance. Did you know that preserving trees and proper disposal of waste are not just good for the earth but are actually halachic rulings?

The illustrations by Roy Doty are beautiful.

Even non-Orthodox children will enjoy *The Story Hour, Vol. 2*, edited by David Pape (Hachai Pub. Co., 1995). This book of short stories, with settings ranging from modern to ancient, presents the message in each story subtly and enjoyably. In one, a young girl in a wheelchair discovers that G-d will help her walk — but only after she forces herself to practise. In another, a group of inner-city kids discover that bravado does not protect them from the natural world.

One of the most delightful collections of stories I have seen in a long time is *Fables for All Ages* by Frieda Clark Hyman (Gefen, 1995). A community of birds learn valuable lessons on living together from venerable Gaffer Robin, who uses wisdom from the Torah and Jewish lore to guide them.

Much of the humor comes from the very human characteristics and behaviors of the birds — Jody Wren is unfaithful to his wife, Jenny; Oswald Owl is naive; Cassie cuckoo braves the wrath of the other cuckoos to raise her family herself.

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An excellent series of articles about that modern-day buzzword continuity (calling continuity a buzzword is almost a buzzword in itself) is *The Jewish Family and Jewish Continuity*, edited by Steven Bayme and Gladys Rosen (KTAV, 1994).

It deals with such seminal issues as divorce, abortion, adoption, the women's movement, intermarriage and the family as a whole.

While at first glance the book may seem intimidating, one is quickly caught up in its analyses.

Ethics is another of today's major concerns, and KTAV has published a fascinating series of letters and responses by Rabbi Immanuel Jakobovits, former chief Rabbi of the British Commonwealth.

Dear Chief Rabbi, edited by Jeffrey Cohen (1995) covers the years of his chief rabbinate, 1980-1990, and deals with such issues as Zionism, the peace process, interfaith relations, *shechitah*, medical ethics (including AIDS) and the modern synagogue.

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David Roskies' *A Bridge of Longing; the lost art of Yiddish storytelling* (Harvard University Press, 1995) can't help being somewhat wistful, even while being a truly scholarly discussion of the subject.

The author discusses the place of storytelling in the Yiddish world that is now gone, and how it has been transmogrified by modern writers, like I.L. Peretz.

Roskies also discusses the relationship of Yiddish tales to the Holocaust.

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It's a Mitzvah! Step-by-Step to Jewish Living by Bradley Artson (Behrman House, 1995) harkens back to that classic of the 1970s, the *Jewish Catalogue* series. It tries to make Jewish tradition relevant to modern Jewish life, stressing such matters as ecology, caring for the poor and compassion to animals, along with Jewish ritual.

This book uses pictures especially well, not just to illustrate the text, but to teach their own lesson.

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The exquisitely beautiful and moving *Song of Songs* is translated into modern terms by Ariel and Chana Bloch (Random House, 1995). Fortunately, the Blochs manage to keep the delicacy and poetic flow of older translations:

"The curve of your cheek/ a pomegranate/ in the thicket of your hair;"

"I must rise and go about the city,/ the narrow streets and squares, till I find/ my only love."

The commentary and introduction are especially fascinating and do much to illuminate the philosophic underpinnings of *Song of Songs*.

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I must admit that I don't generally enjoy books about ultra-Orthodox or chassidic girls struggling with philosophical angst against the strictures of their societies. I mean, wouldn't you just love to even once hear them say that they love their lives and look forward to making a religious home for their scholar husband and numerous children?

Well, that doesn't happen in Pearl Abraham's *The Romance Reader* (Putnam, 1995). Rachel is a teenage girl living with her visionary rebbe father; her family tries, as is customary in those circles, to protect her from pernicious outside influences.

Naturally, she begins to read romance novels at the library and dreams of breaking out of her increasingly claustrophobic life.

While totally predictable, the book is redeemed by vivid characterization and truly literate writing.

A much more satisfying read is *The Jewish War* by Tova Reich (Pantheon, 1995).

Yehudi HaGoel is the charismatic leader of an extreme Zionist group. The book follows HaGoel from his early days in the Bronx to his almost mystical, messiah-like leadership against an Israeli Army determined to destroy a secession by Judea and Samaria from Israel.

L' Shana Tovah

Not a Sandy Koufax

By SHEL KRAKOFSKY

What do I have in common with Jews?
I have hardly anything in common even with myself.
— diary of Franz Kafka

On this day of Yom Kippur, Uncle Bill is sitting beside me and my father in synagogue and acknowledging the surrounding smiles and congratulations. He appeared last night in his dream of dreams, a pitcher in the seventh and deciding game of the World Series. He is easy to recognize as he tips his yarmulka to the congregants with an athlete's cultivated insincere sincerity and modestly immodest grin. Without his usual hearty breakfast, Uncle Bill is looking a little pale.

My mind always wanders on Yom Kippur, that sundown-to-sundown autumn Holy Day that begins with the recitation of Kol Nidre in darkness and ends with the piercing, shrill sound of the shofar the following day, also in darkness. It is during this one-day period that God ostensibly decides our fates for the coming year and the kind of season in store for Uncle Bill and baseball players everywhere. If the bookies could, they'd try to get their hands on that yearly celestial printout, that's for sure.

Why Uncle Bill had been brought up from the farm in September was a controversial, if only minor, point in baseball circles. Up until last night, he still hadn't thrown a single pitch in over a month with the big club. Yet the manager, a chatty and chubby character with a rumpled face the color and consistency of one of my grandmother's pieces of gefilte fish, wanted him in the bullpen for his age and experience.

"He can settle down my young flamethrowers," the manager told the press. "His arm has probably had it but you need stability out there in the pen. And maybe a miracle if we need him. I hear he's a dreamer."

A dreamer for sure, my Uncle Bill. Also marginal. Uncle Bill was destined to always be on the sidelines just like his ancestors, revilers in bullpens around the world, called upon only in specific situations in the hope they wouldn't screw up if given the chance. Something like the kid invited to skip double-dutch. If he jumped in before or after the right time, he wrecked it for everybody. And if there was a screwup, they had the likes of Uncle Bill to blame. Only Uncle Bill never seemed smart enough to know it.

Big, solid, loose-limbed with a lumbering gait, Uncle Bill looked awesome in a baseball uniform, chewing his tobacco and spitting at appropriate times to intimidate batters. (They spit right back so I guess it was a draw.) And always he talked and dreamed about delivering the big pitch, a tension-filled release that would leave a batter twisted and handcuffed at the plate as he struck out mightily with the bases loaded in the ninth inning to give Uncle Bill's team the seventh game of the World Series by one run.

Uncle Bill spent hours deep in thought, feet propped up, picturing the mob scene that would immortalize him. "Yup, it was a curveball," he would fantasize telling the reporters crowded around his locker. "I've got tons o'confidence init. Notice I shaked off Yogi's sign even at three-and-two. He called fastball, low and inside. Boy, did you see the sweep on that effing pitch. Ain't nobody was gonna hit that one. Nobodddy!"

Uncle Bill assaulted the English language with the aplomb of Dizzy Dean. All those years in the minors, he had acquired a peculiar syntax and grammar that made him sound like a southerner. Hardly anybody knew that Uncle Bill could trace his origins to some shtetl in Poland or before that from God-knows-where. Like his forefathers he wandered, pitching at various forgettable hot dog stands, taking his only tool, a sometimes deceptive left-handed curveball, to an assortment of one-industry-and-horse towns.

He used to send me clippings and occasionally a scuffed up autographed ball signed with a flourish, "See you in the BIG LEAGUES . . . Uncle (Lefty) Bill." The stories never gave the impression he would make it. A relief pitcher with modest skills, he had been up a few times for a cup of coffee but not much more. Over 18 years he had never been up long enough to deliver that big pitch — let alone a lot of smaller ones — all those years bouncing around like a line drive in an outfield corner.

We had never met any of his wives — three at last count — picked up in those towns like easy ground balls, all soon lobbed away with the sincerity of batting practice pitches. There might have been a kid or two but he never really said. Broke his nose a few times

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'A prayer as beguiling and seductive as a knuckleball'

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too down in the minors, the results of brush-back brawls, inevitable with a pitcher of Uncle Bill's limited ability.

"Records n'noses are men-tubby broken," he would explain to us.

Proudly sitting beside Uncle Bill now, mere hours since the end of the World Series, I'm thinking back to those days when some of my friends and I had to make what for us was a monumental decision. We had to decide whether to continue with afterschool Hebrew studies or whether to pursue a career in professional baseball through our little league teams. Not really a tough decision for 13-year-olds. We all opted for baseball and in that sense we're all failures.

For my bar mitzvah present, Uncle Bill decided to take me shopping for a new glove. How thrilled I remember being, going downtown with my father's youngest brother to purchase a mitt. He was with a team in the Carolinas at the time, North or South I can't recall, and only on a Double A league. But who cared. Uncle Bill was a pro.

Even the fellow who sold us the glove had heard of Uncle Bill, a local boy with a chance of making it. I didn't realize then that Uncle Bill was bigger news at home than at his workplace. On our way to the sporting goods store, I tried to speak in jock talk after Uncle Bill described a close, recent loss.

I said something like, "Winning isn't everything. It's how you play the game."

Said Uncle Bill, "So how come they keep score?"

I can still see Uncle Bill that day pounding various gloves with his cocky, professional demeanor, sniffing at the polished, redolent leather like a knowing hunting dog, pawing at the webbings with a player's love and lust. When he finally decided on the oversized glove he was going to buy for me, he put an avuncular arm around my shoulder and said, "Son (professional athletes don't call anybody nephew), lemme teachya a lesson today. Buyin' a baseball mitt is somethin' akin to gettin' married. It's somethin' y'only wanna do once." He was on his first wife at the time.

I was impatient before the cantor started to sing Kol Nidre as I watched the only overflow crowd of the year settle into the seats. Had I known for sure he was going to pitch last night — you never know with a relief pitcher and with Uncle Bill the chances were never good anyway — I might have tried to persuade my father to pass up Kol Nidre services altogether in order to watch my uncle pitch in the game of his life. I skipped enough Kol Nidre in the past under less pressing pretexts.

The plaintive yet matter-of-fact cantor's voice sang the recitation that made us all equal, no matter the cut and style of our clothes, no matter our piety or lack of concern. He recited Kol Nidre three times as legend suggests, to allow the tardy to hear his plea on their behalves. Caught in the synagogue, I was very aware that they're not as considerate at ball parks and never repeat the first innings of baseball games for the tardy, not even the seventh game of the World Series.

Of all the explanations I've ever heard or read about that little prayer of Kol Nidre, none has ever been satisfying. Both the words and their interpretations have changed to accommodate historical realities and moods — something like the Designated Hitter rule.

בִּישִׁיבָה שֶׁל מַעְלָה וּבִישִׁיבָה שֶׁל מַטָּה.
עַל דַּעַת הַמָּקוֹם וְעַל דַּעַת הַקָּהָל,
אָנוּ מַתִּירִין לְהִתְפַּלֵּל עִם הָעֲבָרָיָנִים.

כָּל נִדְרֵי

כָּל נִדְרֵי, וְאֲסָרֵי, וְקוֹנָמֵי, וְכִנּוּיֵי,
וְקוֹנָסֵי וּשְׁבוּעוֹת, דִּנְדַרְנָא
וְדְאָשְׁתְּבַעְנָא, וְדַאֲתַרְכְּנָא וְדַאֲסַרְנָא
עַל נַפְשָׁתָנָא, מִיּוֹם כִּפּוּרִים זֶה עַד
יוֹם כִּפּוּרִים הַבָּא עָלֵינוּ לְטוֹבָה.
כֻּלְּהוֹן אִתְּחָרְטְנָא בְהוֹן. כֻּלְּהוֹן יְהוֹן
שָׁרָן, שְׁבִיקִין שְׁבִיתִין, בְּטֵלִין
וּמְבָטָלִין, לָא שְׁרִירִין וְלָא קַיָּמִין.
נִדְרָנָא לָא נִדְרֵי, וַאֲסָרָנָא לָא אֱסָרֵי,
וּשְׁבוּעָתָנָא לָא שְׁבוּעוֹת.

And yet the rhyming, unintelligible logic disclaiming vows (past, present, future — two of the above?) has never failed to bring out the masses. It is a prayer as beguiling and seductive as a knuckleball.

I don't understand and can barely read the language though it's easy to recognize the Hebrew letters — athletic, bold, muscular, broad-shouldered — embedded in the age-old turf that never yields to the dignified, confused anguish of those aleph, bets.

By the authority of the heavenly court
And by the authority of the earthly court,
With the consent of the Omnipresent One
And with the consent of this congregation
We declare it lawful to pray with sinners

KOL NIDRE

All personal vows we are likely to make,
all personal oaths and pledges we are likely
to take between this Yom Kippur and the next
Yom Kippur, we publicly renounce. Let them
all be relinquished and abandoned, null
and void, neither firm nor established.
Let our personal vows, pledges and oaths
be considered neither vows nor pledges
nor oaths.

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L' Shana Tovah

The seventh game, if necessary, would be played Kol Nidre night

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Today marks a first for me and Uncle Bill. Rarely here myself, I've never seen or been with him in a synagogue. Although the day of my bar mitzvah, while he passed on the morning services, Uncle Bill did come to watch me play a Saturday afternoon game with my new mitt, his way of commemorating my coming of age. He didn't have to attend synagogue, he claimed, because he played baseball, the first game in the first verse of the Bible.

"In-the-big-inning," he would laugh. "You can look it up son," he would tease, quoting Casey Stengel, his favorite biblical scholar.

My father and I had tickets to all the home Series' games courtesy of Uncle Bill. "Don't mention it son," he replied to my thank you. And there he sat in the bullpen during all the games, almost motionless, dreaming in his dream, only interrupting it with the occasional disdainful release of a wad of tobacco juice in no particular direction.

By the time the team had returned from the coast to play the last game here, deadlocked at three games apiece. Uncle Bill had never even been called to warm up.

My father was happy for Uncle Bill being brought up for the last month of the regular season. And now that he was in the World Series, my father's enthusiasm swelled. Even though it was October, baseball was extending my father's summer. He had been urging Uncle Bill the last few seasons to retire and look for a new future before "you end up a beer salesman."

Uncle Bill was still looking for that knockout punch after an inglorious career so that, as he put it, "Heck, after I make that one big pitch, I'll be doing beer commercials!"

Now my father was on Uncle Bill's side, dreaming right along with his kid brother. Yet with all of his recent encouragement, my father had been arguing all month with Uncle Bill to scratch himself from last night's game. As the season and the playoffs ended, the schedule showed the seventh game of the World Series, if necessary, would be played the night of Kol Nidre.

"Tell management in advance. If you tell them ahead of time, they can work around you," my father pampered. He didn't add the hurtful truth that the team would do just as well without Uncle Bill, Kol Nidre or any other night.

"Hey," said Uncle Bill, "lemme win the last game first, and maybe next year I'll refuse t'play Yom Kippur."

My father persisted until the last moment, even resorting to phone calls and telegrams. He used the tack that no matter what Uncle Bill did with his life, the greatest thing he could ever do for himself was also the most noble athletic statement he would ever get a chance to make. And that was to publicly declare that he would not play baseball during this holiest day.

"I got no example t'set," said Uncle Bill. "No Jewkids know 'but me anyway. If y'ain't famous, nobody knows yer secrets."

My father pointed out that Sandy Koufax sat out the opening game of the 1965 Series because it was played on Yom Kippur.

"So what," countered Uncle Bill. "I'm not a Sandy Koufax. He still got two starts that year. Won 'em both by shutouts, the last win the seventh game. He was good, won the Cy Young that year. He could afford tubby Jewish on Yom Kippur. By the way, two Dodgers sat out that Yom Kippur game."

"Two?"

"Yup. Y'ever heard of Jake Pitler, the Dodgers' first base coach?"

"No."

"You can look it up," chuckled Uncle Bill.

"Well," my father replied, "you've heard of him. Listen, I'm not even telling you to go to synagogue. I'm no saint. You know that the only time I go is the night before to hear Kol Nidre and then the next day. I hardly ever fast."

"So whatsa big deal?"

"It's like those old gym classes at school. When the whistle blew, I knew which squad I belonged to and ran there to have my attendance confirmed."

"Whataya sayin'?"

"I really don't care if there is a so-called Day of Judgment and that it's called Yom Kippur. But even though I'm no big league believer,

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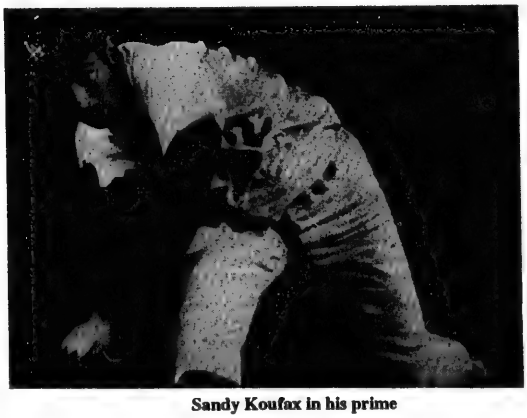

Sandy Koufax in his prime

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Sandy Koufax knew where he didn't belong on Yom Kippur

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when the shofar is blown, I know where I belong. To be counted. Sandy Koufax knew where he didn't belong on Yom Kippur.''

''Yeah,'' reflected Uncle Bill with some sadness. ''Koufax knew he'd have other chances tubby remembered. This is probably gonna be m'last shot.''

My father has stopped trying to make sense of Yom Kippur and all other public religious observance. Yet he believes in what he calls Jewish destiny. It makes him feel comfortable to be part of a larger something, especially something his father told him he had inherited. If there is a God, he reasons, then that destiny is assured — although in what form, he's never told me. And if there isn't a God, the rest of the world has always made sure there is a common result for those of us chosen for whatever it is. That part I'm beginning to understand.

Uncle Bill sometimes heard those discussions but only ventured opinions about yesterday's box scores and what he considered to be his sure-to-improve pitching prospects. For Uncle Bill, everything was baseball and all things could only get better.

One time, when he was in between teams, Uncle Bill came to watch me play and was rooting for me on the sidelines in a game whose score I have since forgotten.

I was a shortstop with all the finesse, I thought, of one of those dark, lithe Latin Americans who would eventually make it, and like them, I would buy my parents a new home somewhere in the suburbs or in a sunny clime. Their choice.

Man on first, none out and Uncle Bill cups his hands and yells, ''Come on boychick, the old double play boychick, the old double play.'' He called me the same thing his grandfather had called him. I loved the encouragement but was happy the monicker never stuck. My adolescent buddies had enough nicknames in their arsenal for me without being taught another one, especially a Yiddish one that sounded downright androgynous. I preferred my uncle calling me son.

And sure enough, a ground ball to me. ''Come on boychick, the old double play boychick, the old double play.''

No excuses. A routine ground ball dribbled under my glove and between my legs which that day framed an open window to the outfield. Even my own teammates snickered at Uncle Bill's enthusiasm.

Now it's men on first and second, none out. My always optimistic Uncle Bill never let up. ''Come on boychick, the old triple play boychick, the old triple play!''

We were each other's biggest fan. And there I was last night, in a different stadium from my uncle, standing without cheering, among those who clenched our fists and hit our hearts with each confessing word like a metronome.

Except for Uncle Bill, on Yom Kippur all Jews are righthanded pitchers.

אָשַׁמְנוּ, בָּגַדְנוּ, גָּזַלְנוּ, דִּבַּרְנוּ דֹפִי;
הֶעֱוִינוּ, וְהִרְשַׁעְנוּ, זַדְנוּ, חָמַסְנוּ,
טָפַלְנוּ שֶׁקֶר; יָעַצְנוּ רָע, כִּזַּבְנוּ,
לַצְנוּ, מָרַדְנוּ, נָאַצְנוּ; סָרַרְנוּ,
עָוִינוּ, פָּשַׁעְנוּ, צָרַרְנוּ, קִשִּׁינוּ עֹרֶף;
רָשַׁעְנוּ, שִׁחַתְנוּ, תִּעַבְנוּ, תָּעִינוּ,
תִּעְתָּעְנוּ.

We have acted treasonably, aggressively and slanderously; we have acted brazenly, viciously and fraudulently; we have acted wilfully, scornfully and obstinately; we have acted perniciously, disdainfully and erratically.

An entire people gets together once a year to proclaim its guilt, fasting to atone for sins already committed, acknowledging they will occur again. Yom Kippur is surely the mother of psychiatry. Among us, there is no wonder why so many Jews go into it — from both ends of the tunnel.

Nobody died for our sins. We sit among the future victims.

Last night I was thinking about Uncle Bill and the roaring minyans at the ballpark painting their hot dogs with mustard and shelling their peanuts while I was becoming thirsty confessing to our collective sins and mounting petitions for forgiveness — for Uncle Bill as well. I pictured the fans'' clenched fists, also pounding rhythmically, only away from themselves towards the field. Where they were, only the losers would be guilty of anything. Uncle Bill liked his chances.

I flipped ahead the Siddur pages and realized we had reached about the fifth inning of services. A shameless glance at my watch indicated the game had made it to about the same point. Despite my father's lecture and debates, he gave me a nodding jerk of his head, a signal that he too considered that we had participated in a complete game. We quietly and quickly left for the stadium.

It was difficult to hear the announcer's voice above the din on the car radio as we raced toward the game. What was clear though was that the game was a slugfest, the pitchers on both sides pulverized towards early showers, no arm on either side strong enough to subdue the batters.

All the parking lots were full when we finally arrived so we parked a long distance from the stadium and jogged in our tailored suits at an excited pace towards the ominous bright lights of the stadium, their glow seeming to be powered by non-stop cheering, rising to panic levels and falling to mere explosions.

We got to our seats by the ninth. A look at the field and the scoreboard showed runners at second and third, two out and we were up a run. After an entire season, playoffs and almost seven World Series games, the smallest possible

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L' Shana Tovah

The fans were ready to riot, one way or the other

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margin.

Only two pitchers remained in the bullpen, one of them Uncle Bill. When the inning began, the bullpen telephoned and blasted its shofar call and requested Uncle Bill to warm up. The young rightie got up too. Uncle Bill took off his jacket slowly and began to toss, spitting tobacco before every delivery. Pitch after pitch he flicked his glove to signal the practice catcher that Uncle Bill would be throwing a curve.

There was delay in the game as they put up a lefthanded pinch hitter and a gazelle to pinch run at third. Uncle Bill kept throwing curves. The manager emerged from the dugout and was greeted with boos and groans, all at the level of hysteria. Stalling for time, the manager talked for awhile on the mound before simultaneously touching his left elbow and pointing to the bullpen. Uncle Bill stopped throwing, picked up his jacket and began his slow walk to the mound, staining the grass almost every step with squirts of tobacco juice. This was no dream.

A clubhouse boy came out to get his jacket and the departing pitcher handed Uncle Bill the ball. My father was standing and yelling, "Show 'em Billy. Do it Billy. Come on Billy." The manager stayed on the mound while Uncle Bill took his allotted eight warmup pitches-all curveballs. It was obvious that whatever stuff he had, he had it last night. The manager spoke to Uncle Bill. "This is going to be an intentional walk. I want you to load 'em up so we can throw to any base for the final out."

"Okay," said Uncle Bill, "but we won't havta throw the ball anywhere after this batter. I'm gonna strike the next guy right outta there."

"No you won't."

"Whataya mean?"

"I'm pulling you after this guy. They've got a rightie coming up next. I just want to give the kid in the pen a few more warmup tosses. So take your time."

"No. No," pleaded Uncle Bill. I've got m'best stuff. Make no difference who's up next. I'll get 'im. It's all partam'dream. It can't miss."

"Damn your dreams. Just walk this guy. Four pitches, way outside. Got it?"

"I'm not playin' on Yom Kippur justa throw four intentional balls. Any asshole kin do that."

"What?"

"Y'heard me. Y'ever hearda Yom Kippur?"

"No, damn it. You really are a flake. This pressure's getting to you."

The fans wanted to get on with it. They were ready to riot, one way or the other. My father was screaming with the rest of them.

Uncle Bill refused to play his assigned part. "Yom Kippur y'see. I might be dead tomorrow for this. But not for four pitches anybody kin throw. It ain't worth it."

"Walk him," ordered the manager now toe-to-toe with his reluctant pitcher.

"Bring in the rightie," was Uncle Bill's final reply as he flipped the ball to his manager.

His spikes became bedroom slippers as Uncle Bill softly and elegantly shuffled off the field. He didn't spit once.

When he reached the foul line, the screaming mob was ready for a lynching. Uncle Bill was smiling as he doffed his cap to them and extended the greetings of his own, new season, "Gut Yonif, y'all."

The service is almost over. While we stand waiting for the shofar, fatigue and hunger add a hypnotic, sanguine peace as we sing and hum our final prayer together.

אָבִינוּ מַלְכֵּנוּ, חָנֵּנוּ וַעֲנֵנוּ, כִּי אֵין בָּנוּ מַעֲשִׂים; עֲשֵׂה עִמָּנוּ צְדָקָה וָחֶסֶד וְהוֹשִׁיעֵנוּ.

Our Father, our King, be gracious
to us and answer us though we have no merits; deal charitably with us and save us.

After last night, Uncle Bill will never save any game. Swift Punishment? Maybe. Without throwing a baseball, he still got to deliver his big pitch.

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Jewish Agency being restructured

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Jewish Agency, for generations one of world Jewry's main philanthropic and emotional links to Israel, is in the midst of a financial crisis of unprecedented proportions, the Agency's secretary general Howard Weisband said recently.

The Agency has responded with an ambitious financial restructuring plan that would see it slash $500 million (US) in expenditures and increase its income by $230 million over the next five years, Weisband said. If it succeeds, the Agency would be back on the road to financial well-being.

Weisband, a native of Pittsburgh who made aliyah in 1986, acknowledged the financial goals being advanced by the Agency were optimistic. "I have a lot of concern" whether they can be met, he said.

Weisband was in Toronto last week to speak to officials of the United Jewish Appeal (UJA), as well as to canvassers, students and professional staff.

"I'm here to bring information to those doing the canvassing so they can be more familiar with the Israeli side," he said.

Historically, half the money raised by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto goes for domestic needs such as Jewish education and social welfare, while the other half is allocated through the United Israel Appeal to the Jewish Agency.

The Agency pools the Canadian funds with money raised around the world to promote aliyah – bringing Jews to Israel and providing them with a "basket" of goods and services for their first year in the Jewish State.

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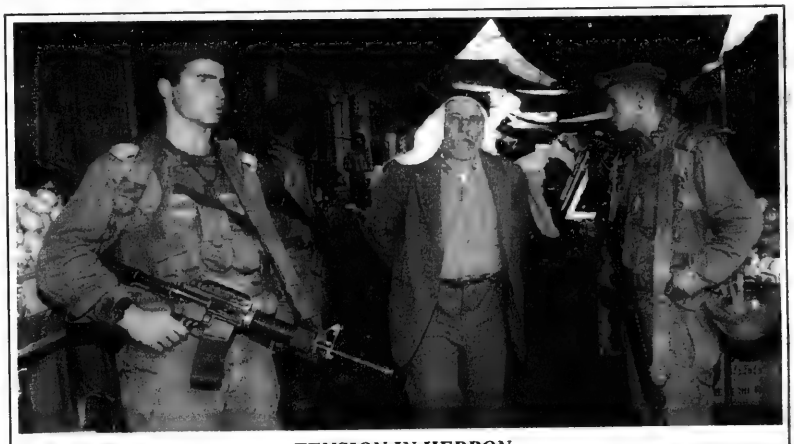
Howard Weisband



TENSION IN HEBRON

Soldiers guard the open air market in Hebron. There were demonstrations and violent encounters last week between Jewish and Arab residents of Hebron. The IDF was called to intervene. *[RNS photo]*

Marx calls for public CJC review

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — What went wrong with the registration of delegates at the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly in May and the hotly contested presidential election which dominated it?

Herbert Marx, a Quebec Superior Court justice and former justice minister, promised a thorough and open review. "Everything that happened will be aired. Everyone who has something to say will be heard," he told the Congress national executive at its recent meeting.

Marx was appointed last June by new Congress president Goldie Hershon to review the organization's national officer election bylaws, particularly those related to the accreditation and registration of voting delegates.

Marx told the executive that he favors a "public process" and that the commission's hearings should be open to *The Canadian Jewish News* and perhaps other media. This is at odds with what Hershon said last June; she said submissions and presentations should not be made public.

At a closed-door officers' meeting later, the other six members of the commission were appointed. Congress communications director Mike Cohen said he could not release the names until each had been notified and accepted the task. He did say the nominees will be nationally representative, and most, but not all, have Congress positions.

None, however, had any direct involvement with the various committees associated with the election, he said. Observers will also be invited to sit in.

Marx had no formal association with Congress when appointed chair. However, he has since been named a Quebec region officer and national executive member.

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Interim accord on horizon

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TABA — As *The CJN* went to press last Friday, Israel and the Palestinian Authority (PA) were said to be close to initialing an interim agreement on expanding Palestinian autonomy and finalizing several thorny issues, including the status of Hebron's Jews.

The agreement was to be brought before last Sunday's cabinet meeting.

Meanwhile, in Jerusalem, Environment Minister Yossi Sarid and the PLO's Nabil Shaath began to discuss a timetable for the phased release of 5,500 Palestinian prisoners still held in Israeli jails.

But it remained unclear whether the two sides would initial an overall agreement before the prisoners' issue was resolved.

Unconfirmed radio reports said the deal will spell out security measures and a timetable for the redeployment of Israeli troops.

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EARLY DEADLINES

Due to the upcoming holidays, *The CJN* will have early deadlines. Display advertising deadline for the Oct. 12 issue is Tuesday, Oct. 3 10:00 a.m. Classified and organization ad deadline is Monday Oct. 2 at 4:00 p.m. For the Oct. 19 issue, deadlines are Wednesday Oct. 11 at noon, for display advertising and Oct. 11, 10:00 a.m. for classified and organization ads.

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ISRAEL

Closure, Deaths

JERUSALEM — The Israel Defence Force sealed the Gaza Strip last Wednesday, following information that Islamic Jihad was planning a suicide attack inside Israel.

The IDF said the closure would last at least until after Rosh Hashana.

Military sources said it was reasonable to assume that the expected signing of phase two of the Oslo accords and the Jewish holidays would attract suicide bombers.

In Nablus, a soldier opened fire and killed a teenager, after youths threw rocks at an army patrol. News of the death triggered riots in the city.

Israel Radio reported that a second man was shot dead in Nablus Wednesday night, in a continuation of the protests.

And Israeli security agents also arrested the mother of Yihye Ayyash, "The Engineer," considered the mastermind of the past year's suicide bombings, in a bid to track him down.

Ayyash's mother Aysha, 55, was taken to a police station for questioning about when she last saw her son.

'Weak' Extremists

JERUSALEM — Israeli police last week briefly detained five members of a grassroots settlers' movement on suspicion of incitement and distributing illegal documents.

Police issued the detention orders after searching the homes of the five men, all members of Zo Artzeinu (This is Our Land), a group that organized recent countrywide protests against Israel's negotiations with the Palestinians.

The five were released on bail.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal called the group "very extreme, but very weak."

Wall Rabbi Dies

JERUSALEM — Rabbi Yehuda Meir Getz, the rabbi of the Western Wall for the last 27 years, died last week following a heart attack. He was 71.

After moving from Tunisia to Israel in 1949, Rabbi Getz settled in the Galilee. He served in the army, rising to the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

After one of his sons was killed in the battle for Jerusalem during the 1967 Six Day War, Rabbi Getz moved to the Old City and settled in the Jewish Quarter.

He established a yeshivah there, and took up the duties he held until his death.

Russians and Iran

JERUSALEM — Russian officials told visiting Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last week that they will proceed with plans to sell nuclear reactors to Iran, according to media reports here.

Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev reportedly told Rabin that the technology involved was of a "peaceful nature" and that the sales are within international law.

WHO's in Israel

JERUSALEM — The World Health Organization convened its annual European session in Jerusalem this week, the first time such a gathering has taken place in Israel.

Representatives from some 50 countries, including Israel, attended the Sept. 18 to 23 conference to discuss world health issues.

WORLD

Arson Suspect

BONN — German officials have arrested a suspect in the May 7 arson attack on the synagogue in the northern city of Lubeck.

Officials said the 27-year-old man is mentally unbalanced, and ruled out anti-Semitic motives.

The fire destroyed an extension to the synagogue but caused no injuries.

Germans Named Righteous

BERLIN — Twelve Germans who risked their lives to save Jews during World War II were honored this month here by Israel's Yad Vashem Holocaust memorial.

Avi Primor, Israel's ambassador to Germany, presented the Righteous Among the Nations awards. The mayor of Berlin also attended.

Ten members of the group — the largest to be recognized at once in Germany — were named posthumously.

During the war, the honorees sheltered Jews, often in their homes and businesses, and provided food and medical aid.

Synagogue Returned

TBLISI — Georgia's President, Eduard Shevardnadze, flew to a remote mountainous town last week for a celebration of the return to local Jews of a synagogue that had been confiscated by Communist authorities decades earlier.

At the celebration in the town of Oni, Shevardnadze joined a 10-member delegation of the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee that was visiting Georgia at his invitation.

About 12,000 Jews live in the former Soviet republic.

Syrian Attends

BRUSSELS — The presence of the head of Syria's Jewish community at meetings of world Jewish leaders last week here was a "clear, political signal from Syria," said Elan Steinberg, executive director of the World Jewish Congress (WJC).

A few months ago, Syria would not have let the Jewish leader, Yousef Jajati, go to the meetings of the WJC and the European Jewish Congress, said Steinberg.

Steinberg called Jajati's presence "very significant."

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Congress executive frustrated at budget cuts

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress' frustration with seeing its budget whittled away came to the surface at the recent national executive meeting.

Congress received a five per cent cut by CJF Canada, the body that decides how much of the funds raised through local United Israel Appeal (UIA) campaigns should go to national Jewish organizations. That translates into a decrease of about $160,000, from $3.194 million to $3.034 million for July 1, 1995 to June 30, 1996.

Charles Zaionz, past chair of the national executive, asked CJF chair Richard Vineberg if the budgets of UIA and the major federations were being scrutinized as closely as that of Congress.

"There's a feeling, especially in Toronto, that funds coming from the Jewish taxpayer have been allocated unfairly in recent years ... Unless there is an equitable distribution of funds, the amount collected [in UIA campaigns] will diminish because people are unhappy," Zaionz said.

Congress' budget has been stretched so tight, he said, that staff cannot be paid increases, yet the federations, at least in Toronto and Montreal, are hiring away former Congress professionals and paying them more than Congress could.

Vineberg said CJF Canada has also taken a five per cent decrease in its approximately $400,000 annual budget. "It's simplistic to think that CJF Canada does whatever it wants," he said, noting that Congress representatives are involved in the decision-making. Vineberg is himself a past national Congress treasurer.

Five per cent reduction

He said the five per cent reduction in its own allocation is "part of the message of equity and fairness we are trying to get across" to the communities.

Vineberg rejected a suggestion that less money might be sent to Israel. "The Jewish Agency is running a $50-million deficit. If it keeps on, it will soon be $600 million in the hole."

Congress national treasurer Zave Climan said the $160,000 cut is being made almost equally between Congress' national and regional operations.

The two largest of the eight Congress regions will lose the greatest proportion: Quebec's share drops from $500,577 to $474,277; and Ontario's from $701,934 to $664,734. The only region untouched is the Pacific, whose budget remains at $197,255.

The allocation for national operations went down to $1.451 million from $1.543 million.

National executive member David Satok accused the Congress officers of "blithely going along without a fight," but Climan countered that Congress is "well-represented on CJF Canada and, in the end, it is their decision ... Realistically, we can't expect a penny more."

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CJC regions to vote on resolutions

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Resolutions put on the backburner since the May Canadian Jewish Congress plenary assembly will be discussed and voted on at upcoming Congress regional council meetings.

The yeas and nays across the country will be tabulated to see whether the resolutions passed, a recent meeting of the national executive committee was informed.

Even though this recourse exists in Congress' national bylaws (25-H), the process will mark a departure from the organization's traditional practice of having outstanding resolutions dealt with at a meeting of Congress' national council, said resolutions chair Reisa Teitelbaum.

Because national council meetings have invariably been held in Montreal or Toronto, Teitelbaum said people outside Quebec and Ontario were for all intents "excluded" from the process.

The new system, she said, will be more representative of the national Jewish community and will maximize debate.

At the plenary, officials were embarrassed when it took almost an hour to muster a quorum for an early-morning resolutions session, even though the session is meant to address the most important issues facing the Canadian Jewish community, she said.

The delay kept 11 resolutions from being debated and made it a virtual certainty, Teitelbaum indicated, that the next plenary (1998 in Toronto) will schedule the resolutions session at a more convenient hour and allow more time for proper debate.

The resolutions still to be dealt with include those on hate propaganda and bias crime; combatting computer hate; collective and group rights; social security reform; women in poverty; the *get;* mental and physical abuse and sexual harrassment; and remedial legislation on workplace discrimination.

Other resolutions involve pensions for homemakers; gun control legislation; and preserving Jewish cemeteries in declining Jewish communities.

In reply to a question, Teitelbaum provided assurance that "a good half" of the resolutions that were passed at the assembly were indeed in the process of being "dealt with," including one that resolved that Congress investigate its own fundraising procedures.

"There is an ongoing process taking place," Teitelbaum said. "They are not being put in a drawer."

Congress national executive chair Renee Bellas expressed a similar sentiment.

"We have every intent of making sure that resolutions are not ignored," she said.

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Greater Toronto Area

Settlers' situation pains Bar-Ilan professor

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A pained look crosses Prof. Shlomo Eckstein's face as the topic turns to the situation of Jewish settlers who have made their homes outside of Israel's pre-1967 borders.

"It's a deep, deep problem," said the president of Bar-Ilan University during a recent interview. An economist by profession, Eckstein is also a commentator on religious and societal issues in Israel.

Eckstein's own daughter lives in "one of those towns in the so-called territories. She raised five children there. For delegates of ... a Zionist movement which the whole nation supported, all of a sudden to see themselves as barriers to the peace process is a terrible situation."

There is no justification for the acts of the few religious settlers who have resorted to violence, he added.

One of the major problems is that the Arabs from the territories who worked in Israel for years have been supplanted by imported workers from countries such as Romania and Taiwan, said Eckstein. If not for Israel's fear of terrorist attacks, the borders could be opened again to Arab workers, he added.

"The terrorists know [their attacks] will create unemployment and discontent. I think an agreement between Israel and those territories which will be handed back, in such a way that labor and merchandise could move freely, would help the peace process to strike deeper roots."

Bar-Ilan University's contribution to the peace process lies largely in its BESA Institute, a strategic studies centre named for former Israeli prime minister Menachem Begin and former Egyptian president Anwar Sadat.

The institute's role is "to provide a second opinion" on political issues and implications of various policies, said Eckstein. Affiliated researchers run the political gamut from right wing to left. "That's the way it should be," he said.

Shlomo Eckstein

Within the Jewish community of Israel, Bar-Ilan plays a significant role in bridging the growing gap between secular and observant Jews.

The gap is greater in Israel than in the Diaspora, Eckstein noted. In North America, even Reform Jews are connected to the Jewish community through their synagogues and their rabbis, he said. In Israel, "either you belong to the observant [group], or you don't."

All 20,000 Bar-Ilan students, about half of whom are from non-observant homes, must take courses in basic Jewish studies such as Tanach, Talmud, Jewish history and Jewish philosophy.

The courses are not proselytic, Eckstein emphasized, but are aimed at increasing knowledge and understanding.

In the 40 years since its establishment, 20,000 students have graduated from Bar-Ilan.

CLARIFICATION

In the article about Caron Feldman, a young Toronto woman suffering from anorexia, (*The CJN*, Jan.19, 1995) the impression may have been created that her father was instrumental in setting in motion the chain of events that led to her condition.

Mr. Feldman categorically denies that he arranged for Caron to take any diet pills.

The CJN apologizes for inadvertently creating this impression and for any embarrassment that may have resulted.

Ethiopian rabbinic student to address congregation

TORONTO — Yafet Alamu, a rabbinic student in Jerusalem who escaped from Ethiopia in 1982, will be the first Ethiopian Jew to be ordained by the Conservative movement.

On Oct. 1, at 8 p.m., Alamu will be the guest speaker here at a Tribute to Jerusalem 3000 program at the Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue, 55 Yeomans Rd.

Alamu will speak on From Addis Ababa to Jerusalem, describing the dangerous and circuitous road that took him from his birthplace in a small village near the northern city of Gondar in Ethiopia to the Seminary of Judaic Studies (bet midrash), the academic centre of Masorti (Conservative) Judaism. The meeting is open to the public.

The proceeds of the evening sponsored by the Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism will go to immigrant religious education and leadership training at the bet midrash.

On Oct. 3, Alamu will participate in the *Kol Nidre* service at Adath Sholom Synagogue, 864 Sheppard Ave.

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Greater Toronto Area

Anti-Israel tone muted: prof

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The tone of the anti-Israel rhetoric was noticeably more moderate at the fourth World Conference on Women held earlier this month in Beijing than at previous United Nations (UN) conferences, according to University of Ottawa professor Anne Bayefsky.

Bayefsky attended the conference as a delegate of the International Women's Rights Action Watch, based at the Humphrey Institute in Minnesota, and of the American Society of International Law.

Through a grant from the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation of Chicago, she is currently studying UN efforts to promote universal human rights.

The issue of "foreign occupation," which has been used before as a way to attack Israel, she said, was "sidelined to a small group and not allowed to dominate the rest of the negotiations [to prepare the final conference statement]."

In the draft text, Bayefsky noted, "there were a whole series of sections in which the Arab states wanted to insert 'foreign occupation' in various ways."

The issue was sent to a small negotiating group chaired by the United States, which included Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, the PLO, Cyprus, the European Union, Belgium, Norway, India, Pakistan and Turkey. The Arab-Israeli situation was not the only one in which foreign occupation was considered; it also arose about India and Pakistan, and Cyprus and Turkey.

Anne Bayefsky

The Arab representatives "took a hard line," she said, trying to insert a denunciation of foreign occupation in as many places as possible. They did succeed in including it in 10 different sections of the final platform of action.

As an example, she said the statement called upon "governments, the international community and ... society ... to take strategic action in the following critical areas of concern: poverty, inadequate educational opportunities, health care ... and the effects of persecution on women living in areas under foreign occupation."

While there was no explicit mention of Israel or any other state, she said she feels "absolutely" that it was obvious who was meant.

A "reliable, moderate source" in the Israeli delegation told her speeches "by the PLO, Syria, Lebanon and Iran attacked Israel in a manner that showed little regard for the peace talks."

The text of those speeches, as is generally the case with Arab countries, she said, were not distributed at the conference.

Regional groups

Israel, she said, might have been invited to participate in a new U.N. regional group which includes Canada, the U.S and Japan, "in view of its exclusion from all other regional groups and because of its political affinity with the other members. It wasn't." Israel is the only UN member excluded from participation in any regional groups.

On the last day of the conference, when the delegates picked up their copies of the final text, Palestinian women were distributing 'in the thousands" made-in-Egypt buttons saying "Freedom for Palestinian Prisoners" and postcards showing a woman holding a baby, a young girl and a bandaged man behind bars and the words "6,000 Palestinian detainees are still in Israeli prisons."

Although this was after the conference text was completed and could have no effect on the negotiations, "it was a parting shot," Bayefsky said.

She added that the conference revealed deep divisions between Islamic states and other developing countries, in particular those from sub-Saharan Africa.

"This could have implications for Israel in forming strategic alliances" she said.

The Sept. 14 *CJN* quoted a spokesperson for Sheila Finestone, Secretary of State for the Status of Women and leader of Canada's delegation to Beijing, as saying that Finestone is "not comfortable" speaking about Arab-Israeli or Jewish-Palestinian issues arising from the conference.

REMEMBERING

From left, Harold Kates, Fred Gilson and Al Labovitch at the cenotaph in Mount Sinai Cemetery. The three were part of the recent annual parade and memorial service by the General Wingate Branch 256 of the Royal Canadian Legion. [Barry Shainbaum Photo]

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Toronto teenagers organize concert for JNF afforestation

At the presentation of the proceeds from the Concert Of The Bands are (L to R): JNF Toronto Exec. Dir. Ben Prossin; student Larry Borins; Special Jerusalem Emissary Doron Kadmiel; student Avi Glina. Absent from the photo is student Adam Fingrut. All the proceeds went to help JNF's tree-planting in Israel.

Don't let anyone tell you that Jewish teenagers in Toronto are apathetic about their community or Israel! Larry Borins and Avi Glina, with the asistance of Adam Fingrut, demonstrated earlier this summer that a good idea and lots of hard work can work wonders.

The three Metro teenagers conceived, organized and produced a mass concert of several local bands with hundreds of their peers in attendance on the night of May 27 at Mel Lastman Square.

Selling novelty items such as T-shirts and asking for donations to help plant trees, these energetic and creative young people raised several hundred dollars to help JNF with its work in "making Israel green." Little did they know that just one month later, the Jerusalem area would be hit with the worst forest fire in Israel's history and that their efforts would be put to such immediate and important use in helping to start the replanting process.

Larry, Avi and Adam exhibited an initiative which bodes well for the new generation about to take its place in Toronto's Jewish Community. JNF welcomes such activity by the students of today as a harbinger of the leadership they will provide in the near future.

If there is a message that we should be positive regarding Jewish continuity, it can be found in the activity of these three dedicated young people and those who helped them create and succeed in putting together a night of fun and accomplishments.

Jerry Blitzer represents spirit of volunteers

Since his years as a teenager in post-war Europe, Jerry Blitzer has been a volunteer in the work of the Jewish National Fund. Coming to Canada to begin a new life, he not only survived, he flourished with a determination and energy that is readily apparent upon meeting him.

Jerry has served as JNF Chairman of the Raoul Wallenberg Yorkdale Circle Lodge of B'nai Brith for many years. He can been seen at each meeting urging members to "plant more trees."

His enthusiastic efforts have resulted in the planting of literally thousands of trees in Israel. His only reward is the knowledge that he has helped JNF in its ongoing effort to build a strong, beautiful and peaceful Israel. Jerry is now a JNF Toronto Board Member as well.

Jerry and Fila Blitzer reviewing reports at the 1995 JNF Annual Meeting.

Nathan Hurwich celebrates another Bar Mitzvah!!!

Nathan O. Hurwich being congratulated by Larry King on the occasion of the 1992 JNF Toronto Negev Dinner.

Nathan O. Hurwich celebrated the 73rd Anniversary of his Bar Mitzvah at Beth Tzedec on August 12. At 86 years of age, Nat is still going strong in his communal volunteer work.

Following the reading of his maftir, he was feted at a gala lunch by leaders of the community. Greetings were extended by many of his friends and the communal organizations with which he has been associated for many years.

Nat and his wife, Roey, have been in the ranks of Toronto's organizational leadership for six decades. Their generosity and total involvement are legendary.

Nat has been a JNF volunteer for almost 50 years, has been a Board member, is Honourary Vice-President and a Life Governor of JNF in Toronto and a National Honourary Vice-President. In 1992, Nat was Honouree at the annual Negev Dinner.

He continues his work with JNF as an active canvasser and does not miss an opportunity to promote the work of JNF. Mazel Tov, Nat! Biz Hundert un Tzvanzik!

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Meridor optimistic about peace process

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

Dan Meridor

TORONTO — Those who expected yet another blistering denunciation of the Olso accords may have been disappointed with last week's talk by Likud MK Dan Meridor.

Declaring that he would not attack "Israel's legitimate government" while abroad, Meridor delivered a rather bland overview of the peace process and surprised some by stating he is optimistic over the long run.

But Meridor, a former Israeli justice minister, didn't let Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and his Labor coalition off the hook completely.

Speaking to a crowd of about 250 at Beth Avraham Yosef of Toronto Congregation, he accused Rabin of implementing "wrong policies" — which he said can only be changed by the Israeli public within the democratic process.

"If we want to survive, it will not suffice to be nice and to behave wonderfully. We have to be strong, but not at the expense of justice," said Meridor, considered a Likud insider.

Keeping Israel strong — not just militarily but economically and socially — is key, he said, because as Israel gets stronger over the years, Arab states get weaker and more divided.

That disparity has forced Arab states, "one by one," to come to grips with Israel and realize the Jewish state cannot be defeated.

It has also forced peace — first with Egypt, then with Jordan and the PLO, although the deal with the latter is fraught with problems, Meridor said.

For one, PLO leader Yasser Arafat has still not changed his organization's charter, which calls for Israel's destruction. And the Palestinian Authority in Gaza is not extraditing suspected terrorists to Israel, as called for in the Olso accords.

If the Likud wins next autumn's election, it cannot rip up the agreement with the PLO any more than Egyptian president Hosni Mubarak can invalidate the peace treaty with Israel because it was signed by his predecessor, Meridor said.

Positive track

He said that although he's not very optimistic in the short run, "in the long run, we are on the positive track to peace."

That sentiment is tempered, though, because "the image of a strong Israel may be reversed by reverting to the pre-1967 borders."

Meridor said the "most important thing" on Israel's agenda is the absorption of immigrants, while "the one thing more dangerous than total withdrawal [from conquered territory] is a Jewish civil war."

His talk was sponsored by the synagogue and United Jewish Appeal.

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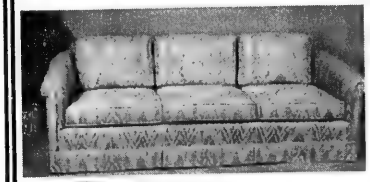

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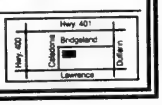

Greater Toronto Area

Commentators apologize for remarks

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A second radio commentator in less than a week has landed in hot water after rushing to the defence of a colleague who blamed the Legal Aid crisis on Jewish lawyers.

In a radio broadcast last week, CFTR commentator Dick Smyth agreed with CHUM's Brian Henderson that "there indeed is a disproportionate number of Jewish lawyers, dentists and doctors."

CFTR quickly condemned Smyth's remarks. Sandy Sanderson, general manager of 680 News (CFTR), called Smyth "dead wrong" and said his statement was "totally without any basis."

John Hinnen, executive editor of 680 News, read a repudiation of Smyth's remarks on the air, saying they were comments "with which the management of this radio station vehemently disagrees."

And after a few days, Smyth issued an on-air apology, saying he never intended to endorse "the concept that the mothers of Jewish lawyers were the root cause of our Legal Aid difficulties."

Smyth also said he regrets using the word "disproportionate."

Adding to the series of retractions, Henderson went on the air a day later and apologized for his remarks. "My attempt to preface a serious topic with a not-so-subtle bit of ethnic humor was clearly poorly conceived because it was not only misunderstood ... but created an atmosphere of ill-will and mistrust," he said.

In the commentary that sparked the controversy, Smyth said Henderson spoke some "rash but nevertheless true words. A quick inspection of the Toronto phone book reveals there indeed is a disproportionate number of Jewish lawyers dentists and doctors. In many cases their profession is the result of family pressure."

A few days before Smyth aired his comments, Henderson said Jewish mothers pushed their children into becomming lawyers and that Jewish lawyers were responsible for the Legal Aid crisis.

Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith Canada (BBC) immediately condemned Smyth's remarks. Congress spokesperson Manuel Prutschi called them "blatantly bigoted and anti-Semitic."

Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of BBC, said "Smyth has resorted to blatant anti-Semitism ... He is fostering and supporting negative stereotypes about Jews."

Smyth "uses the word 'disproportionate,' which is loaded with negative connotations, in the sense of too many," Prutschi said. "The question one is led to ask is, 'How many is too many?' Maybe the answer being invited is 'None is too many.' "

Prutschi said Congress welcomed the station's repudiation of Smyth's remarks as well as Smyth's apology.

Congress has also written to the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) pointing out that Henderson's earlier remarks have had "a ripple effect" and should be treated as a serious matter.

Moshe Ronen, chair of Congress' Ontario region, wrote to Ontario rabbis reminding them of the incidents and suggesting they address them during the High Holiday season.

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Sadness must yield

Probably no prayer in the entire body of Jewish liturgy stirs as many feelings or evokes as many images as *Kol Nidre*. It begins the evening service, the only one of the year during which prayer shawls are worn. It is recited three times in the presence of the largest congregation of the year. All the Torah scrolls are removed from the Ark and held closely, tightly, by worshippers who stand alongside the chazzan's table. In both eastern and western tradition, its haunting, deeply melancholy but very familiar strains are immediately recognizable and immediately joined by all worshippers, whether pious or not. It is mournful but also comforting. It is a lament and a reverie. It is a record of our history and a clarion for the days to come. It is the true musical and emotional complement to the sighs and the wails of the shofar's crying sounds. Sadness is an appropriate response.

But any sadness in our prayer and despair in our hearts must ultimately yield to resolve. For, as Rabbi Pinchas Brumer of Toronto teaches: "No one has the right to despair totally." Despair immobilizes; it prevents man from doing the vital work of improving the world.

The vows and the promises which *Kol Nidre* purports to nullify pertain only to our promises to God. It absolves no vows we may have made to our fellow human beings. These unfulfilled obligations remain fully intact and in force. Until we have completed improving the world, this is as it should be.

May the coming year bring us closer to completing this vital work, and may we all be inscribed for a good year of health and peace.

No partnership

As we wrote last week in an editorial concerning certain comments made by Marcel Masse, president of the Conseil de la Langue Française, some separatists have sharpened their debating swords to a very nasty edge. In his case, it was jagged with xenophobic, ethnic discrimination. But he mainly wounded himself and his cause.

Other separatist leaders, most notably Premier Jacques Parizeau himself, sweep their blade with a wide swath of delusion almost bordering on deceit. No one doubts the sincerity of his belief in the viability of a separate Quebec. But some of the arguments he urges upon Quebecers are disingenuous and fool no one. Let us examine, for example, his claim that a separate Quebec will be able to enter into a broad, economic partnership with a newly reconfigured Canada.

In an article in the *Globe and Mail* on August 24, Jeffrey Simpson offered at least eight reasons why an association or partnership between Quebec and the rest of Canada will not occur. The most compelling reason, however, is the one he described as psychological. "Canadians, having watched their country split and its influence in the world diminished, would hardly be in any frame of mind to cut some special deal with Quebec," he wrote.

The premiers of the other provinces have categorically confirmed this. Premier Roy Romanow of Saskatchewan called Parizeau's promise of preferential association "master illusion." Premier Clyde Wells of Newfoundland called it illogical.

Parizeau attempts to argue that, once the post-Yes vote trauma has subsided and the hurt feeling have mended, a partnership will develop because, after all, it will be in Canada's economic self-interest to negotiate and maintain one. This argument too is specious. As Wells observed, "Why would anyone suggest that the people of Canada would be prepared to accord a special status to a country that was not a province of Canada when it would not accord it to a province of Canada?"

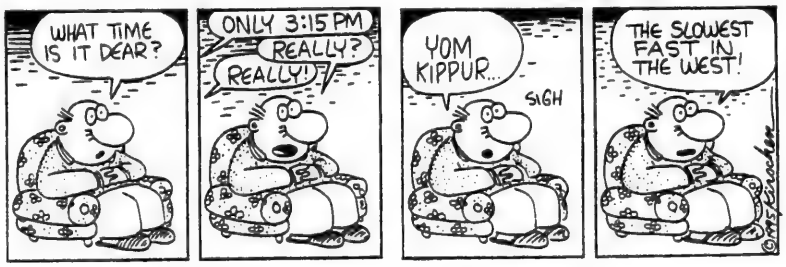
Moreover, once the man-made, east-west political tie is severed, the natural, north-south economic forces will begin to exert themselves more strongly. As a "foreign market" competing with other foreign markets or Canadian trade, Quebec will not receive "most favored status", nor deserve it.

The consequence of political separation will be economic dissolution, not economic partnership. Parizeau mocks both the other premiers of Canada and the voters of Quebec when he claims the contrary.

WISDOM OF THE AGES:

Love is the only thing that multiplies itself when it is shared.

Dry Bones



CJN article finds genetic disease carriers

I am absolutely delighted to say that the Sept. 7 *CJN* article ferreted out one and possibly two additional Ashkenazi carriers of the Beta-Thalassemia genetic trait! Moreover, both families trace their roots to the general area of what today is northern Poland or Lithuania, the place where my ancestors lived. As usual, their physicians had not initially looked to Beta-Thalassemia as the cause for the anemia and, as a result, they were incorrectly prescribed doses of iron! There are others out there facing the same situation.

When you consider that publicity in a number of Jewish papers around the world and a year of networking on the Internet only turned up five other families who carry either Beta or Alpha-Thalassemia, you can appreciate how excited I am by the impact of *The CJN* article.

This is just the start. We now have to do some genealogical investigation and DNA work to determine if they carry the newly discovered mutation carried by my family, and thus further one of the principle objectives of the project.

There is only one regret. The family of carriers identified by the Toronto physician, and to which the article refers, has not contacted me. I am keeping my fingers crossed.

Stanley M. Diamond
Montreal

Reporting welfare cheats is not snitching

Very infrequently, I'm astounded to read an editorial in your pages that is completely inappropriate to represent any segment of the Canadian Jewish community. However, for the first time, I feel compelled to write to you to say that I, and some of my friends, are offended by your use of *The CJN*, representing the Canadian Jewish community, to disseminate the viewpoint in the editorial of Aug. 31, — "How Far Civic Duty?"

You claim that establishing a system, in Ontario, for detecting those crooks who are fraudulently obtaining welfare funds, will label all those who are receiving assistance as "cheaters and suspects." Apparently, you prefer to continue to permit the fraudulant to siphon off funds for themselves, that we critically require for the truly needy.

Actually, with a system in place that catches the criminal, welfare rip-off artists, those numerous allegations of welfare fraud that circulate in the community will be challenged to report the miscreants to the authorities or shut up, and the public will be satisfied that those who continue to receive assistance deserve our sympathy and support.

Unless you condemn Neighborhood Watch, and police TIPS informers, as snitches, don't condemn the system of "snitching," as you childishly refer to it, on welfare recipient frauds.

Allan G. Phillips
Toronto

Refugees from Israel not legitimate

You report that for the second time in less than a year the Federal Court of Canada has rejected a claim by a Russian emigre for refugee status. The very thought that there could be one legitimate refugee from the State of Israel is simply preposterous. That the Canadian IRB tribunal would confer refugee status on 67 Israelis out of 238 applicants in the first six months of 1995 is outrageous. Refugee status is granted where there is state sponsored persecution and not an inability to get along with one's neighbors or employer. Israel is replete with the same democratic institutions, free access to the courts, human rights commissions and an ombudsman that exist in Canada and the United States. In fact, Canada is the only country in the world that has allowed a refugee from the State of Israel.

There is a second consideration which is particularly galling to those of us who fought long and hard to insure that Jews in the former Soviet Union were able to escape from behind the Iron Curtain and settle in Israel. For those who then turned around by and large for purely economic reasons and spit in the face of Israeli hospitality and defamed the very institutions that enabled them to get to Israel in the first place is particularly painful to witness.

Certain members of the IRB are very much in need of some basic instructions so that they can discharge their responsibilities in determining legitimate convention refugees and knowing the difference between a democratic state, a totalitarian regime and a banana republic.

Bert Raphael
Toronto

Unlock the millions in Swiss banks

There have recently been reports that Swiss banks have finally agreed to acknowledge holding funds and assets deposited by Jews and doubtless non-Jews too, seeking to escape from Hitler's clutches in the '30s.

Swiss banks say they hold a mere few million but this is most absurd when some Jews managed to get out of Germany in time to take individual fortunes of such sums.

Germany today acknowledges that six million were killed by the Nazis, many who managed to get their valuables out in time to a neighboring country.

For example: I have a son-in-law whose parents perished in the Holocaust and he remembers as a child how they put a huge sum in a branch of a Swiss bank in Belgium and left information with a relative who also perished.

It would be a good idea if there could be a central registry for all survivors to report what they can recall of friends or family making such deposits and where possible, names of banks and branches and cities.

Maybe governments, in an effort to have justice finally done, could get banks to list names and details of those secret account dormant since Hitler's days for heirs to prove rights to be repaid.

Charles Anthony
Toronto

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Perspectives

Accounting for Yom Kippur's power

By DR. VIVIAN RAKOFF

On Yom Kippur we witness the curious spectacle of ordinary Jews, neither more nor less virtuous than one could expect in a relatively decent society, repeatedly confessing to behaviors such as deceit, slander, theft and malicious gossip. They judge themselves and make these admissions, voluntarily and in public out of internal need.

Their transgressions are not recorded in the police registers. They haven't been charged, let alone found guilty. True, the verbal form of the confession is in the plural and the contrition can also be seen as contrition on behalf of the community; but the words come out of individual mouths.

If they are pious or just vaguely traditional, they move their fists against their breasts in an attenuated gesture of punishment. For many, at a certain point in the day arrived at through a combination of lowered blood sugar, the repetitions of ritual and the focused concentration on the inner life, the hyperbolic catalogue of transgression acquires some of the reality of our more guilty dreams.

In the arena of the dream world, or the focused theatre of religious ceremony, it is enough that we have had fantasies of such things. And in the symbolically charged atmosphere of the Yom Kippur service, our wrong-doing is wrong-doing within an alternate reality.

At the end of the day of confession, contrition and memory, many people feel genuinely lightened, freshened, as they go off to celebrations and parties.

None of this makes rational sense if one applies the hard-nosed standards of, say, a business life. To make sense of these ceremonies in our secular, economically driven world, we need to accept that there is a domain of existence of great importance to us, one very different from our workday lives. One of the achievements of Freud and his followers, was to accept rationally the power of the irrational.

But long before Freud, Aristotle wrote about the mysterious power of tragedies to engage rapt attention and to cleanse the audience, calling the intense, often painful pouring out of emotions on the stage and in the minds of the audience, catharsis. At the end of a day of three tragedies and a kind of "Ne'ilah" (concluding piece), people also felt renewed and cleansed, "purged" as Aristotle wrote "by pity and terror."

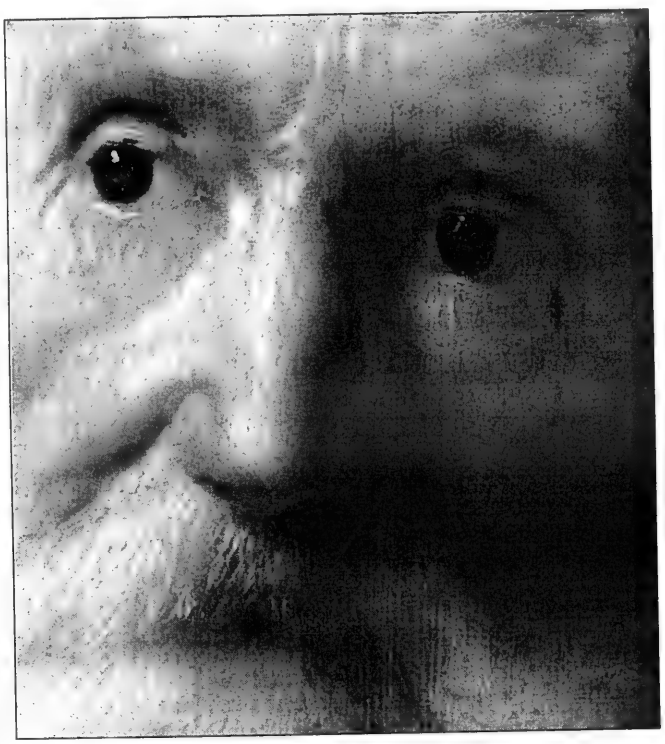
The horrors of Greek tragedies are similar to the list of crimes recited by a Yom Kippur congregation — and then some! They are records of hatred, lies and murder, all taking place under the eyes of the gods. The tragedies were religious ceremonies that tapped a dark stream of barely conscious experience in the service of much the same things that the Yom Kippur confessional does. They relieved the individual dis-ease.

And, as significantly, they bonded the audience/congregation into a believing community that shared a common view of the world. And the hovering presence of the gods removed the terrible curse of frivolity from daily action.

Life was given meaning within a context of the transcendental and the question that haunts us all — "Why bother?" — was given a non-rational and mysterious answer: Individual lives are important because they are enacted under a huge transcendental canopy. The "meaning" of pain and suffering may remain obscure, but we are left with an inner conviction that ultimately we, our brief lives, our silliness, malice and indeed wrong-doing do have meaning. Our actions are significant.

Whether we will it or not, the brain, the mind — whatever we call the inner engine of our psychological life — is constantly at work throughout our lives. It seems to have at least two modes of processing experience which run parallel with one another. The one is the clear, easily accessible stuff of the day to day. The other is more formless, slippery and dark. And both place demands on us, and have their dangers and their satisfactions. We cannot escape them.

Conscious experience is governed mainly by what the psychoanalysts have called, "secondary process thinking." Things are, more or less, what they appear to be. Thought processes are more or less logical, categories are more or less clear. By contrast, the pre-conscious or unconscious mental workings are governed by "primary process thinking." Time is compressed, separate events are blended, categories are fractured and re-combined in unusual ways.



The man's eyes, clear but somehow melancholy, seem focussed on a point far off on the horizon of his life. They starkly convey the dimension of contrition which is the heart of Yom Kippur and which, as Dr. Rakoff writes, can elevate a person "to a different plane of existence". (The painting is *Bust of an Old Man by Jan Lievens*)

During the day, we feel we have some control over the thoughts and feelings which are the substance of our awareness of ourselves. And we do have some control. Quite apart from our own awareness there is so much competition from the surrounding world that our internal focus is diluted or modified by the buzz and confusion of our surroundings: The car radio, the phone, the traffic, the job, our appetites. And for the most part we cope, or even better, we create and achieve.

But at night, when the interfering feedback of the world is subdued, the parallel life takes over and almost fills the stage of awareness and preoccupation. It happens most powerfully during dreams when we lie with our voluntary muscles paralysed and our brains in a state of intense activity, generating vivid, fully-experienced, fragmented narratives. When we are worried, a similar, dreamless state prevails in our tormented half-sleep when we lie tossing and turning. It is less so, but still operating, when we pace with the comforting glass of warm, sleep-inducing milk (or, God forbid, whisky) in the kitchen at 3 a.m.

In dreams, or in the near-delusional waking anxiety of that time which Scott Fitzgerald called "the dark night of the soul," we are busy solving and sorting out our magnified and distorted conflicts and tensions. Conflicts and tensions are an attribute as common to humankind as the commonly shared facts of anatomy and physiology. (I am not writing here about the terrible agony of depression as an illness when the normal doubts and fears are magnified to unbearable proportions.)

None of us in our own judgement is good enough, kind enough, honest enough or achieving enough. And at night, there are the monsters and inchoate terror that we have hatched from a blend of our long-term histories and the day's experience. Every night, we "purge" our minds of what we cannot usefully maintain. It is as though in dreams we enact a physiological process of expiation through terror and forgiveness, a bodily catharsis. When we wake, we can then go on. Every dawning presents the comfortable illusion of a fresh start.

Our inevitable and inescapable sense of fallibility derives from all the authorities of our lives, parents, family, community standards, the laws of God and the state. Freud clumped all these forces into the irrational, excessively demanding super-ego which speaks for the voice of conscience in the unconscious.

Some philosophers argue that our moral sense is not imposed externally, but springs from the essential structure of our minds. In modern computer language terms, they say we are moral because morality is encoded into the hard disc of human endowment. Anthropologists have tried to divide societies into those that induce either shame or guilt, to separate the major mechanisms by means of which individuals in any given society are socialized into orderly, law-abiding citizens. But shame and guilt are Siamese twins and to truly separate them requires theoretical contortions, which however ingenious they are, have a way of collapsing at the edges so that the two entities bleed into one another.

Occasionally, our sense of transgression is rational and warranted. People do run traffic lights, steal, embezzle, rob and do terrible things. Sometimes such acts seem to be the major preoccupations of the media. (Newspapers, movies and television are to an extraordinary degree carriers of a vision of the world as a lust-driven, power crazy, greedy amoral cesspit.)

But for most of us, most of the time, such real sinning is simply not characteristic of our lives. The view from your window, wherever it is, is most unlikely to reveal a murder, a fire, an accident, a rape or a robbery. Overt criminality is less common than ordinary decent behavior. Yet we ordinary "good" folk need relief from the accumulation of guilt which seems to be our sadly normal fate, some powerful mechanism which will deal at the level of the symbol with our sense of accumulated wrong-doings, something which will allow us to carry on, which will make sense of our days.

How else can we account for the power of Yom Kippur? The secular, the vaguely affiliated, the shul-once-a-year (excluding weddings and bar mitzvahs) among us pack the usually near-empty spaces: synagogues, shtiebels, day school gymnasiums. The casual or the late-comers can't get tickets. It's as though some great entertainment is being offered instead of a painful, memory laden self-accusatory ceremony of trial and deprivation. Why? The religious don't need any subtle answer. For them its simple: It is written and the prescribed behavior is followed because it is prescribed. But for the rest of us — the majority of us — it is more subtle.

Yes, there is a sense of belonging which is affirmed by being with a congregation, vague habit, nostalgia and of course, Yizkor. But Yizkor is only part of Yom Kippur and not its central part (even though after Yizkor most non-Orthodox shuls almost empty — the day's work done). The core remains the hope that, in ways we can't fully articulate, we will be relieved of a messy oppressive burden of inchoate guilt and shame. But at a more significant level, we take part in a huge drama of redemption during which we are — if even for a moment — elevated to a different plane of existence.

The modern industrial societies are good at satisfying the needs of the conscious side of our lives. This century is full of failed secular attempts to aggrandize existence with social and political myths. New men are offered and new societies have promised something like the transcendental. But each in turn has failed. We witness the odd flourishing of partial causes — good causes — entering into the fervor and total myth-systems of major religions. The latest is probably "the environment."

But we continue to need sense-making myths which take away our "cosmic" loneliness. They need to be part of personal and group history. In that sense, Yom Kippur encapsulates, even for the secular, the desire for a meaningful life.

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Opinions

Terror and glory on Yom Kippur

By Jack Chisvin

I was but a child then, understanding little of the significance of the *kapporot* ceremony, but vaguely realizing that what was taking place was somehow connected to the mysticism which shrouds Yom Kippur.

That morning, my mother enters the chicken coop to select five birds, three cocks and two hens. As generally happens when a human enters, the coop becomes a throbbing clamor of clucking and crowing as the excited chickens begin to run and fly in all directions. Gradually, the embattled uproar grows quieter and my mother spots a bird which is destined to be a *kapporah*. She circles around it, never taking her eye off it, the bird becomes entranced and lies motionless, she squats down before it and with lightning speed seizes it by the leg. The bird tries to wrench itself free, shaking and shrieking, but it is no match for my mother. Soon its legs are tied and its fate is sealed.

The house is full of noise. The frightened and bewildered fowl are upraised and the rite begins. We rotate the birds nine times about the head reciting together, "This is instead of me, this is an offering on my account, this is in expiation for me; this cock (or hen) shall be assigned to death and may I enter a long and healthy life." I mouth the incantation, but I am otherwise engaged in the thought that the fowl might befoul my head.

We carry the birds to the *shochet* across the street. I recoil when from the folds of the *shochet's* coat a long knife flashes. He throws the birds to the ground where they lie to cool. Rivulets of blood run from their necks, spattering their white feathers.

The misbegotten chickens are served the next day for the last meal before the fast — chicken soup with kreplach, boiled chicken, carrot tzimmes and lokshen kugel. I wonder in my childish way if the biblical imperative to fast is a catharsis for eating the *kapporah*.

The yahrzeit candles are lit. My mother piously blesses her candles. *Gut yom tov* my parents greet each other and kiss tenderly. *Gut yom tov* children, and we in turn receive a loving kiss. We hasten off to shul, we dare not be late for *Kol Nidre*.

The shul is a shtiebl, a modest wooden frame building, but neither the vast vaults of Notre Dame nor the soaring dome of St. Peter's was ever filled with a more impressive inner radiance. It is an allegory of colors and rhythms. Candles glow everywhere. Lamps and pendant candelabra gleam overhead scattering speckled light on the crowded congregation.

The chazzan begins to chant *Kol Nidre*, but not alone. The worshippers join in with a wordless exalted melody. A sense of solemnity and sadness pervades, arousing the deep hidden religious feelings and longings of humankind.

Now, the lower men's section is a surging sea of white tallesim. The tallesim bend, sway, move upward, turn side to side. The tallesim plead, pray, moan. The women in the balcony take their cue from the men. They sob, wail, implore, hands stretched upward, as if asking the ceiling to open so they can ascend to heaven.

In the morning, we return to shul early. I remain outside to play nut games with the boys. Some have apples and some have honey cake to eat, but all have pockets well stocked with hazel nuts — it is going to be a long day. From time to time I call in on my parents. Sour breath and the odors of unwashed bodies hang in the heavy air. The women's section is a dirge of stifled weeping, sighs and lamentations. Many have little vials of ammonia which they dab on tear-soaked handkerchiefs clutched in their hands.

The sun is setting and shadows begin to fall. Stars punctuate the darkening sky. The Neilah service is underway. The congregation stands, weakened from the long fast and arduous prayers. This is the end. In a moment the gates will close. The shofar, as a musical instrument an unfortunate invention, sounds one long resounding *tekiah* with primitive ferocity. Yom Kippur is over — we made it for another year.

My children and grandchildren will never know a past that is no more — the terror and the glory of my world on Yom Kippur as I was growing up in the shtetl incarnate that was the north end of Winnipeg.

Jonah and the great fish

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

With Yom Kippur approaching, I wonder how many people have ever given thought to the question of why the story of Jonah is an important part of the day's liturgy.

You are, of course, familiar with the tale, which forms a complete "book" in our Bible. Jonah, a prophet, is asked by God to travel to Nineveh in Mesopotamia and there preach to the people, tell them that because of their sins their city will be destroyed by God. For reasons of his own, Jonah decides to flee from the Divine call and tries to get as far away from his native land as possible. He takes a boat from Jaffa, is thrown overboard by the crew during a violent storm which God has brought about, and is swallowed by a great fish (which popular tradition made into a whale). Jonah prays, is spewed out on to land, proceeds to Nineveh, and when the people hear his message, they repent and God forgives them. In the process, Jonah plays a less than heroic role.

It is to all appearances a very simple story; yet the discussions of what exactly the book means to tell us are endless. Large tomes have been written about it, and it might interest you to hear some of the theories. Here are some of the many interpretations:

It is a story which was composed in the fifth century BCE in order to oppose the nationalistic policies of Ezra. The gentile sailors and the people of Nineveh, too, are open to the word of the universal God.

The midrash makes a hero out of Jonah by suggesting that his motivation was to protect the good name of Israel. He knew that if he announced the destruction of Nineveh there would be immediate repentance, which in turn would cause God to reverse the decree. In consequence, Jonah and his people would be seen as foolish and Israelite prophecy would be held in low esteem by other nations.

The book stresses Divine forgiveness when sinners repent sincerely. It proclaims the same theme as does Yom Kippur and therefore is read to the congregation at afternoon services.

The book stresses the paradoxical nature of prophecy. The prophet foretells God's severe judgement, but if people listen and act accordingly, the prophecy will not be fulfilled.

Justice and mercy are always complementary. Divine forgiveness does not demonstrate God's weakness, even though the sinner is not punished as God's own law demands.

Most likely several of these themes enter the composition of the work and have made it into a prism — as one holds it up to the light, it refracts in varying colors. Like the story itself, one is left with a question rather than with the answer and in fact, the book ends with a question. That in itself adds to the eternal attraction of the book.

So, come Yom Kippur afternoon you might consider these interpretations. Meanwhile, I wish you a good fast.

On a different subject: CBC plans to make a documentary on the refusal of Swiss banks to release funds deposited by Nazi victims whose heirs are denied their rights. If you know of any family in Canada whose claim has been rejected, please get in touch with me (telephone 416-789-3291; fax 789-9697).

Ensuring a bright Jewish future

By Lori Binder

The first time I wrote an article for *The Canadian Jewish News* was last March, at the end of the university year. It is fitting that I am writing my second article not only at the onset of a new school year, but also at the beginnning of a new year in the Jewish calendar.

This time of year for many is a solemn period of awakening, as they prepare for the days of Judgment and Atonement. However, we must also realize that this time of year is a time of celebration of a new Jewish year and a new beginning.

CAMPUS VOICES

The new school year not only marks a heavy workload for students, but also a time to get back into campus life after the summer vacation. Jewish student organizations across the country have begun to offer programming to students starting back into courses.

We must celebrate the work of these local organizations who undertake this difficult task of offering Jewish resources and programming to a population whose time is a premium. We must also celebrate the involvement of student leaders who volunteer their time to make this much needed programming a success. Their initiatives and hard work contribute greatly to the Jewish dynamics of our community.

As I reflect on this past year I find numerous reasons to celebrate. The community is continuing to successfully fulfil its new initiative of working with the student community. On a personal level, I have been able to become more closely involved with my community here in Winnipeg and thus learn more about it and contribute to it.

Programs for students by students

I have seen the Jewish Student Association in Winnipeg grow over the past three years to become the success it is today, thanks to our community, which has enabled the organization and the students to provide a variety of programs to an increasing number of students.

On a national level, I have witnessed an ongoing effort to develop future leaders for the Jewish community. As an executive member of the Jewish Students' Network, I have seen organizations demonstrate their belief in student efforts and allow students to give back to their community.

Network, as the only national Jewish student organization in Canada, has reason to celebrate. We are taking some new directions based on the needs and advice given by student and organizational leaders. We have begun to integrate with both community organizations and student groups to work together in establishing goals and programming for the future. This has allowed us to rejoice in the feeling of connectedness and sharing. Only through working together will we be able to feel like *Am Echad*, one Nation.

Network is celebrating its 18th birthday this year. For 18 years, Jewish students in Canada have been given the opportunity to provide and run programs for students by students. Network has not only been able to educate students through its diverse programming and resources, it has also become actively involved in many community projects such as Operation Exodus and leadership development. There are many Network alumni that have become active leaders in the North American Jewish community as well as in Israel. Of this we should be proud.

We must learn from our successes so that we can continue to grow and keep in mind what we must continue to do. As an advocate for my fellow Jewish students, I feel it is imperative that Jewish students be seen as whole members of the community. Together we will share the benefits of this effort and our community will continue to grow,

I hope we will all begin to realize what we have accomplished and rejoice in our contribution to furthering our Jewish community. Too often we only see how far we have to go, rather than how far we've come. As a message to my fellow students across the country, may this new year allow us to reach further and achieve more than we ever dreamed possible. Together we will ensure a bright Jewish future. Shanah Tovah.

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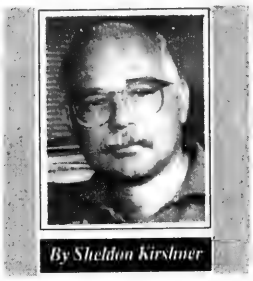
Festival films explore the Jewish condition



This year's Toronto International Film Festival, which ended on Sept. 16, was the cultural event of the month. Aficionados had 298 films from which to choose, and several, hardly enough in a festival of this magnitude, turned on Jewish themes.

Under the Domim Tree (Etz Hadomim Tafus) is the sequel to the *The Summer of Aviya* (1988), the deservedly acclaimed biographical film which drew its sustenance from the poignant relationship between a woman who had lost her family in the Holocaust and her sensitive daughter, Aviya.

Eli Cohen's film, which is based on a novel by Israeli actress Gila Almagor and set in a youth village in 1953, focuses on a group of displaced teenagers who have lived through and have been scarred by the Holocaust.

It's a terrific film — one of the finest to emerge from Israel. Touching without being maudlin, and distinguished by first-rate performances from an ensemble of virtually unknown actors, it works its magic effortlessly.

Its strength lies in its ability to breathe life into a varied cast of characters, the majority of whom are orphans who haven't given up the search for their presumably murdered parents.

Aviya (Kaipo Cohen), a female lead in *The Summer of Aviya,* shares their pain and sense of loss because she, too, has been affected by the Holocaust. Aviya's mute mother (Almagor, in a cameo role) is confined to an institution, while the whereabouts of her father, the source of Aviya's obsession, has yet to be established.

Buttressed by a moody musical score, the film builds momentum as Aviya's concerns intersect with those of the troubled teens in her midst.

There is Yurek (Ohad Knoller), a Hollywood handsome boy who is gradually drawn to Aviya; there is Yola (Orli Pearl), whose dream of being reunited with her parents in Poland is suddenly shattered; there is Mira (Riki Blich), who resists the blandishments of a couple claiming to be her parents; there is Sarah (no credit given), whose jealousy is ignited by Yurek's romantic interest in Aviya.

The movie is not flawless. Its metaphorical centrepiece, the domim tree under which the youngsters seek solace and solitude, seems contrived.

The sub-plot, the planting of a rose garden by a Dutch Zionist, is an apt metaphor for rebirth. It comes off beautifully.

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"I want to go on living after my death," Anne Frank, the remarkable diarist, wrote presciently before she was betrayed and consigned to an untimely death.

She need not have worried. Fifty years after she perished of malnutrition and disease in Bergen-Belsen, Anne Frank is arguably the best-known victim of the Holocaust, an enduring symbol of its horrors.

Her diary, which she began at the age of 13, has been published in 54 languages in 25 million copies since it was released in 1947. And the stage adaptation of *The Diary of Anne Frank*, which won the Pulitzer Prize, was made into a Hollywood movie in 1959.

In addition, Anne Frank — one of the 1.5 million Jewish children who are estimated to have died in the Holocaust — has been the subject of documentaries, books, articles and monographs.

The newest entry, Jon Blair's documentary, *Anne Frank Remembered*, may well be the definitive eulogy of this Dutch martyr. Blair's movie is a skillfully assembled amalgam of personal testimony, archival footage (including a never-before-seen film clip of Anne), letters and excerpts from her diary narrated by actors Kenneth Branagh and Glenn Close. This solid documentary is both a rounded portrait of a maturing girl and a plea for tolerance in an intolerant universe.

The Anne Frank who emerges from this documentary is curious, intelligent, self-possessed, talkative and feisty.

As we know, Anne, who addressed her diary as Kitty, lived in a loft with her family for two years. Otto, her father, had prepared it in case of an emergency. The disaster presented itself in July 1942, when the Germans rounded up the Jews of Amsterdam.

Anne and Otto, though not her sister Margot and her mother Edith, adapted quickly to their hiding place in the secret annex over Otto's business establishment.

Theirs was a grim, claustrophobic, fearful existence, which they shared with four other Jews. Not surprisingly, tension was in the air. Anne, for example, disliked one of the boarders, Fritz Pfeffer, a straitlaced dentist. Interestingly enough, Miep Gies — a Christian friend who supplied the Franks and their guests with food and information — claimed that Pfeffer was actually "a lovely, lovely man."

Blair's film, which is never less than riveting, goes on to explore Anne's poor relationship with her mother, her brief romantic idyl with 17-year-old Peter Van Pels, the manner in which her diary was saved and finally published, and the adulation that has been showered on her since then.

An exceptional piece of work.

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My Mother's Courage, which had its world premiere in Toronto, is a rarity: a Holocaust film sprinkled with moments of levity .

Based on a novel by George Tabori, it is directed by Michael Verhoeven (*The Nasty Girl*), a German filmmaker with a highly honed penchant for mining the humor of an otherwise black situation.

Budapest in the summer of 1944 was a catastrophic time for its Jewish residents. The Nazi deportations had begun in the hinterland, and the Jews of the Hungarian capital, including Tabori's parents, were next in line for oblivion. Tabori himself, was safely ensconced in London as the calamity loomed.

By then, Tabori's father — a philandering newspaper editor — had already lost his job and been arrested. Yet his mother, Elsa, an eternal optimist, seemed blissfully and naively ignorant of the approaching cataclysm.

Starring the British actress Pauline Collins as Elsa, *My Mother's Courage* essentially unfolds through her eyes and those of Tabori, who acts as an on-screen muse.

You immediately know that this film will be different when it pokes malicious fun at the clumsy, sartorially-inept Hungarian policemen who arrive to arrest Tabori's father and, later, his mother.

Once these mildly amusing Keystone Kops scenes fade away, the tone changes drastically, and *My Mother's Courage* takes on most of the trappings of a conventional Holocaust film.

The mood is one of doom as a grimy train station fills to overflowing with Jews who are under the impression that nothing is amiss. The sense of desperation builds as random beatings, humiliations, a rape and a murder, some conveyed in flashbacks, take place.

The climax occurs when an SS officer in charge of the Auschwitz-bound train miraculously spares Elsa's life, thus confirming her faith in human decency. But this Schindler-like gesture hardly absolves the murderers of their crimes, a theme which is at the core of Verhoeven's at once sardonic and compassionate film.

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SHORT TAKES:

Bombay, by Mani Rathnam, resounds to the themes of religious intolerance and communal violence. When a Hindu man and a Muslim woman in a remote village in India marry and raise a family, they encounter fierce resistance and fanaticism. The thin layer of civility of Indian society is easily torn asunder. *Bombay* is by turns pastoral, picturesque, campy and exceedingly powerful.

The Champagne Safari is George Ungar's fascinating study of Charles Bedaux, the mysterious, somewhat amoral Franco-American entrepreneur who developed an industrial concept which brought him immense wealth and who hobnobbed with Italian and German fascists, both before and during World War II. Was he a Nazi collaborator or simply a crass opportunist and profit-monger? Your guess is as good as mine.

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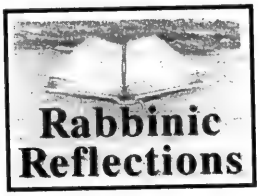

By
RABBI GEOFFREY J. HABER

There's an old legend about a splendid bird that lived in a tropical country. It was the most colorful of creatures, its plumage containing all the colors in the world. But its nest was situated at the top of a tree so tall that no one could ever hope to reach it.

When news of the bird came to the ears of a certain king, he appointed a number of people to bring it to him. They were to stand on one another's shoulders until someone could reach the bird. The people duly assembled near the tree, but while they were balancing on one another's shoulders, some of those on the bottom became bored and wandered off. As soon as the first component of this living ladder moved, the entire structure collapsed, injuring several people. As a result, the bird remained uncaptured and the king's desire remained unfulfilled.

The people failed the king in two ways. Not only did they fail to get the bird, but more important, the king's yearning to see his people united in a great undertaking went unfulfilled (Raskas, B., *Heart of Wisdom*, III:240).

In a Jewish context, this story reminds us that each Jew is important in the chain of Jewish life. If we stand together, hand in hand, with a shared commitment, we can reach new heights as a people. This in turn will give us courage and strength as individuals and as Jews. For the whole purpose of Judaism is to produce human beings who are responsible, loving and compassionate. Indeed, this is one of the fundamental lessons found in the Haftorah for Yom Kippur morning.

The Prophet Isaiah speaks out about our complacency and asks us to think about why we fast on Yom Kippur day: "Why have we fasted if You do not see it?" Isaiah asks of God. "Why have we afflicted ourselves [O God], if You do not acknowledge it?" Isaiah answers his own question by challenging us.

He says, "Behold, on the day of your fast you pursue business as usual and oppress your workers. Behold, you fast only to quarrel and fight, to deal wicked blows. Such fasting will not make your voice audible on high" (Isaiah 58:3-4).

If we fast this day, and then go about our business as though nothing happened, then our fast is worthless, says Isaiah. If we fast this day and are not moved to greater sensitivity about the needs of one another or to be compassionate or cooperative with one another, then fasting is meaningless. The prophet tells us that if we pay lip service to the holy day but do not think about its meaning or let it affect our lives, then we missed the purpose of the fast.

The purpose of the fast, as Isaiah says, is not solely affliction of the soul or personal discomfort. It is supposed to move us from our complacency and encourage us to take responsibility for our actions and for the well-being of others. "*This* is my chosen fast: To loosen all the bonds that bind men unfairly, to let the opposed go free, to break every yoke. Share your bread with the hungry, take the homeless into your home, clothe the naked when you see him, do not turn away from people in need ... Then you shall call and the Lord will answer, you shall cry out and He will say 'Here I am' " (Isaiah 58:6-7, 9).

What God wants from us this Yom Kippur day is to be responsible for our fellow human beings, to work together to create a peaceful and harmonious community. The Talmud puts it succinctly like this: "All Israel is responsible for one another."

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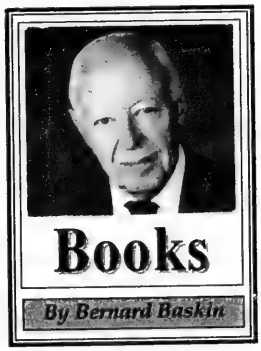
Books can serve as candles in the dark



Through the long ages, the Jew has been a faithful patron of literature. He always owned and treasured the written word. If perchance he dropped a volume, he picked it up and kissed it. If he handed someone a book, he did so respectfully, and with his right hand. The mitzvah of *pidyon shevuim* (ransoming human captives) was equated with *pidyon se'forim* (redeeming books) purloined by bandits who periodically swooped down to plunder Jewish settlements. These marauders knew that, no matter how indigent a community might be, its members would manage somehow to collect funds for the recovery of their literary treasures.

Jewish oppressors vented their hatred not only against human beings, but also against books. In this way both body and soul became victims. From the 13th to the 19th centuries, frightful holocausts against Jewish books were the rule rather than the exception. Ghettos were raided, Jewish homes were pillaged, synagogues were plundered, libraries were looted; their books were consigned to the pyre.

Zealous as he was for preserving the integrity of his faith, the worst punishment the Jew could devise for heretical volumes was to brand them as *seforim hitsonim* (apocryphal or outside books). These were to be kept in isolation and even hidden but not to be destroyed.

The Nazis gleefully consigned books to huge bonfires. At least eight million volumes went up in flames before a reversal in Nazi policy led to confiscation rather than destruction. After Germany's defeat, the victorious Allies recovered thousands of volumes. Vast numbers, however, were irrevocably lost.

The Jewish literary map is expansive in time, in space and in language. Rabbi Alan Steinbach reminds us that "Philo wrote his philosophical treaties in Alexandria, Egypt, in the Greek tongue; Josephus' works were penned in Rome, also in Greek. Solomon ibn Gabirol wrote his principal philosophical works in Arabic, in Spain. Maimonides wrote his *Guide for the Perplexed* in Cairo, in Arabic.

"Judah Halevi's *Kusari* was written in Arabic, in Spain. Moses Mendelssohn's *Phaedon* was penned in Germany, in classical German. Glueckel von Hamelin's *Memoirs* appeared in Hanover, Germany, in the Judeo-German of the time. Israel Zangwill wrote his *Voice of Jerusalem* and his novels in London, in English. Bialik's Hebrew poems were written in Odessa, Russia. H. Leivick wrote his collected poems *I Was Not In Treblinka* in New York City, in Yiddish. Edmund Fleg employed French for his poems, plays and novels. In Canada we have the poems of A. M. Klein, and it is hardly necessary to enumerate the galaxy of writers in Israel using the medium of Hebrew."

Jewish books continue to be published in unprecedented numbers, but it appears that readership is diminishing in a culture that is increasingly technological. Books, more and more, are what they use to make movies for television.

The New Year is the proper time for a positive resolution about reading. Listen to the words of Moses ibn Ezra (1070-1138): "A book is the most delightful companion ... An inanimate thing yet it talks ... it stimulates your latent talents. There is in the world no friend more faithful and attentive, no teacher more proficient ... it will join you in solitude, accompany you in exile, serve as a candle in the dark and entertain you in your loneliness. It will do you good and ask no favor in return."

Spying on welfare recipients 'inimical to my Judaism'

By RABBI DOW MARMUR

Exerpted from Rabbi Marmur's sermon on Shabbat Ki Tetze.

When I was six and a fugitive in Soviet Russia, I was told by those in power to spy on others, including my parents, in order to save the country for Communism and to protect it from subversive elements.

GUEST VOICES

Now at 60, as a free citizen of democratic Canada and a resident of Ontario, I am about to be encouraged by the provincial government to spy on others, specifically welfare recipients, in order to save the province for capitalism and protect it from those who might abuse the system. I hope you are not surprised that I am somewhat traumatized by the prospect.

No, I am not comparing the Soviet Union in 1941 to Canada in 1995, but I am suggesting that, in both cases, I am called upon to do something that is fundamentally inimical to my Judaism. For to intrude into another person's realm, be it their thoughts — as in Soviet Russia — or their lifestyle — as in Ontario — is to violate them as human beings and trample on their dignity as God's creatures. Such intrusion is, indeed, legitimate in extreme criminal cases but, the circumstances cited here are of a fundamentally different order.

I would like to illustrate the immorality of spying on the poor by quoting from the sidrah Ki Tetze,

First: "When you make a loan of any sort to your neighbor, you must not enter his house or seize his pledge. You must remain outside, while the man to whom you made the loan brings the pledge out to you." In other words, a person's privacy is so fundamental that even if I have lent her or him money, I am not allowed to violate that privacy in order to claim what is legally mine. The fact that the person needed the money does not mean that his or her dignity should be diminished, and the fact that I provided the money does not entitle me to violate the borrower's rights.

The text goes on: "If he is a needy man, you shall not go to sleep in his pledge; you must return the pledge to him at sundown, that he may sleep in his cloth and bless you; and it will be to your merit before the Lord your God." If the collateral I have been given leaves the borrower out in the cold, I am not allowed to keep it, even though, technically, I may be entitled to it. Once again, human dignity comes before fiscal prudence, and compassion comes above all else.

Further: "You shall not abuse a needy and destitute laborer, whether a fellow countryman or a stranger in one of the communities of your land." This suggests that we are not allowed to abuse the poor, whether they are "our own" or newcomers — immigrants, refugees. Once they live in our midst, we are responsible for them; they are our neighbors.

Finally: "You shall not subvert the rights of the stranger or the fatherless; you shall not take a widow's garments in pawn. Remember you were a slave in Egypt and the Lord your God has redeemed you from there; therefore I enjoin you to observe this commandment." Being a Jew means having a special responsibility for the disadvantaged in the world, for all Jews have been there and know what it's like.

The statement about not humiliating the borrower, either by entering his house or keeping his pledge overnight, is obviously addressed not to governments, but to people sufficiently well off to be able to afford to lend. Next, the injunction against withholding the wages of laborers is naturally addressed to bosses, who hire laborers. And finally, the statement about not subverting the rights of the stranger or the fatherless is clearly intended for the privileged who have to be reminded that they, too, were once the underdog and that it is thanks to God that their lot has improved and, therefore, they — we — owe something to God and must repay it to God's creatures.

Unfortunately, there is much to suggest that these texts, when read today, no longer speak to most of those for whom they were intended. Too many of us identify with power, not with justice; with government, not with people. I surmise that some, perhaps many, members of our community applaud the measures now proposed by the Government of Ontario and will, therefore, regard what I am saying today as political and thus unfit for the pulpit.

Sadly, as Jews have gained more influence in society and have thus acquired new opportunities to articulate the teachings of their tradition, a growing number have chosen to judge social issues in terms of their own needs, not of the needs of others — the very opposite to what our texts teach us. The irony should not escape us.

I am not denying the possibility that some people cheat on welfare, and I solemnly affirm that it is wrong to do so. Nevertheless, the Jewish response to that would be, I surmise, that it is better to be cheated than to humiliate the cheater. The reason is theological, not political. Judaism, with its preoccupation with the human condition, knows that most of us cheat at some point in our lives — both each other and God.

Yes, we have to be judged for wrongs, but not at any cost, and not so that the punishment exceeds the crime. That's why God is *Harachaman*, the Merciful One, the forgiving God. To be religious is to imitate God. Here's an effective way of imitation: As God is merciful, so must we be; as God bids us to respect the downtrodden, so must we. To preserve human dignity and a society based on decency and trust is more important than to catch the odd cheater. It is the central theme in Judaism and its daughter-religions, it stands in stark and ominous contrast to paganism. That's why social justice is an interfaith issue.

Jews who abandon the cardinal principles of ethical monotheism by mistaking revenge for justice and oppression for fairness are in spiritual jeopardy, however fervent their manifestations of piety and however passionate their protestations of common sense.

My objections to snitching are on moral grounds. Based on the injunctions of God, I feel morally and religiously bound to protect the privacy of welfare recipients, the rights of refugees and the dignity of all powerless people, and I urge you most earnestly to do the same.

Rabbi Dow Marmur is the spiritual leader of the Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto.

The chain of Jewish life

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Rabbi Shimon bar Yochai tells a story illustrating this point. Once there was a man travelling by sea. He was observed drilling a hole under the seat where he was sitting. His fellow passengers asked what he was doing.

"It is no concern of yours, I am not drilling under your seat," he said.

"But," they protested, "when the water enters, the whole boat sinks. You will drown us all!"

Whether we go down with the ship or steam forward full speed ahead, whether we sink or swim, is not up to *each* of us but *all* collectively, Jewishly or otherwise, if we do not function together, consider the needs of others alongside our own and act meaningfully and responsively.

The foxhole mentality can never be a long-term route to success. Without the aid of the cavalry, the foxhole is soon overrun by the enemy. The king's attempt to capture the most beautiful bird in the world failed because people did not see themselves as a community with a common purpose and goal.

The Haftorah for Yom Kippur proclaims that so long as we do not see ourselves as a community striving for a common good, concerned about those less fortunate than ourselves and respecting those whose opinion differs from ours, then God's face will remain hidden from us and the world will not become a better place in which to live. Isaiah calls on us to work together to achieve our goals.

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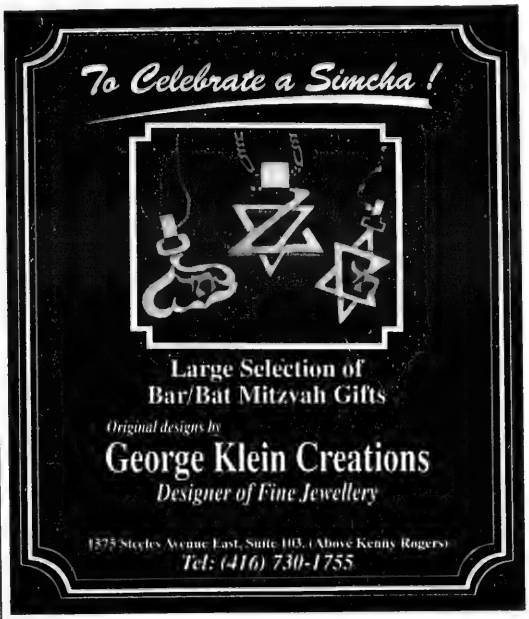
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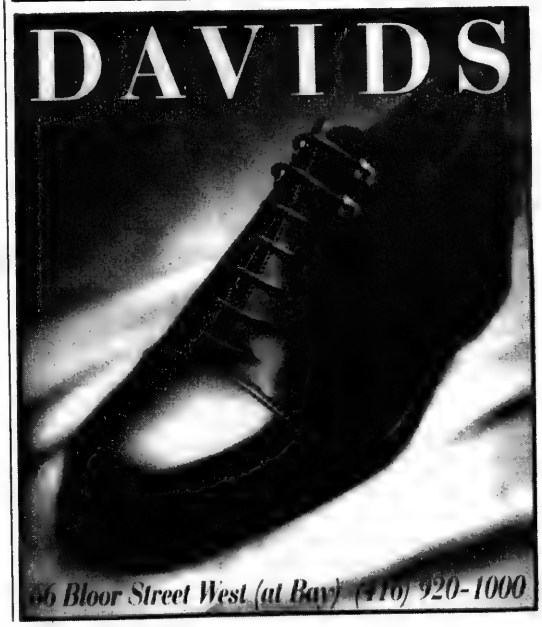

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Adath Israel Synagogue is holding auditions for *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown* for talented children, ages 9-13, 7 p.m. Ulrich Hall. **Shawna Koskie** 733-0842.

Also, auditions for *Beauty and the Beast* for ages 14-17, 7 p.m. Greenspoon Hall. **Sari Jackson** 784-5484.

And What Else Is New...

HASHOMER HATZAIR

Hashomer Hatzair youth movement begins the year with a Sukkot celebration, Friday, Oct. 6, 8 p.m., 1111 Finch Ave. W., Suite 154. Youth, ages 8-16, are invited to join and participate in Israel-related and Jewish activities and holidays. 736-1339.

NEWS FROM SOLEL

Solel, Mississauga, events — workshop for single parents, Tuesday evenings beginning Oct. 10; Solel Serious Jewish Book Club Thursdays, 7:30 p.m.; Sisterhood evening of Israeli dancing and recipe exchange in October; conversational Hebrew course; Brotherhood Sukkot party, Sunday, Oct. 8; regular services Friday, Oct. 6, 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 7, Monday, Oct. 9, Saturday, Oct. 14, Monday, Oct. 16, 10 a.m.; family services Sunday, Oct. 8, Friday, Oct. 13, Sunday, Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m. Tuesday morning minyan with breakfast 7 a.m. 905-820-5915.

UWO STUDENTS INVITED

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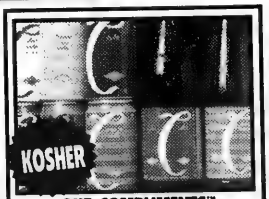

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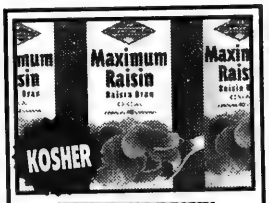

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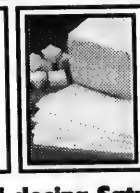

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What's New

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for Yom Kippur are welcome, at no charge, at Congregation Or Shalom (Conservative), 534 Huron St., London. As well, if you would like to join a family to break the fast or during the year for Friday night dinner, call the synagogue, 438-3081.

FILM SUBMISSIONS

Toronto Jewish Film Festival (TJFF) is accepting film and video submissions for the fourth annual Festival, May 2-9. Submission deadline Jan. 5, 1996. For application information, Toronto Jewish Film Festival, 33 Prince Arthur Ave., 2nd floor, Toronto, M5R 1B2, Attention **Debra Plotkin**, director. Phone 324-8226, fax 324-8668.

AISH HATORAH

Yom Kippur: The Power of Forgiveness, Monday, Oct. 2, 8 p.m., Dan Family Aish HaTorah Community Centre, 949 Clark Ave. W.

Return to Yourself, **Rabbi Yaakov Palatnik**, The Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W.

BIG BROTHERS NEEDED

Have you thought of being a Big Brother? Big Brothers are role models and special friends. If you can spare 3-5 hours a week, call **Joan Stevens**, Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 266.

UPPER CANADA LODGE

Upper Canada Lodge, B'nai Brith Canada, will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a black-tie gala Sunday, May 5, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue. The presence of Charter members and all former UCL members is necessary to ensure a "bang-up" affair. Call **Syd Faibish** 635-5277 or **Russell Strauss** 635-8854.

NURSERY, PARENTS, TOTS

Nursery and Parent & Tot program is available at Earl Bales Community Centre. Open morning for prospective parents Oct. 10 and 11. **Rachel** 905-731-7216.

JF&CS WORKSHOPS

When You're About to Separate: What to Tell the Kids? — focuses on children's needs just prior to and in the early stages of separation, Wednesday, Oct. 11, York Region office. Leader is **Elinor Gertner**. 905-882-2331.

Grandparenting Through Divorce — the important role grandparents play. Topics include grieving the loss of your child's marriage, maintaining a climate of love and security for your grandchildren and remaining neutral, Oct. 18. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

Groups — Parenting the Difficult Teen (begins Oct. 11); Parenting the Young Child (begins Oct. 23); Living with Teens (begins Oct. 23); Single Parent Challenge (begins Oct. 25). **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800.

YIDDISH CLASSES

Location and registration and first class dates of Yiddish conversational classes sponsored by Committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and North York Board of Education — Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda (Oct. 23); Bialik Hebrew Day School (Oct. 23); Adath Israel (Oct. 25); Earl Haig Secondary School (Oct. 12); Bathurst-Lawrence area (TBA); St. Clair-Bathurst area (Oct. 18); Bloor JCC (Oct. 25); Jarvis Collegiate. **Sylvia Lustgarten**, 635-2883, ext. 155.

RIVERDALE SHUL

Riverdale Jewish Community Shul is holding Kol Nidre services at Ellas Restaurant, 702 pape Ave. 785-9299 or 466-9431.

OR CHAIM KOLLEL

Or Chaim Kollel, 159 Almore Ave., presents **Rabbi Maury Kelman**, Sept. 30; **Rabbi Shlomo Gemara** (in Hebrew), Oct. 2; **Rabbi Yitzchak Feigenbaum**, Sept. 28; **Rabbi Oded Meislish** (in Hebrew) Oct. 1; **Aaron Greenberg** Oct. 2. For information, **Jay Kelman** 630-6772.

MAZON VOLUNTEERS

Mazon Canada, a Jewish response to hunger, requires office and project volunteers. For half a day a week, office volunteers act as public liaison, work with executive director and office coordinator, respond to donation requests. Project volunteers participate in educational and fundraising initiatives. 783-7554.

at the JCC/BJC

Bloor JCC is holding a public forum in arts and cultural programming 6 p.m. Oct. 11 to ascertain cultural needs of members and community. 924-6211.

Good Age Club, Bloor JCC, presents a talk by **Rabbi Joseph Kelman** Thursday, Sept. 28, 2 p.m. **Judy** 924-6211.

Institute for Jewish Learning at BJC is offering fall term including a trip to Washington to visit Holocaust Museum Oct. 22-26 and courses in Hebrew, Canadian Jewish drama, Jewish parenting and enjoying Bible through psychological insights. **Marlee Pinsker** 636-1880, ext. 352.

For Seniors

A Time for Me, a personal growth workshop for seniors over 55, co-sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service, Senior Care, Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, Baycrest Centre, with support from Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Begins Oct. 19 for eight weeks. **Ann Gleberzon** 635-2883, ext. 799.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club plans medical programs and financial lectures. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. Sept. 28, **Shmuel Sufrin** speaks on Peace between Israel and the PLO, Stage 2. Oct. 5, Israeli movie *Koni-Lamel*. A Simchat Torah party is arranged Saturday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m. Members $8, non-members $10. 661-4689.

At **Lifestyle Retirement Communities Forest Hill Place**, 645 Castlefield Ave., community educator **Selma Sage** will lead a three-part discussion on ethical issues and Jewish stereotypes in men and women. Thursdays, Oct. 5, 26, and Nov. 9, 2 p.m. Admission free but reserve by calling **Marlene White** 785-1511.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club — Saturday dances Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14; Sunday dances Oct. 22, 29; movie Wednesday, Oct. 11 *She is Back in Broadway*, a 1953 musical; general meeting and elections Thursday, Oct. 12, 1-4 p.m.; annual bazaar, Sunday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Israel trip Oct. 25-Nov. 8, $2525 Canadian; Atlantic City Casino, Nov. 13-16, bus, breakfast, shows, insurance, members $315, non-members $325 Canadian. 395-7881.

North York Community House classes, in partnership with North York Board of Education commence Oct. 2 at 505 Lawrence Ave. W. — Line Dancing, Creative Writing, Gentle Exercise, Current Events, speakers, board and card games, lunch time activities. 784-0920.

LZA Seniors Club Miami registration Wednesdays 10 a.m. at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Discussion Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m.; Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m.

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Young at Heart Seniors Florida trip for one, two or three months at Sasoon (starting at $1660 including airfare) or Sherry Frontenac. **Helen** 635-6343.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre is at 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Lifelong Learning Institute, in cooperation with the Russian Golden Age Club, presents Music by the great composers of Europe with baritone **Kevin Drizen** and pianist **Elena Krakopolsky** and more, Thursday, Sept. 28, 7 p.m. members $2, non-members $4. Tickets at Information Desk. **Bookie Kwart**

La'Briyut Wellness Centre announces Fitness Class Wednesdays 8:30-9:30 a.m. Oct. 18-Dec. 20. Members $10, non-members $30. Register with **Sandra** at Wellness Desk or at 8:20 a.m. Oct. 18.

The movie *Avalon* is at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 1.

Dance to the Creative Band Sunday, Oct. 1, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

About People

Jennifer Gold

ESSAY CONTEST WINNER

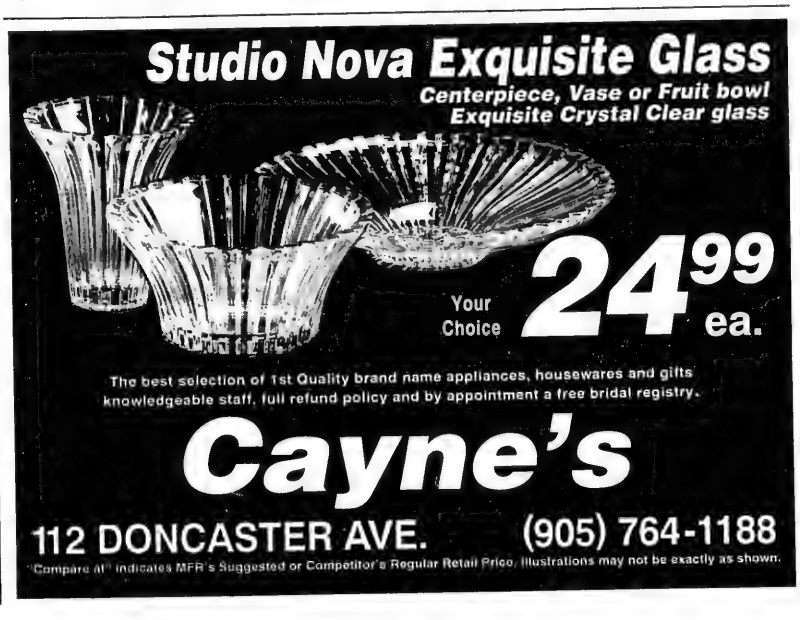
Norman Stern, president of Mercaz-Canada, has announced that **Jennifer Gold** is the winner of the Mercaz-Canada, Mercaz-USA and Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Canadian Seaway branch Israel essay contest. The $1,000 prize goes towards a trip to Israel. Gold, 15, a Grade 10 student at CHAT, studied journalism at Oxford University this summer and next year will be going to Israel on USY (United Synagogue Youth) Pilgrimage.

BOOKS OF POETRY

Donia Blumenfeld Clenman, recipient of the Israel Poetry Peace Prize and an honorary doctorate of literature, has published two new books, *A Scroll of Remembrance: World War II 1945-1995* and *Older and In Love: An Israel Odyssey*. Both were on view at the recent Word on the Street, Queen Street book festival.

LONGTIME VOLUNTEER RECOGNIZED

Baycrest Centre volunteer Fred Karp receives a 1995 Canada Volunteer Award Certificate of Honor from Minister of Health Diane Marleau at a special ceremony in Ottawa. Karp, a chartered accountant and businessman, has been involved volunteer activities at Baycrest for 25 years.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רושאָשין לאַגער (לעבן דאַנציג) — מערץ 10, 1945.

דער פראָנט האָט זיך דערנענטערט, די דייטשן אינעם לאַגער, צוזאַמען מיט די קאַצעטניקעס, זיינען געווען אַרומגע-רינגלט פון די רוסן. מיד זיינען געלעגן הונגעריקע, אָן אַ מאָרגן, אָן אַ צוקונפט, אָבער אין דער לופט האָבן מיד שוין געפילט די ענדערונגען און אַ שטראַל פון האָפענונג האָט זיך דערוועקט ביי אונדז. די דייטשן, וואָס האָבן באַמערקט אונדזער שטימונג, האָבן אונדז „באַרואיקט": „אַ, ניט פריידט זיך מיט די ענדע פון דעם קריג, ווייל אויב מיר וועלן האָבן בלויז 5 מינוט פאַרן פאַרשפּילן די קריג, וועלן מיר פריער אייך אומברענגען".

אַ פּחד האָט אונדז באַהערשט, פאַר די לעצטע פינף מינוטן פאַר צוועלף.

דעם 10-טן מערץ, 1945, פרייטיק ביינאַכט, האָט מען אונדז אויפגעוועקט, געשטויסן, געשלעפּט, געהייסן זיך איילן, ווייל ס'איז שוין 5 מינוט פאַר צוועלף.

ווען די פרימאָרגן זון האָט אַריינגעשיינט אין דעם קאָלאָ-סאַלן שייער פון 2,000 קאַצעטלער צווישן דעם היי און שטרוי, האָבן מיד דערקענט סילוּעטן, מתים מיט אויסגעשטאַרצטע אויגן, גרינע פּנימער, דאַרע גופים אָנגעצויגן מיט אַ הויט, דורכ-געפרעסן פון דער קראַנקהייט פון טיפוס. פיל האָבן זיך ניט גע-קענט באַוועגן, ענג איז אונדז געוואָרן אין מוח. לאַנגזאַם האָט זיך פאַר אונדז אַנטפּלעקט די ווידקלעכקייט, די נאָענטקייט פון טויט, די 5 מינוטן פאַר צוועלף. אָבער אין עטלעכע מינוטן האָבן מיד ווידער דערפילט אין דער לופטן ענדערונגען. די נאַצישע באַנדיטן, אונדזערע „באַשיצערס", די פּחדנים זיינען אַנטלאָפן, און אין זייער איילעניש האָבן זיי ניט באַוויזן אונדז צו דער-הרגענען, דערטרינקען, אָדער צעשיסן. זיי האָבן געשפּאָרט זייער באַוואָפענונג, געלאָזן די לעצטע קוילן פאַר זיך. זיי האָבן נישט באַוויזן אומצוברענגען דאָס יידישע פאָלק.

אָט די ניט-דערהרגעטע, ניט-פאַרברענטע, ניט-דערקוילע-טע קינדער זיינען עלטער געוואָרן, זיך סטאַבילידירט, פיל האָבן איצט פאַמיליעס, דערצויגן זייערע קינדער און נאָרמאַליזירט זייער לעבן. אָבער קיינמאָל האָבן זיי נישט פאַרגעסן די טראַגע-דיע פון די שרעקלעכע יאָרן.

די יידישע געשיכטע האָט אונדז געלערנט, אַז וואו אַ פּרעה, המן, היטלער, קומט אויף און וויל אונדז פאַרניכטן, האָבן זיי קיינ- מאָל נישט דערלעבט די 5 מינוטן פאַר צוועלף.

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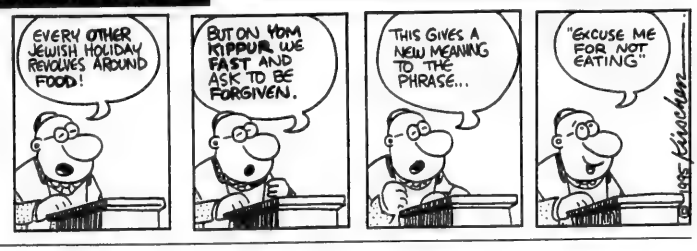

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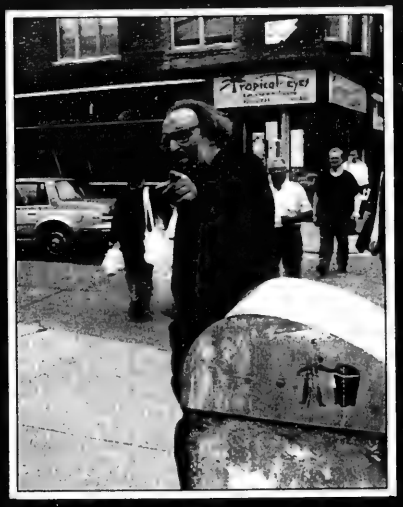

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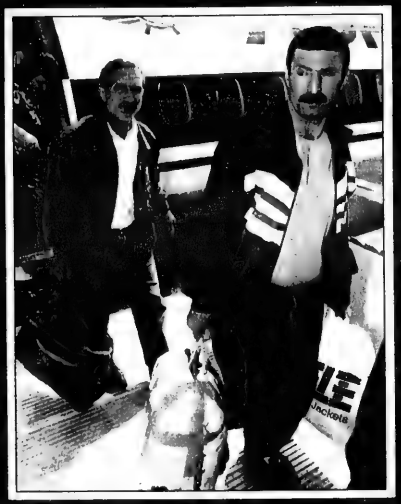

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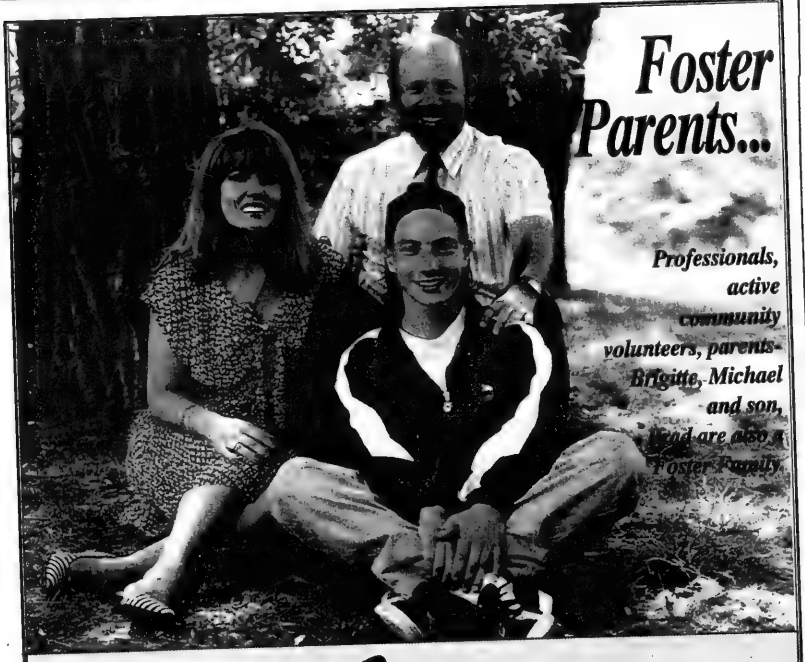

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'War Room' braces for referendum

Federalist nerve centre

Scene in Ottawa

By RICHARD CLEROUX

OTTAWA — The 1980 Quebec referendum would probably have been lost by the federalist forces had it not been for Pierre Trudeau.

He arrived like a knight in shining armor and rescued a faltering federalist campaign, saving the day for Canada with three articulate, hard-hitting speeches that turned around what had been an almost sure separatist victory.

The federalists realized afterwards how lucky they were to win. Never mind that the final vote split 59 per cent to 40 per cent in their favor.

They determined that this time, without Trudeau to save them, they would have to be prepared as never before. They would have to match the separatists, organization for organization.

A little more than a year ago, a deal was struck between Daniel Johnson's forces in Quebec and Jean Chrétien's people in Ottawa.

The provincial Liberals would do the work on the ground in Quebec; the Ottawa Liberals, backed by the federal bureaucracy, would provide strategic planning, media help and operations monitoring.

Both teams solemnly promised they would work hand in glove with each other this time, and nobody would try to upstage anybody, nor let pride get in the way, as they did in 1980.

Ottawa set up a War Room, staffed by several dozen of the most trusted federal public servants, men and women whose loyalty to the cause of Canadian federalsim was unquestioned.

It was set up about a year ago, in a section of the Privy Council Office (PCO) known officially as the Intergovernmental Affairs Secretariat and assigned a budget of $2.5 million, about $1.4 million of it for salaries and $1 million for general operations. The federal government has been somewhat reticent to reveal details, but the money seems to have come out of a $6.3-million fund set aside for something called "government renewal."

The War Room occupies the eighth and ninth floors of a 23-storey government office building at 66 Slater St. in Ottawa, just behind the elegant, old Lord Elgin Hotel.

It is the nerve centre from which all referendum activity by federalists and separatists alike is monitored, recorded, filtered, analyzed and passed on to the politicians for immediate action.

Most of the 60 staffers came from the Privy Council Office or were borrowed from other government departments. About 24 of them are analysts, researchers and information officers. The others perform a variety of unspecified tasks the government prefers not to discuss.

The director of the War Room, who holds the prestigious title of deputy secretary (Intergovernmental Affairs) for the Privy Council Office, is a 45-year-old anglophone Montrealer, Howard Balloch, who came over after a flamboyant career in Foreign Affairs, where he had attracted Chrétien's attention when he helped organize the prime minister's trip to China last year.

With him are two PCO bureaucrats, Marc Lafrenière, an expert on aboriginal issues, and Michael Wernick, who knows constitutional issues.

Marie Gervais-Vidricaire, formerly with the Canadian Embassy in Paris, heads the strategic planning section, and Alain Darisse, on loan from Foreign Affairs, runs the communications section. James Hurley, another constitutional affairs expert, is also in the group.

Pierre Richard from National Defence is in charge of "special projects," which has led some Bloc Québécois MPs to speculate that the Canadian military may be playing a secret role in the referendum campaign.

Although they aren't strictly part of the operation, the prime minister's three top staff members, known as "the Montreal Mafia" are frequent visitors.

Chief of Staff Jean Pelletier, senior policy analyst Eddie Goldenberg, and director of policy and research Chaviva Hosek rely heavily on the War Room for information to pass on to the Prime Minister's Office.

The War Room is equipped with sophisticated media-monitoring devices, including a bank of automatic television monitors, radios and video recorders, and the most sophisticated telecommunications equipment. It is hooked up to a special "secure" government telephone and facsimile transmission network.

Within seconds of an item's appearing on television, the War Room is able to re-transmit it to any number of government offices in Ottawa or to the referendum campaign headquarters in Montreal.

It can send a high-speed fax directly into the lobby of the House of Commons and have it in the prime minister's hands in a matter of moments.

On Sept. 18, when frenzied money traders began buying up Canadian dollars after Chrétien's effective riposte to Preston Manning during Question Period in the Commons, the War Room was able to report back within seconds on the sudden rise in the dollar.

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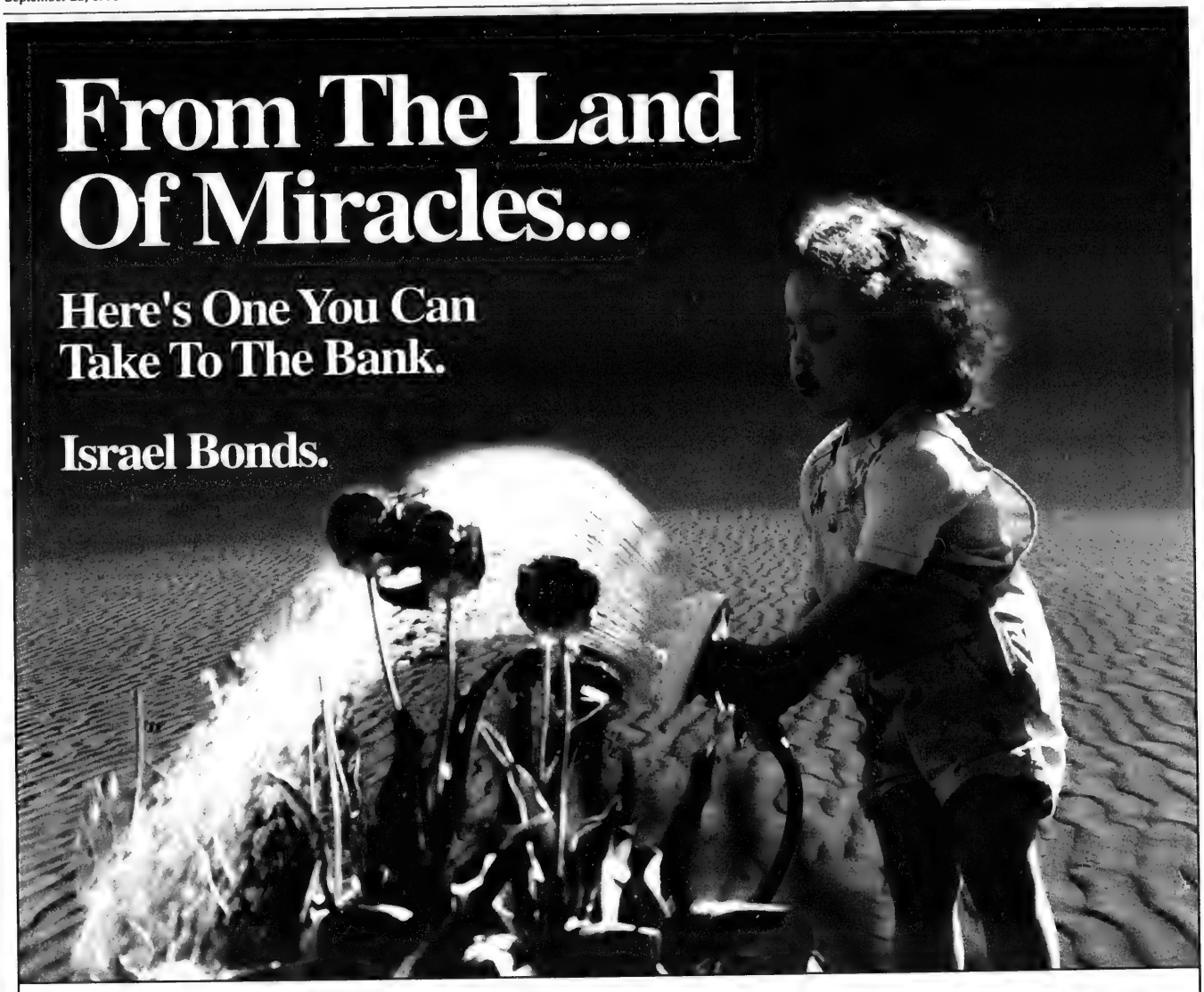

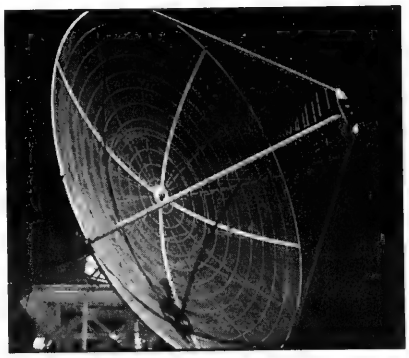

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Leslie Dan affixes the mezuzah to the new Dan Family Aish HaTorah Community Centre in Thornhill. [Zephyr Studios Photo]

Aish HaTorah Centre opens

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

VAUGHAN, Ont. — The Dan Family Aish HaTorah Community Centre opened in Thornhill last week with hoopla, excitement, religious and municipal dignitaries and a palpable enthusiasm on the part of the organization's staff and volunteers.

But the happiness was tempered by the recent death of Judy Dan, wife of businessman and philanthropist Leslie Dan, who donated the building, which was dedicated to her memory.

The 22,000-square-foot, 3½-storey building on Clark Avenue just west of Bathurst Street was expected to be ready for the High Holy Days. Shabbat services have already been held there.

Master of ceremonies Harold Nashman said that Judy Dan's "artistic taste and love of the work of Aish HaTorah is part of the building and of our feelings."

The opening, he said, "is a joyous culmination of a great dream. It's the moment we've dreamed about and looked forward to for a year and a half."

Joe Berman, a longtime supporter and now chair of Aish HaTorah, praised the rabbis, board, workers, building supervisors and government officials who worked to bring the facility to near completion.

Berman praised the glass Aron Kodesh by artist Eric Wesselow, which he and his wife Helen dedicated, calling it "a work of divine guidance."

Aish HaTorah educational director Rabbi Ahron Hoch said the new facility will help deal with "the silent disappearance of the Jewish people" through assimilation.

He said that it will create a nurturing environment that will help to develop leaders and permit the development of "a community of people who are caring and non-judgemental, where everyone, at any level of observance, can feel welcome."

In an announcement that surprised even the honorees, Nashman said the penthouse window had been dedicated in honor of honorary fundraising co-chair Myrtle Coopersmith and her husband Henry, by their children.

Vaughan Mayor Lorna Jackson, congratulated Aish HaTorah "on this wonderful occasion. We are so pleased for you, and that there is another community centre in Vaughan to make us strong."

She presented a plaque on behalf of the members of the Vaughan council.

An emotional Leslie Dan called the opening one of "the moments in our lives when our achievements make us proud."

That the building was completed in only nine months, he said, "speaks of the high calibre of the rabbis and of the dedication of the community."

To a chorus of *Siman tov u'mazel tov*, Dan affixed the mezuzzah.

Among the dignataries present were Vaughan councillor Bernie Green and rabbis Akiva Stefansky, Baruch Taub and Henry Hoschander.

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Hundreds hindered by cuts to Wheel-Trans

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Cutting off ambulatory people from Wheel-Trans as a result of heavily-reduced provincial government grants to the TTC has caused consternation and distress in the Jewish community.

"We are very concerned because 20 of our day programs are much dependent on Wheel-Trans," said Jennifer Schipper of Baycrest Geriatric Centre.

"It's having a disastrous impact on our programs," said Karen Nusbaum, director of Community and Family Services, Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC). The stroke recovery and multiple sclerosis programs are heavily affected, she said.

The cut in Wheel-Trans service is bad news to hundreds of people who attend programs at the Betel Centre for Creative Living, said Sheila Zane, coordinator of social action.

The cuts, effective Sept. 24, rule out previously registered users who walk with the aid of walkers or canes, and in many cases are too disabled to use regular TTC services and cannot afford taxis. All ages are cut off, not just seniors, including those who use Wheel-Trans to get to work.

A pilot project, the new TTC Pulse bus service, started Sept. 5 in an area roughly bounded by Steeles on the north, Parkholme Boulevard on the south, Yonge Street on the east, and Bathurst on the west. But it will offer little relief to the problem, Zane said.

Replacing the former community bus service, Pulse is to serve only residents who start and end their trips in that geographic district, but supplies a Wheel-Trans type of service, assisting people on and off the bus.

Pulse was designed to offer a dial-a-bus service, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., with only one hour's notice, to registered Wheel-Trans users, to give them a more spontaneous trip, whether to doctors, schools, work, programs, shopping or other needs, said Cathy Biggart of Wheel-Trans.

It will be re-evaluated in six months, perhaps even sooner, and applies only to that one area. Funding was provided through money made available by curtailing the community buses. For information on the exact routes Pulse buses will follow, call 416-393-4111.

The Pulse area does not extend as far south as Baycrest and the Wagman Centre but does include Betel, Branson Hospital, the Bathurst Jewish Centre, Centrepoint Mall and the North York Seniors Centre on Hendon Avenue.

Among those affected at BJC are people who come to evening programs at the centre, said Nusbaum.

Senior residents love Habayit Shelanu

TORONTO — The roof garden overlooking Casa Loma and the million-dollar town houses on Walmer Road is the social hot spot for 70 seniors now living in Habayit Shelanu (Our Home), a subsidized housing project at 155 Kendall Ave. opposite George Brown College.

"We're so happy here, it's unbelievable," said Helen Stutz, a tenant of the 59-unit, $6-million, five-storey building which recently had its official opening. In June, tenants started moving into Habayit Shelanu, which is now fully occupied.

"The roof is our favorite spot," said Stutz, who lived in a decrepit old house in the area before moving in. "One tenant even grew tomatoes on the roof and there's a pagoda for those who can't sit in the sun."

The project was sponsored by Senior Care and the housing agency of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

"Our goal is to have seniors age in place with the right kind of housing," said Habayit Shelanu president Dr. Les Richmond, as he cut the symbolic ribbon with fellow directors Maurice Rotfarb, Larry Schwartz, Angela Eliosoff, David Herlick and Elliott Peranson.

The mezuzah, in the shape of the apartment building, was affixed by Rabbi Ronald Weiss of Jewish Family and Child Service.

The market value rent of the units is $650 a month for a one-bedroom apartment and $775 for a two-bedroom, but 80 per cent of the building is subsidized, with tenants paying rent equal to 27 per cent of their income.

Ten couples are among the residents, who must be 59 or older, and four units are set aside for tenants with special needs.

The residents are proud of the security measures adopted to safeguard them in a busy urban area, Stutz said. Although there are 35 underground parking spaces, parking is still a problem in that congested district, she added.

In addition to a large multi-purpose common room on the main floor, the building has an attractive courtyard, hobby and craft rooms, an exercise room where tenants can take their own blood pressure, six coin-operated washing machines and dryers, and a social area on each floor for card playing or other activities.

Richmond gave special thanks to Senior Care executive director Michael Scheinert and to project coordinator Stephanie Olin Chapman.

For information, call Arnold Foss at 416-635-2860.

— B.R.

THE PREMIER MEETS 'CONGRESSMEN'

Ontario Premier Mike Harris (centre) chatting with Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region chair Moshe Ronen (right) and Executive Director Manuel Prutschi at a recent farewell reception for departing Israeli consul general Dror Zeigerman hosted at Queen's Park by Ontario's attorney general Charles Harnick. [Rough Layout Photographics]

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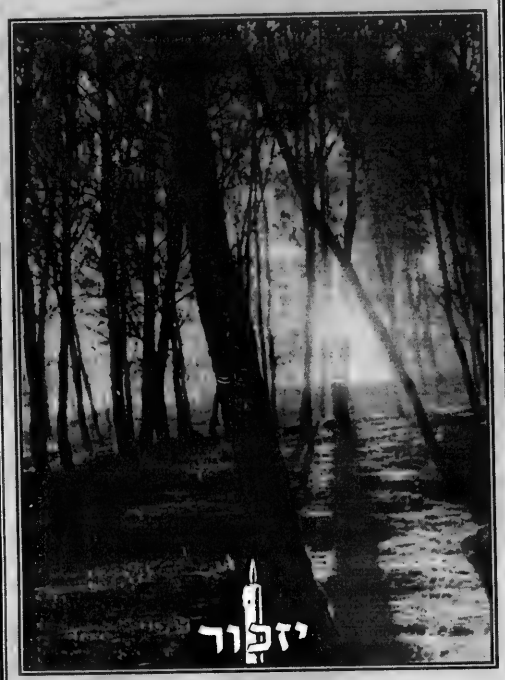

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Vancouver federation urged to market education

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver (JFGV) should organize an aggressive marketing team to develop an innovative way to market Jewish education to "the widest possible audience," says a report called *V'chai B'hem*, issued in August by the Chai Group on Jewish identity and continuity.

V'chai B'hem (And you shall live by them) was commissioned by the JFGV and synagogues to analyze and report to the community on Jewish identity in the Lower Mainland (Greater Vancouver area).

Federation board members are currently studying the report and have been asked to report back by the end of 1995 on its proposals so there will be time to recommend appropriate allocations for the 1996-97 budget.

Chair of the Chai Group was Judge Bruce Cohen, with Arthur Fouks as honorary chair. The group comprised representatives of over 30 organizations and synagogues who consulted with close to 100 individuals to gather opinions on how to encourage children, young adults and even community leaders with limited knowledge of Judaism to take part in educational programs either on a direct or outreach basis.

The Chai Group, says the report, was formed to facilitate the creation of a community that is consciously Jewish and which has a sense of pride in its identity. Chai believes its recommendations can enhance the quality of Jewish life in the community.

The report points out that over 60 per cent of the federation funds allocated in 1994 for local programs and services was spent on "Jewish educational opportunities" for youth between ages 5 and 18. This age group comprises 23 per cent of the Jewish population, but only one-third of the possible students are currently enrolled in Jewish learning programs.

Chai recommends formation of a Council for Jewish Education to develop a corps of qualified teachers — some of whom would serve more than one school. Scholarships would be offered to students to take teacher training in return for two or more years of service to the community. An "Israel experience" is also advocated.

In outreach to adults the report proposes a goal of creating "a lifelong learning community that will provide enrichment through the ages and stages of Jewish life. This would enhance the Jewish skills of every adult in the community and maintain an educated leadership for our communal institutions."

To encourage young adults, whether married or single, Chai says the community must develop programs "to attract and hold our population. We need to be proactive, not passive in waiting for the young adults to turn up on our doorstep."

The report suggests a series of *chavurot* for young adults in a variety of locations; a matchmaking service; help with job searches; and marketing these programs by a central marketing committee.

The report calls for close cooperation with all synagogues and rabbis and urges minimal synagogue fees for young couples and newcomers. It suggests also that resources be directed to allow congregations to provide "a full potential professional staff component."

Yad Sarah saves Israeli economy over $220 million

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — By providing rehabilitation services for the infirm, the disabled and the elderly in their own environment, and thus reducing or eliminating hospital stays, Yad Sarah saves the Israeli economy more than $220 million annually, according to a recent newsletter.

Yad Sarah, Israel's largest volunteer organization, provides medical equipment, guidance and rehabilitative therapy to some 200,000 people each year, free of charge or for a nominal fee.

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Eighteen years ago, Rabbi Uri Lupoliansky lent a vaporizer to a neighbor whose child had trouble breathing. After neighbors heard of the loan, they too asked to borrow the device, which was hard to come by and expensive.

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From coast to coast

New Winnipeg rabbi rests on his record

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Rabbi Allan Meyerowitz, the new spiritual leader of the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue, fondly remembers the time he spent in the late 1980s as co-chair of the Student Struggle for Soviet Jewry, and as Soviet Jewry chair for the American Rabbinical Assembly, despite an impressive arrest record.

"It was very exciting," says Rabbi Meyerowitz who hails from New Jersey. "The movement brought together rabbis who wanted to do something about Soviet Jewry. We wanted to make a difference. We organized demonstrations involving rabbis from all denominations."

Rabbi Meyerowitz built up a record of another kind as well — eight arrests for civil disobedience.

Rabbi Allan Meyerowitz

Although all the charges were eventually dropped, he recalls the one day he spent in prison as very difficult.

His motivation, he recalls, was concern that one day his children might ask him what he did to try to save Russian Jewry from extinction. "I heard echoes of the 1940s," he says.

Although Jews are now free to leave the countries of the former Soviet Union, according to Rabbi Meyerowitz, the work of rescue is just beginning.

"After living in such a strongly atheistic and anti-Jewish society, it is going to take many years of hard work to help Russian Jewry feel that they and their children are part of the world Jewish community," he says.

Rabbi Meyerowitz also observes that North American rabbis have their work cut out in trying to make the religious experience meaningful for the majority of North American Jewry.

The rabbi has written a book, *The Kiss of God*. The title, he explains, comes from a midrash that, on Mount Sinai, G-d transmitted the Torah through a kiss, a spontaneous outburst of love, rather than on a scroll.

Strong and growing congregation

As for his new congregation (he previously served pulpits in Michigan and New Jersey), Winnipeg's oldest and, with close to 1,100 member families, largest synagogue, he sees tremendous potential.

"The Shaarey Zedek is a strong and growing congregation that pursue excellence and works to meet the needs of its members," he says. "My own goal is to make this a synagogue where people feel at home, a place where we can try creative experiments to make the religious experience more meaningful.

Rabbi Meyerowitz replaces Rabbi Henry Balser, who left the congregation at the end of June after six years at the Shaarey Zedek.

Rabbi Balser, in cooperation with Perle Selch, the Shaarey Zedek's retiring executive director, introduced many innovations and programs, on which Rabbi Meyerowitz says he hopes to build.

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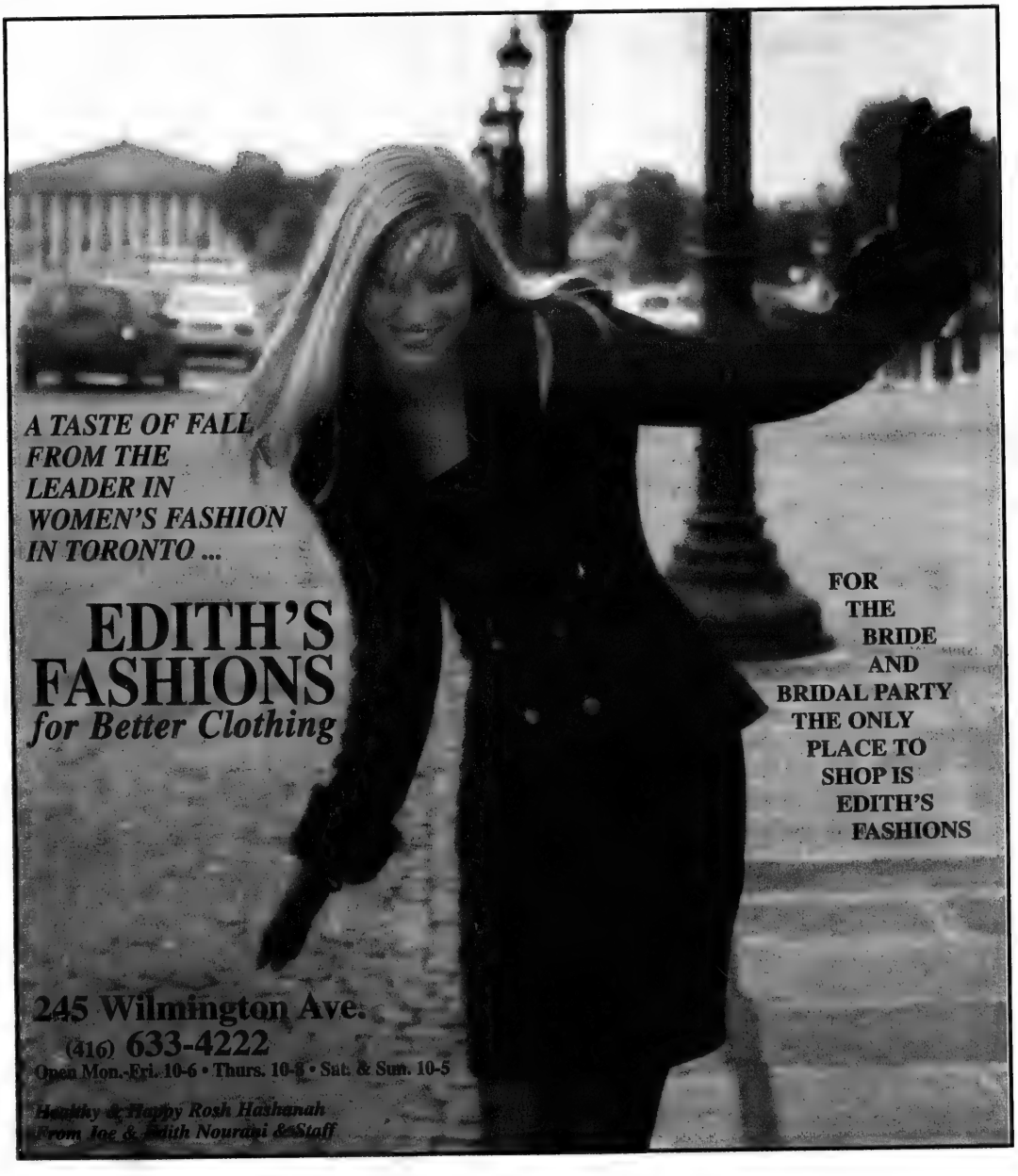
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Fly-in participants moved by Holocaust Museum

CJN staff reporter Frances Kraft accompanied the United Jewish Appeal's third annual Washington Fly-In, at the invitation of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Following is the second of two articles on the mission. The first article appeared last week.

WASHINGTON, D.C. — An El Al-style minyan — topped off by the sounding of a shofar — was just ending as we began our descent into Washington for this year's United Jewish Appeal (UJA) one-day mission from Toronto.

Although the visit was primarily an educational one, it had a strong fundraising component. In total, fly-in participants pledged $739,000 for the next three years.

UJA funds an extensive network of educational and social services in Toronto and Israel, as well as helping with the rescue of Jews in danger around the world.

The fly-in, at a cost of $450 per person, is open to individuals who have made a minimum UJA donation of $1,000 ($2,000 per household). Although the program was started earlier, it has been an annual event only since 1993.

But the Toronto fly-in is just one cog in the wheel of a much larger program co-sponsored by UJA and the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF), a Washington-based umbrella group.

The larger program, instituted in 1977, hosts groups from across North America for a series of tightly scheduled political briefings and related activities packed into one day. Montreal and Vancouver have also participated.

The day in Washington began at the U.S. State Department, where a senior representative discussed the Middle East peace process in the auditorium formerly used by President John F. Kennedy for press conferences. Further briefings were held in a Capitol Hill building.

The Council of Jewish Federations guide accompanying each bus provided information on the speakers and sights, among them the privately funded U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum built on government land.

Most of the 130 fly-in participants were first-time visitors to the 2½-year-old museum, and the touring time allotted left too many strong impressions taken in too quickly — the stories-high Tower of Faces, a collection of pre-war photos from a community that no longer exists; the hospital paraphernalia in a display on Nazi killing of the handicapped; before-and-after images of a once-magnificent synagogue; communion pictures of Jewish children hidden by Catholic families; the view from inside a cattle car used to transport Jews to concentration camps; and finally, the taped testimony of survivors. Many visitors just shook their heads in silence.

Daniel's Story, a detailed walk-through exhibit that is not part of the permanent collection, is designed to appeal to children, with boxes and windows to open and sturdy copies of Daniel's "diary" to leaf through.

The hands-on exhibit, based on a story by Winnipeg author Carol Matas, begins in the happy pre-war home of a young Jewish boy and his family, where the cookie tin is full and laughter can be heard in the kitchen. Their subsequent ghetto hovel and the concentration camp to which they are sent form the other major components of the exhibit.

Daniel's Story will be available for travel, said Michael Berenbaum, director of research at the museum. It is on exhibit in Washington until 1998.

The day's theme — Past, Present and Future — was summed up in a concluding address by Mark Talisman, founder of the CJF Washington Action Office.

Chuck Gold and Carol Kassel, 1996 campaign co-chairs, urged participants to make three-year commitments to UJA. The long-range plan, introduced this year, is unique in North America, said Talisman.

Liz Wolfe, one of three fly-in co-chairs along with Stephen Diamond and Michael Halbert, called on the thirty- and fortysomething participants to take community responsibility. "We aren't the future. We are the present," she said.

UJA Washington Fly-in co-chairs Stephen Diamond (l), Liz Wolfe and Michael Halbert en route to the U.S. capital. [Stephen Epstein Photo]

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Bonds: key source of capital

By MAJ.-GEN. NATHAN SHARONY (Ret.)
Special to The CJN

Nathan Sharony

TORONTO — Since its inception in 1951, the Israel Bonds organization has provided Israel's Finance Ministry with more than $14 billion (US) in capital, through the sale of bonds and other debt securities.

That capital has helped build the infrastructure — including roads, harbors, airports, telecommunications and power stations — that has enhanced every aspect of Israel's economy.

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Since 1991, Israel Bonds has realized sales of approximately $1 billion (US) annually. A tremendous achievement in itself, this becomes more significant in view of the competitive cost of raising capital through Israel Bonds.

At a time when concerns are raised about the strength of the Israel-Diaspora relationship, the Bonds organization offers a direct connection with Israel, making the purchaser a firsthand participant in the building of the Jewish state.

I recently visited Israel, where an international Bonds delegation dedicated a new science-based industrial park in the Galilee. The park epitomized exactly the type of project for which Bonds capital has been deemed so necessary throughout the years. Only Israel Bonds offers this direct opportunity to build and develop the modern Jewish nation. Accordingly, Israel Bonds has placed the highest priority on reaching out to ever-greater numbers of Jews, particularly among the young generation.

Furthermore, the international Jewish community provides a vital safety net for Israel's recovery. When Middle East news is bleak and financial institutions view Israel with trepidation, the Jewish community typically responds with a surge in Israel Bonds sales.

For all these reasons, Israel Bonds continues to be an important, efficient enterprise, with a central role to play in the ongoing development of Israel's economy.

The writer is president and chief executive officer of State of Israel Bonds.

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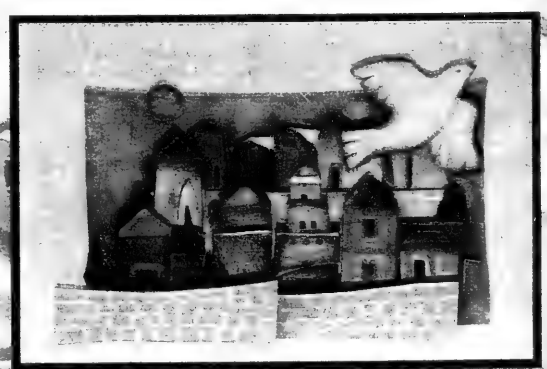

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Jewish Agency is being restructured

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The mass immigration of Soviet Jews, for example, was financed in this way.

Weisband said the Agency has been experiencing a "radical drop" in income in recent years. Coupled with higher than expected expenses over the last five years (due to larger than expected aliyah), the Agency has been running a deficit of $23 to $54 million (US) per year. The deficit for 1995 is projected at $80 million.

By 1998, the cumulative deficits will be greater than annual income.

"We have done a projection of current activity, in 1995 dollars, through the year 2000. If we continue the current expenditures and income, we'll have a $670-million cumulative deficit at the end of 2000."

Weisband said contributions from U.S. sources in particular have dropped significantly in recent years as communities allocate greater amounts to local needs.

Comments made last year by Israel's Deputy Foreign Minister Yossi Beilin, that Israel no longer needs the Diaspora's assistance, do not make it easier to convince U.S. contributors to donate their money, Weisband said.

Israel's economy may be booming, but the number of people living below the poverty line has increased from 10 to 12 per cent in about three years, he continued. Many of them are recent olim.

U.S. contributors are becoming more hesitant to give to the Jewish Agency because too large a proportion of the funds don't make it to intended benficiaries, Weisband said.

Between 40 and 42 per cent of funds raised in the United States are earmarked for foreign recipients, but when administrative costs and other beneficiaries (like the Joint Distribution Committee) are factored in, only 30 per cent ends up in Israel, he said.

Contributions from Canada, although down slightly, are closer to the historical 50 per cent. (Toronto is expected to cut its 1996 Israel allocation by 1.4 per cent — $166,000.)

The Jewish Agency has responded to the falling dollars by improving its efficiency and cutting costs. Staff has been slashed from 3,600 to 1,400 in eight years, and a further 300 to 400 will probably be let go.

"The cost effectiveness of the Agency is not only vastly improved, but is really quite good," Weisband said.

As part of the Agency's restructuring proposals, it is asking the government of Israel to assume some of the responsibilities long associated with the Agency, especially initial absorption, and for residential education programs, known as Youth Aliyah villages.

That will leave the Agency with responsibility for aliyah, Jewish education for the young and some Israeli social services. Project Renewal, which twins Diaspora communities with towns in Israel, would be retained, he said.

In addition to trimming the fat from the Agency's bloated bureaucracy, it is considering new sources of revenue, Weisband said. There are three sectors in the United States that have been virturally untapped — the financial community, the entertainment industry and hi-tech industries.

Weisband said the Jewish Agency will continue to make its argument that "we have a mutual responsibility. I don't want to take the phrase 'charity begins at home' so literally that we divide Israel and the Diaspora. 'Home' means the Jewish people as a whole."

Marx calls for CJC review

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"The plenary created a lot of tension, frustration, anger and some bitterness," said Marx.

He reiterated that this was the first time in Congress history that an election degenerated in this way and that it seems clear the bylaws were not sufficient to prevent what occurred.

"We will review carefully what happened, and make sure it does not happen again ... We will suggest ways to fix what is broken," he said.

The officers later decided that written submissions by "interested parties" will be accepted, probably in January and February, Cohen said. It is not clear whether the officers agree with Marx that the entire process should be open to the Jewish media.

Final approval of the commission's recommendations rests with the national council of Congress, a body composed of everyone who was a delegate at the last plenary, Cohen said. It will likely convene in the fall of 1996.

Cohen said the officers do not want an "inquiry" into the election as such, in the sense of finding fault with anyone's actions or calling into question the validity of the process.

A study paper distributed to the national executive recommends that delegates representing organizations should register by the same 30-day deadline as delegates at large from the regions. As it stands, organizational delegates may register up to and including the first day of a plenary.

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Hijacking brings case of missing flyer to the fore

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The fate of missing airman Ron Arad came to the fore for Israelis again after a hijacked Iranian jet was forced to land on Israeli soil last week.

Arad's mother, Batya, and his two brothers, Chen and David, flew to the Ovda military air base in the southern Negev last Wednesday to ask the passengers of the hijacked airplane to issue a plea to the Iranian government for Arad's safe return.

"When you return, each of you appeal to your government, to [President Hashemi] Rafsanjani to help us get information about him and his release," Batya Arad told the passengers.

One of several Israel MiAs being sought by government officials and by distraught family members, Arad bailed out from a fighter plane over Lebanon in 1986 and was believed to have been held by pro-Iranian troops in Lebanon.

The last time any message was received that he was alive was in October 1987. Since then, there have been sporadic reports that he was subsequently transferred to captivity in Iran.

At the air force base, the family distributed leaflets about Arad, as well as "Free Ron Arad" stickers.

Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein said Israeli officials had questioned some of the passengers about Arad.

But most of them said they never heard of Arad.

"I feel sad for the family, but I believe whatever my government says about this story," Mehdi Darayli, an English teacher from Tehran, told Israel Radio.

Others said they felt that they were being subjected to a propaganda effort.

"We are civilians, not government officials," one of the passengers, an engineer from Tehran, told Israel Television. "This is all public relations for the Israeli government."

The saga of the hijacked plane began last Tuesday morning, when a pistol-brandishing flight attendant in his 30s commandeered the Boeing 707 during a domestic flight from Tehran to the Persian Gulf resort island of Kish.

He demanded to fly to Europe. But the plane, which was short of fuel, landed in Israel after both Jordan and Saudi Arabia refused its request to land.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin forbade the plane to land at Ben-Gurion, fearing that it was filled with explosives and on a terror mission.

Instead, he instructed the Israeli air force to escort it to Ovda, a large military air base in the southern Negev that is also used as a civilian terminal, mainly for charter flights to Eilat.

An Israeli Hercules transport plane, carrying an army anti-terror team, touched down at Ovda immediately after the Iranian plane landed, with the crack unit ready to attack, if necessary.

But further radio contact with the cockpit soon established that beyond the hijacking itself, there was nothing sinister about the flight.

According to Israel Defence Force Chief of Staff, Lt.-Gen. Amnon Shahak, the hijacker was "fed up with living in Iran."

The hijacker surrendered to Israeli security officials after the plane landed.

The passengers, mostly tourists, spent the night at the Ovda base, where the men were questioned by security officials.

On Wednesday, Israel released the plane and its 174 passengers and crew, some 35 hours after it first touched down.

Special-forces soldiers at Ovda Airbase stand on the rear stairway, under the tail of the Iranian jetliner which was hijacked to Israel. [RNS]

Two Israeli F-16 jet fighters accompanied the plane until it left Israeli air space. The flight was then routed over Turkey for the three-hour trip back to Iran.

The hijacker, who was reportedly seeking political asylum in the United States, was detained for further questioning.

Earlier Wednesday, Rabin approved the plane's release after holding top-level consultations.

The ministerial committee on national security issued a statement officially announcing that the Israeli government was letting the flight return to Iran, with which Israel maintains no diplomatic relations.

Arad's family called on Israel to hold the plane as a bargaining chip for Arad's release, but the government rejected the idea.

"I believe that we made the right decision not to support any piracy in the air," Rabin said.

The cabinet issued a communique stating that "Israel stands by its strong opposition to air piracy and is releasing the plane and passengers despite the hostility of the Iranian regime towards Israel."

Iran had demanded the immediate return of all passengers, including the hijacker.

Iranian Television condemned Israel for holding the passengers and crew, and demanded their immediate release from "occupied Palestine."

Shortly before the plane took off from Israel, Iran's United Nations envoy Kamal Kharrazi accused Israel of hostage-taking and called the hijacking a "preplanned Zionist operation."

Israel rejected Iran's demand that the hijacker be extradited. Instead, police said, he was taken to Eilat for further questioning.

Israel Radio reported that the hijacker would be handed over to authorities from the international committee of the Red Cross.

Five other passengers reportedly asked for asylum in Israel, but they were travelling with the rest of the passengers when the flight returned to Tehran.

Arad's mother feels 'betrayed'

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Batya Arad, the mother of missing Israeli airman Ron Arad, said last week she feels "betrayed" by the government's decision to release the hijacked Iranian jet and its passengers.

"The Arad family believes that after nine years in which Ron's whereabouts remain unknown yet are linked to Iran, it is implausible that Israel would not take advantage of a situation involving Iranian nationals to advance Ron's cause," she said in a radio interview.

"[Prime Minister Yitzhak] Rabin talks about a humanitarian gesture. I'd like to see these gestures work both sides. Today I feel betrayed by my government," Batya Arad said.

Prior to the jet's release, Ron Arad's brother Chen told Army Radio that Israel "should use use this opportunity to create some kind of connection with the Iranian government."

Tsomet MK Pini Badash sent a telegram to Rabin demanding that the more than 170 Iranians be exchanged for Ron Arad.

"This is an opportunity we have to take advantage of," Badash told Associated Press. "It's our chance to get Arad back."

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Israel, U.S.A. & the World

Relations not affected by arms sales

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Russian sales of arms and nuclear reactors to Iran do not appear to be affecting Israel's growing bilateral relations with Russia.

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

Israel has repeatedly expressed anxiety about these deals, particularly Russia's plan to build two nuclear reactors in southern Iran.

Two weeks ago, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, in his second visit to Russia in as many years, raised the issue in talks with Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomydrin.

Rabin left Moscow empty-handed, having been informed that the sale of nuclear technology to Iran was for peaceful purposes and would not impinge on Israel's security.

Israel, however, is not sanguine about Iran's intentions, being convinced that Iran — one of its foremost enemies in the region — intends to become a nuclear power.

The United States concurs with this assessment. "Today Iran is engaged in a crash effort to develop nuclear weapons," Secretary of State Warren Christopher said recently.

With this in mind, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres told the United Nations last May that the potential threat from Iran is one of the main reasons why Israel refuses to sign the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, to which Iran is a signatory.

These admonitions have fallen on deaf ears in Moscow because Russia is desperate for hard currency to prop up its sagging economy and eager to recover the influence it lost in the Middle East when the Soviet Union collapsed in 1991.

The successor state of the Soviet Union, Russia stands to earn upwards of $1 billion (US) for the reactors, which will be under the scrutiny of the Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency. Russia has already sold Iran three Kilo-class submarines and combat aircraft worth billions. The Russians claim that they are not offensive weapons and will in fact contribute to the balance of power between Iran and Iraq.

(In addition, Russia has resumed selling weaponry and spare parts to Syria, Israel's most potent adversary. The Russians insist that this equipment will not erode Israel's qualitative military edge over Syria.)

Despite Israel's unhappiness with the transfer of Russian weapons to its foes, the basic relationship between the two countries remains intact.

Israel and Russia have greatly expanded ties since the demise of the Soviet Union. In September 1992, they signed a wide-ranging memorandum calling for cooperation in political, economic, cultural, scientific and technological spheres.

As well, Israel and Russia have exchanged military attaches.

In short, normal relations have been established, a sharp departure from the bad old days when Israel and the Soviet Union were barely on speaking terms.

The Soviet Union — one of the first countries to extend recognition to the Jewish state in 1948 — severed official relations with Israel during the Six Day War, a reflection of its pro-Arab policy. For approximately the next two decades, there was much acrimony and a minimum of contact.

But in the late 1980s, with Mikhail Gorbachev at the helm, there was a gradual improvement as the Soviet Union and Israel forged a rapprochement. By 1991, when the emigration of Soviet Jews to Israel was in full swing and the Madrid peace process was on the verge of unfolding, the two sides had fully normalized relations.

Since then, Israel and Russia have formed something of a friendship based on mutual interests. Moscow recognizes Israel's strategic importance and its weight as a player in the Middle East. Israel is cognizant of Russia's clout there and of its historic ties to the Arab/Muslim world.

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Storm hits community

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

ST. THOMAS — The 800 members of the St. Thomas Jewish community have a long haul ahead of them.

In addition to reorganizing their thwarted bicentennial celebration, which took five years to plan, they will be mending their temple and their homes in the wake of last weekend's Hurricane Marilyn.

The storm, which battered St. Thomas, in the U.S. Virgin Islands, not only razed a social hall on the grounds of the 200-year-old United Hebrew Congregation, but left half the Jewish population homeless.

The hurricane killed eight people, wounded about 185 and destroyed or damaged 80 per cent of the houses on the island.

Among the displaced is the Reform temple's rabbi, Bradd Boxman, whose home was "virtually demolished," the Reform movement's Union of American Hebrew Congregations (UAHC) said in a statement.

"We're lucky to be alive," said Linda Boxman, the rabbi's wife, in a telephone interview from Florida, where they had been airlifted.

The rabbi was scheduled to head back to St. Thomas last week.

"The entire Jewish community of the Caribbean, and especially the members of the Hebrew Congregation of St. Thomas, join me in asking you for your prayers and inviting you to visit us during the resumption of our bicentennial celebration."

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The Week in Israel

Sept. 18

• *Davar* reported that two new Arab-Israeli parties, including one representing the Islamic movement, began organizing to compete in Knesset elections scheduled for Nov. 1996. One party will be headed by Ahmad Tibi; the other by Sheikh Ataf Khatib.

Sept. 19

• A delegation of Shas Knesset members met with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to discuss the government's policies concerning religious affairs. Shas leader MK Shlomo Benizri said, "There were no promises, but we left with a very good feeling. We felt that there is a desire to listen and we are hoping to establish a channel of rapprochement with Rabin."

• After returning from meetings with leading business figures in the United States, U.S. ambassador to Israel Martin Indyk expressed optimism about the possibilities for Israel's economic growth, its trade with its neighbors and economic relations with the United States.

Sept. 20

• The IDF closed the borders of the Gaza Strip. The closure will last at least until the end of the Rosh Hashanah. It was imposed after defence authorities received intelligence warnings about planned terrorist acts inside Israel.

Sept. 21

• On the eve of the New Year, Israel's official population is reported to be 5,570,000. Eighty-one per cent of the population is Jewish, 14.5 per cent are Muslim, 2.9 per cent Christian, and 1.7 per cent are Druze.

• Immigration figures for the last Jewish calendar year rose nine per cent. Israel absorbed 82,000 new arrivals, with 3,500 arriving from Western Europe, 3,150 from North America, 1,300 from Ethiopia and 137 from Australia. Approximately one out of every eight immigrants works in either scientific or academic fields. Of the immigrants, 1,140 work as either writers, journalists or artists.

Sept. 22

• Syria's foreign minister denied earlier reports that U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher would soon be coming to the region to resume negotiations.

•Fourteen people were killed this week in a number of auto accidents. Thirty-nine were injured. Since the beginning of the year, 520 people have died on the roads.

Israel, U.S.A. & the World

Tribute set for slain athletes

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BONN — Israeli and German Jewish officials have dropped their plans to boycott this week's dedication ceremony of a monument to the 11 Israeli athletes killed in a terrorist attack during the 1972 Munich Olympic games.

The officials lifted their boycott of the Sept. 27 ceremony after the German Olympic Committee assured them that the plaque on the monument would explicitly state the Israelis were victims of a terrorist attack.

The plaque's original text said the athletes were the victims of "violence," without specific mention of the attack by Palestinian terrorists.

The omission enraged Israeli and German Jewish officials.

Among those who stated their intention to boycott the ceremony were Israeli ambassador Avi Primor; Ignatz Bubis, head of Germany's Jewish community; and Yoram Oberkovitz, a member of the Israeli Olympic Committee.

The German Olympic Committee changed the plaque's text after intensive negotiations with the Jewish officials.

Committee members said they would not be able to change the text in time for the ceremony, but they pledged to do so as soon as possible.

Palestinian terrorists belonging to the Black September movement infiltrated the Olympic village on Sept. 5, 1972, the 11th day of the Munich Olympics.

The terrorists killed two Israeli athletes and took nine others hostage, demanding the release of 200 Arab prisoners in Israel.

In a shootout at the airport later that day when German police attempted to free the hostages, all nine hostages were killed, as were a German policeman and five of the terrorists. Three of the Palestinians were arrested.

Relatives of the Israeli victims blamed the German police for botching the airport rescue attempt, and sued local authorities for compensation.

That trial is still pending.

Germany seeks war criminal

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BONN — German prosecutors have posted a reward equalling $333,000 (US) for information leading to the arrest of the last leading Nazi still believed to be on the loose.

Alois Brunner, 83, has been the target for years of fruitless search efforts. State prosecutors in Cologne and Frankfurt made the reward offer in the hope of finally capturing him.

Brunner, an Austrian citizen, served during World War II as personal secretary to Adolf Eichmann, Hitler's chief aide.

The person Eichmann once described as his "best man" orchestrated the deaths of some 128,000 Jews from Austria, Greece, France and Slovakia during the war years. Brunner was listed earlier this year in the German newsmagazine *Focus* as one of Interpol's 12 most-wanted people.

According to the magazine, the former SS officer, who was previously believed to be living undisturbed in Damascus, Syria, had obtained an Austrian passport under an assumed name and moved to Argentina.

But in August, French police said they failed to locate Brunner in Argentina after receiving tips that he had left his hideout in Syria.

Brunner lived in Essen, Germany, until 1954 under the alias Alois Schmaldienst.

He then fled to Damascus, where he worked as a businessman and "government adviser" using the name Georg Fischer.

Authorities in Germany, France and Austria have issued warrants for Brunner's arrest.

As far back as 1992, diplomats in Syria maintained that Brunner was dead.

But the German newsmagazine *Der Spiegel* quoted French Nazi hunter Serge Klarsfeld as saying that Brunner still lives in Damascus in a state-owned apartment, under a "sort of a house arrest."

According to various reports, Brunner has been spotted in Brazil, Argentina, Chile and Cambodia.

Metulla's Canada Centre a magnet for visitors

By NECHEMIA MEYERS
Special to The CJN

METULLA, Israel — When my grandsons and I were recently enjoying the Jacuzzi at Metulla's Canada Centre, we soon became aware that we were the only ones in the tub speaking Hebrew; all the rest were conversing in Arabic.

This, admittedly, is not the usual picture at the Canada Centre — which boasts indoor and outdoor swimming pools, an ice skating rink, a basketball court, a firing range, two squash courts, an aerobics room and a soccer field — but it is not so unusual either.

Among the half-million people who use the centre's facilities each year, there are a large number of Arabs from various parts of the Galilee and from the nearby security zone of south Lebanon. Just how many nobody knows because, as the centre's deputy director, Yitzhak Sandler, puts it, "We don't differentiate in any way between Arabs and Jews."

Residents of the security zone — Christians, Muslims and Druze — are particularly grateful to have access to the centre, where they can enjoy a brief respite from constant tension and where their children can participate in bilingual day camps.

The Canada Centre has not only made life more pleasant for the population of the area, it has also given it an economic boost. Israelis from Tel Aviv, Haifa and Jerusalem are now more likely to vacation in the Galilee because besides visiting its many scenic spots and boating or floating down the Jordan, they can also relax at the centre. Moreover, while they can go swimming or play basketball in a lot of other places, only in Metulla can they go ice skating at a decent rink.

Snow piled on roof

Though the border town has not been hit by terrorist rockets for several years, every time the Galilee is shelled, there is a drop in attendance at the Canada Centre, albeit usually for only a few days.

The only substantial damage the centre itself has ever suffered was from snow, not shells. So much snow piled up on the roof of the skating rink during a recent winter that the roof caved in and had to be replaced.

The existing rink will soon be dwarfed by a new one being constructed at a cost of some $4 million. It will be of Olympic size — the first of its kind in the Middle East — and will include seating for 1,000 people (plus the possibility of adding 1,000 more temporary seats).

The new facility is being created with an eye to a future, more peaceful Middle East, when, hopefully, skaters from the surrounding countries will come to participate in regional competitions.

While Sandler agrees that it won't happen soon, he points out that kids in Metulla and the surrounding area are already being taught the rudiments of ice skating and ice hockey by Russian immigrants and a group of volunteers from Toronto.

So when the Egyptian, Syrian and Iraqi skaters finally arrive at the Canada Centre rink, the Israelis will be ready for them.

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Economic ties slow to come

By EMILY HAUSER
Special to The CJN

TEL AVIV — Middle East peace negotiators often present the potential for a booming regional economy as one of the most important by-products of the peace process — as well as a crucial factor in the talks' successful conclusion. Peace will raise standards of living in the area, goes the argument, and if standards of living are not raised, peace won't last.

Sept. 13 was the second anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Principles (DoP) between Israel and the Palestinians. The DoP was seen by many as the beginning of a new age in the Middle East, a time in which the peoples of the region could stop fighting and start doing business, opening the door for great economic growth for everyone concerned.

Yet many experts say that the outlook for bilateral trade within the area is not promising and focus should instead be placed on regional cooperation and foreign investment. As former enemies gear up for the Amman Business Conference planned for October, one question is still unanswered: How viable is an integrated Middle Eastern economy?

To Alon Liel, director general of Israel's Economic Planning Ministry, the question of trade is clear. There is little or no potential.

"Our economic structures are very different," he explains. "While most Arab countries are still characterized by a heavy agricultural sector, the Israeli economy is much more oriented to industry — mainly hi-tech — and has a sophisticated service sector."

Furthermore, many specialists point to the discrepancy between the countries' per capita gross domestic products (GDP): Israel's stands at $15,000 annually, compared to the $800 to $1,200 per capita GDP of the neighboring countries. The combined 1994 GDP of Jordan, Syria, Egypt and Lebanon, for instance, barely outstripped Israel's $73.9 billion.

Moreover, even intra-Arab trade is very low, rarely amounting to more than 10 per cent of each country's export, says Shaul Sasson, assistant director of the Middle East Department of Israel's Industry and Trade Ministry.

Dan Catarivas, director of the same ministerial department, concurs. "Historically, there has never been a situation like this, where a developed country has had to face, at such proximity, a completely different world."

Where the potential lies, these men say, is in joint development. The recent decision of an Israeli supermarket chain to import Jordanian food is colorful, but it doesn't amount to much cash, they say.

The experts believe the future is in projects such as the airport planned for the southern Jordan-Israel border, on which feasiblity studies are being carried out by an American firm, or the recently announced plans to build five "peace" highways, connecting Israel, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority and Egypt, on which the European Community will be doing the feasibility studies.

Liel reports that meetings are held daily between Israel and Arab government figures, businesspeople and planners, all leading up to October's conference. One of the conference's goals, he says, is the declaration of a Regional Business Council, "which would act as a joint lobby for the states of the area."

The Amman conference is the long-anticipated follow-up to last year's Casablanca conference, at which Israelis and Arabs were able to publicly do business for the first time. More a symbolic opening of doors than a place for concrete action, Casablanca was characterized by a great deal of drama.

Abdulanabi al-Sho'ala, chair of Gulf Markets International, a Baharaini trading company, was struck by the unprecedented camaraderie he witnessed at the conference.

"Nobody would believe these people have had a problem for half a century," he told reporters at the time. "I think the ground is now open. The opportunities are there, the environment is right and the time is right for getting to know one another."

Casablanca participants have been working on specific deals ever since, waiting, in many cases, for a chance to air them in Amman. In October, the Jordanians will host 700 international businessmen and women and 400 government officials.

International firms have already begun to move into the arena. Ace Hardware Corp. intends to use its recently established Israeli branch as a training and merchandise base for stores throughout the region. Nestle invested $44 million, in taking an option to buy 10 per cent of Osem, Israel's second largest food company; while Osem, in turn, is planning a joint-venture food processing plant in Egypt.

Likewise, Timex Corp. is opening a research and development office in Jerusalem this month and has plans for a sales and marketing office in Dubai. Muhammad Saleh, Timex vice-president of human resources, recently told the *Wall Street Journal*: "We always take an interest in a whole region, as opposed to doing business in a small pocket here or there. In the past, the Middle East has been a difficult area to do business in ... We think of the region now globally."

Liel is somewhat concerned that Islamic terrorism or the current impasse in the talks with Syria and Lebanon could undermine the progress made so far, but he takes a cautiously optimistic tone.

"We are sowing the first seeds of some sort of integration. We are creating a life together. Often, this will in turn create political facts," Liel says.

Catarivas cautions against expecting economic miracles. "It's not going to happen rapidly ... We're not even coming at this from the same place as post-war Europe, which had a pre-existing industrial base. We have to build a regional industrial infrastructure entirely from scratch."

JORDAN'S KOSHER RESTAURANT ON ITS LAST MENU

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CFL punter consistently among league's best

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — What's wrong with this picture?

Last year, rookie kicker Josh Miller led the CFL in punting, averaging 42.9 yards per kick, and was miserable.

Earlier this season, the Baltimore Stallions' punter trailed Hamilton's Paul Osbaldiston in the punting derby, but was wearing a smile and feeling good about himself.

At a pads-less practice at Hamilton's Ivor Wynne Stadium recently, Miller explained the difference in attitude between this year and last.

Last season, he was unexpectedly called by a Baltimore coach and invited to try out for the team after a year away from football.

Miller gladly took up the offer and won a spot with the no-names. Trouble was, he hadn't been expecting to play pro ball and arrived in terrible shape, about 20 pounds overweight and "built like a pear."

Even though he was booming the ball high and far, he believed that all anybody could see was an out-of-shape kicking specialist who could barely run across the field.

This year, he came to camp a svelt 215 pounds on a six-foot-three frame, looking the part of a pro athlete. In addition, he's worked on his technique and though he sometimes sacrifices distance in his kicks, he's booting them higher than before, giving Stallions' head coach Don Matthews the "hang-time" he demands.

After 13 games, Miller boasted a 47.4 yard average and had passed Osbaldiston to become the number one punter in the league.

And he's improving on his consistency. Twenty-four of his first 67 punts have gone more than 50 yards and only 11 have been under 40.

Despite earning a living as a pro football player and appearing in the Grey Cup in his rookie season, Miller admits to being a little puzzled by the path his career has taken.

He began as a place-kicker in high school in East Brunswick, N.J., and then moved to Arizona for the golf, but in 1989 he was named All-American kicker at Scottsdale Community College.

His first shot as a punter came at Arizona State after the team's punter almost caught his own kick in the air. The coach approached Miller to give punting a shot. He took to it naturally and in 1992, he was named first team All-American with an average of 42.7 yards on 74 punts. He also made All Pac-10.

Though not drafted, he attended the Green Bay Packers' camp as a free agent but was cut.

Thinking his football career over, Miller got work as a model and an actor and explored a career in communications. When he had some time off, he could be found on a Scottsdale golf course, trying to whittle down his five handicap.

Then last season he got the phone call from Baltimore and his football career resumed.

Miller said he is mostly self-taught (with help from St. Louis' Sean Landeta) and since college, he's strived for consistency and control. In Matthews' system, the single point is to be avoided and he's under orders to try to place the ball out of bounds when deep in the other team's zone.

Miller loves the fast-paced action of the CFL and though "it was NFL, NFL, NFL," when he was growing up, "I'm thankful I'm able to wear a helmet. The idea that they pay you to play a game is the best thing since lox."

Josh Miller prepares to hoist one high and long at a recent Stallions practice in Hamilton. [Paul Lungen photo]

Despite the modest wages CFLers are paid, Miller, who's single, said he's managing to put some aside. "I'm not a flashy guy," he said, adding his expenses are modest.

His family is fully supportive of his pro football career. His father, Richard, who commuted to work in the garment trade in New York City every morning at 6 a.m. returning at 9 p.m., "told me to do something you love," Miller said.

His father has travelled often to Baltimore to watch Josh play.

"If there was a rock-skipping contest in Alaska, he'd go to it," Miller said.

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Envoy stresses benefits of investment in Israel

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The new year brings a new Israeli consul general to Toronto and a new trade commissioner.

The international accounting firm Price Waterhouse recently hosted a cocktail reception at the Sheraton Hotel to welcome Jehudi Kinar, who took up the post of consul general at the beginning of September, and to introduce Yael Varsano-Barzilay, the new Israeli consul to Canada for economic affairs (trade commissioner).

At the reception, Price Waterhouse announced the establishment of an Israeli practice team led by Eric Slavens and Sheldon Lerman, following the addition of Somekh Chaikin, one of Israel's largest public accounting firms, to Price Waterhouse's worldwide organization earlier this year.

"There is growing interest in doing business with Israel," Robert D. Brown, chair and CEO of Price Waterhouse Canada, told some 120 people in attendance.

"The peace process has accelerated investment," Kinar said. In the last two years there has been intense investment activity in Israel by big multi-national companies.

Kinar said one of his goals is to strengthen economic ties between Israel and Canada by establishing more partnerships and joint ventures.

He said he does not believe the strong opposition to the current peace process expressed by some groups in the Diaspora reflects the views of the majority of people.

Varsano-Barzilay said she's come to Canada at an exciting time, because a free trade agreement between Canada and Israel could be finalized in 1996.

Dignitaries at the reception included Ontario Attorney General Charles Harnick, MPP Isabel Bassett and former External Affairs minister Barbara McDougall. Gad M. Somekh, the managing partner of Somekh Chaikin Israel, was also present.

At the reception are (from left) Price Waterhouse Israel liaison Eric Slavens; Jehudi Kinar, consul general of Israel; Gad Somekh, managing partner of Somekh Chaiken, Israel; and Robert Brown, chairman and senior partner of Price Waterhouse Canada.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Waxman To Direct Play: Four Canadian actors were recently cast in David Margulies' award-winning 1992 play *Sight Unseen*, which opens Oct. 18 at the Ford Centre For the Performing Arts Studio Theatre in North York.

Set in the glittering international art world, the play explores an artist's passion, integrity and betrayal. The director is Al Waxman and the producer Janese Kane, the artistic team that brought us last year's worthy *A Shayna Maidel*.

"I'm drawn to *Sight Unseen* because it is an inventively structured play driven by the reunion and confrontation of four fully drawn characters," says Waxman. "The play probes the depths of these characters with sensitivity, perception, wit and heat." Reservations, 416-872-2222.

Al Waxman

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Beth Emeth Musical Event: The Ne'imot Singers and Israeli television personality Mike Burstyn headline a gala concert Nov. 8 at the George Weston Recital Hall, North York, sponsored by the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue's music appreciation committee. Proceeds go to the Cantor Louis Danto endowment fund. Beth Emeth, 416-633-3838.

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Harbourfront Authors: The 16th annual International Festival of Authors at Toronto's Harbourfront features an impressive list of literary luminaries — too many to recite here. As in previous years, the Jewish interest is well served through the presence of such authors as Ariel Dorfman of Chile, Thomas Keneally of Australia, Arnost Lustig of Czechoslovakia and the United States, Grace Paley of the United States, Mordecai Richler and Josef Skvorecky of Montreal and Toronto respectively, and the renowned Russian poet and novelist Yevgeny Yevtushenko.

On-stage interviewers of authors include Phyllis Grosskurth, Michele Landsberg, David Lewis Stein and Rhea Tregebov. For a fuller sampling of the festival's multicultural riches, call 416-973-3000 or 416-973-4000.

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Two Plays Evoke WWII: A production of playwright Jean Anouilh's version of the Sophoclean drama *Antigone* is being readied for performance by My Noble Kinsman Productions, with a theatrical run set for Oct. 6 to 22 at The Theatre Centre East, 142 George St., Toronto.

The backdrop of Anouilh's drama is Greece, the cradle of political democracy, as it was ravaged by Italian, Bulgarian and German forces in the early 1940s. 416-538-0988.

Meanwhile, women, war, the devil and jazz are central elements of Equity Showcase Theatre's production of *The Dawns are Quiet Here*, by Boris Vassiliev, previewing Oct. 18 at the Harbourfront Studio Theatre, Toronto.

Ensemble acting, period music, and a mix of dramatic styles are used to explore the propaganda that fuels the sacrifices and euphoria of war. Until Oct. 28. 416-533-6100.

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Jewish Women & Jewish Culture: A new book of essays by New Jersey anthropology professor, Maurie Sacks, abandons the traditional questions of gender dominance in Jewish culture in favor of showing how women work to shape Jewish culture in every part of the world. *Active Voices: Women in Jewish Culture* examines such aspects of our culture as the literary contributions of Jewish women and the role of the mother in the bar mitzvah ceremony. University of Illinois Press, 224 pages.

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Visual Arts, In Brief: New works by artist Barry Oretsky are on exhibition at the Drabinsky & Friedland Galleries, 122 Scollard St., Toronto, until October 10.

Photographs of David Morris are being shown at Eight Elm Photo Video, 8 Elm St., Toronto, to Oct. 7.

Flights of Fancy, an exhibit of large metal constructions of birds by Morton Katz, opens Oct. 25. First Canadian Place Gallery, beneath King Street between Bay and York, Toronto.

Paintings and pastels by Albert Soren are on view at the Civic Garden Centre, Edwards Gardens, Toronto, on Sept. 30, noon to 4:30, and Oct. 1, 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

An exposition of photographs by Nir Bareket is currently on view at the Rosedale Diner Gallery, Toronto.

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Performing Arts, In Brief: Amadeus Ensemble's new season opens Oct. 15 at 8 p.m. with Beethoven Sonatas by Francine Kay (piano) and Moshe Hammer (violin). Future concerts feature Andrew Burashko, Ofra Harnoy, Rivka Golani and others. Glenn Gould Studio, 250 Front St. W., Toronto. 416-205-5555.

Sharon, Lois & Bram appear in *Let's Dance!* at the O'Keefe Centre, Toronto, Dec. 8 to 10, as part of a Canadian tour. 416-872-2262.

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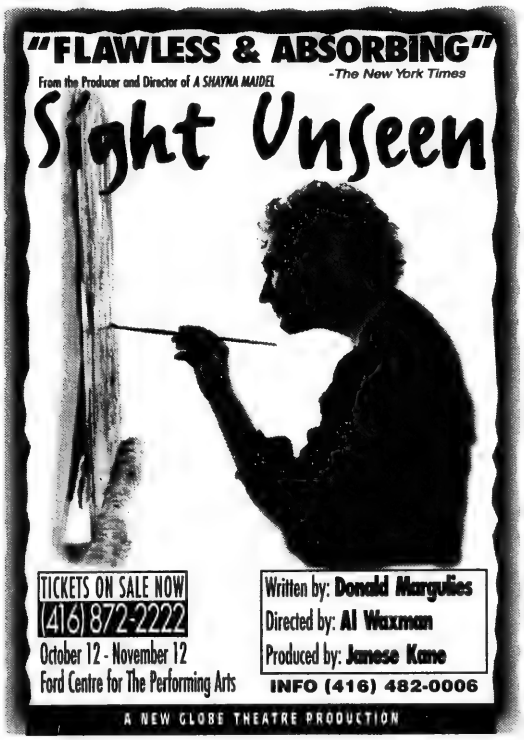
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Keaton comedy full of pathos

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

In her debut as a director in *Unstrung Heroes*, Diane Keaton brings us a comedy tinged with tragedy and pathos.

It's about an eccentric Jewish family, the likes of which Hollywood revels in. Keaton takes this promising material and shapes it into a movie that, while not compelling, nevertheless holds your attention.

The Lidz clan is a screenwriter's dream come true. Sid Lidz (John Turturro) is a wacky inventor who may as well be from another planet. His brothers, Danny (Michael Richards) and Arthur (Maury Chaykin), are dysfunctional and paranoic bachelors.

When Sid's wife (Andie MacDowell) is afflicted with a devastating illness, their son Steven (Nathan Watt) convinces them that he is better off staying with his uncles Danny and Arthur, who live in a dark apartment filled to the rafters with old newspapers and a collection of balls.

Danny and Arthur are strange birds. Danny spends much of his waking hours fending off delusional conspiracies and ranting on about supposedly anti-Semitic politicians. Arthur, timid and perpetually dishevelled, is an obsessive collector of useless bric-a-brac.

Yet Danny and Arthur aren't completely cut off from the real world. They find a measure of solace in Judaism, sporting yarmulkes and reciting prayers during meals. And they encourage Steven to be himself.

Being a secular Jew, Sid is hardly thrilled by Steven's dalliance with religion. Nor is he happy with his decision to change his first name to Franz.

These conflicts, which are expertly set up and humanely resolved, unfold as Selma gradually succumbs to her terminal case of cancer.

The film, which is currently playing in Canadian theatres, is neither excessively saccharine nor contrived. The dramatic components click into place, producing a movie that appeals to all age groups.

The actors acquit themselves with aplomb, although MacDowell appears too luminous for a woman with one foot already in the grave.

RE broker helps house stars

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Real estate broker Marilyn Rothman, who specializes in long-term leasing and short-term luxury residential rentals, has stars in her eyes.

With the booming of the film industry in Toronto, such production companies as Alliance Productions Ltd. and Twentieth Century Fox have turned to her to find homes away from homes for a number of directors and movie stars.

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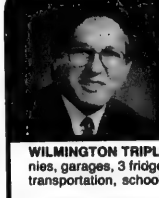

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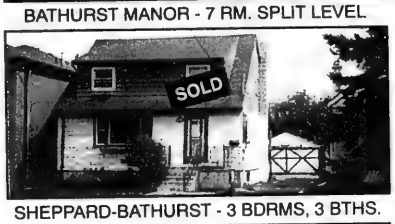
BATHURST MANOR - 7 RM. SPLIT LEVEL



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FINCH-WILMINGTON - 6 RMS. + FIN. BSMNT.

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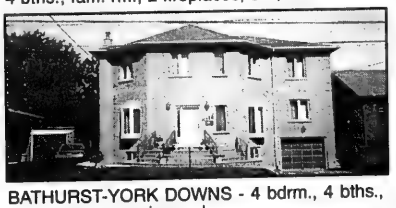
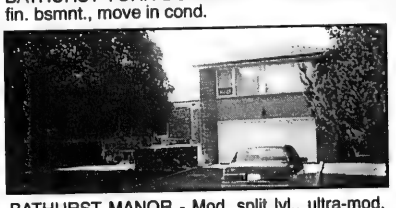


BATHURST-YORK DOWNS - 4 bdrm., 4 bths., fin. bsmnt., move in cond.



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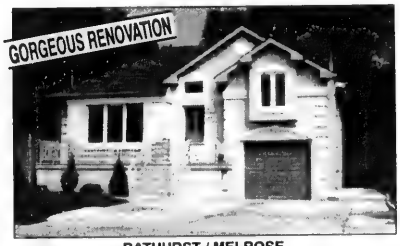

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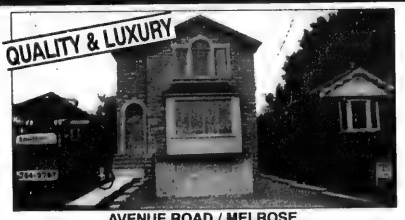
Spacious 3+1 bedroom side-split on gorgeous private 60' x 150' lot, prestigious location. Call David Eichorn (416) 787-1712.



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Just listed large ranch bungalow, 3 bedroom, family room, plus finished basement apartment, great location, close to shul, shops, schools & transportation. Sally Rosen (905) 884-4425.

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BATHURST - BAYCREST
3 bedroom bungalow, garage, large lot, needs loving care. Asking $209,000.

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RICHMOND HILL-FREEHOLD
4 Bdrm. tnhse, mstr. ensuite, $197,800.

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384 Cortleigh Blvd.

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Bathurst/Lawrence, magnificent builder's home, 2 yrs new 5 + 2 bdrms, fin. bsmnt, lrg private treed lot. $539,000. 781-9280. Private Sale.

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15 HOUSES FOR RENT

Bathurst/Wilson, bright, immac 3 bdrm bung, near TTC, shops & shuls, strictly kosher home for observant family. 736-4477.

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30 CONDOMINIUMS FOR SALE

100 CANYON. Luxury condo. 3 Bdrm. 2 baths. 3 appliances. 3 exp. Balcony. Security. TTC. Call Edith Weiss, Sales Rep. 483-4337.
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35 CONDOMINIUM FOR RENT

Bathurst/Neptune elegant 3 bdm 2 bth, sauna, pool, TTC, $1275 Oct. 783-6796.

50 ACCOMMODATION AVAILABLE

Bathurst/Sheppard room, priv. bth, suit female, 416-630-3108

60 SHARED ACCOMMODATION

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65 ACCOMMODATION/ SWAP/EXCHANGE

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Tall, pretty, intelligent, redhead, late 40s, looking for a guy, 40s or 50s, tall and in good shape who's interested in winter sports with me, namely downhill skiing and ice skating. He need not be skilled at these sports, I'm not, but I have a lot of fun trying, He must be a non-smoker who likes dogs and doing zany things. Box 6647 CJN.

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Brown, Willie on September 14, 1995, late of 100 Canyon Ave. #1004
Goodman, Louis on September 14, 1995, late of 4383 Bathurst St., #803
Iaski, Shahna on September 14, 1995, late of 261 Brickstone Circle
Rubenstein, Gussie on September 14, 1995
Weisbeker, Paula on September 15, 1995, late of 15 Baycrest Ave.
Givertz, Louis on September 15, 1995, late of 3705 Bathurst St.
Ravid, Morris on September 14, 1995
Steinberg, Renee on September 17, 1995, late of 39 Kennard Ave.
Shur, Percy on September 17, 1995, late of 7805 Bayview Ave. #1101
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Ronald Williams on August 30, 1995, late of 52 Cuffley Cres., N.
Robyn Friesner on August 31, 1995, late of 6000 Bathurst St. #707
Morton Ainsley on September 1, 1995, late of 419 Lytton Blvd.
Ronald Palace on September 1, 1995, late of RR 2, 271 Concession #3
Samuel Pike on August 30, 1995, late of 55 Carscadden Dr., #301
Rose Friesner on September 3, 1995, late of 100 Canyon Ave. #705
Jan Winter on September 2, 1995, late of 133 Torresdale Ave., Apt. 2204
Lily Feingold on September 4, 1995, late of 411 Dovercourt Rd.
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Interim accord with Palestinians said near

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Those reports said the agreement will call for the building of bypass roads for the 415 Jewish residents of Hebron; joint Israeli-Palestinian patrols in Hebron; maintaining the status quo at the Caves of Machpelah; and keeping Rachel's Tomb under Israeli control.

The deal also makes clear that security for Jewish settlers will be handled by Israeli patrols only, reports said.

Earlier last week, after 50 hours of talks, Israel agreed to enlarge the areas that will be transfered to Palestinians in order to provide "territorial continuity" between the West Bank towns of Ramallah, Nablus, Tulkarm, Kalkilya and Jenin.

As well, Israel has agreed to the stationing of 250 to 300 Palestinian municipal workers in Hebron. Only some of them will be allowed to carry weapons. The PA had demanded that 500 armed police be stationed in Hebron.

According to a revised Israeli proposal on Hebron, the IDF will redeploy in the city, leaving certain Arab neighborhoods.

All-night talks between Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PA chairman Yasser Arafat focused on the last two outstanding issues: Hebron and maps detailing the redeployment of Israel Defence Force troops.

Peres and the Israeli delegation rejected Arafat's claim that Israeli was trying to "cantonize" the West Bank, explaining that certain roads which will remain in Israeli hands are essential.

The PA requested 35 changes to the maps after objecting to continued IDF authority over many West Bank roads, which the PA charged was aimed at isolating Palestinian villages within Israeli-controlled territory.

The maps issue was finally settled, but not before Arafat stormed out of a session because one chart showed an Israeli bypass road running between two Palestinian villages.

Dear Jesse,

I am 76 years-old and very frightened.

My husband died three years ago and my brothers and sister died in the concentration camps during the war. I don't know how I survived.

I live by myself in what used to be a Jewish neighborhood; now I'm not sure who all these people are. Many nights I can't sleep because I have bad dreams. I don't go out when it's dark or when the weather is bad. I am so alone, my friends are sick and my child lives far away.

B.L.

Dear B. L.,

It would be a good idea for you to speak to your family doctor about your lack of sleep. Loneliness and isolation often lead to other problems.

Call a local synagogue and speak to the rabbi or Jewish Family Services where you might ask for someone who works with seniors.

In Montreal, JSSE provides a support group where survivors of the Holocaust have the opportunity to express their thoughts and learn a variety of ways to cope such as relaxation exercises. This group has been effective. If your community is interested in developing a similar program, please contact us.

Readers are invited to send any questions they have for Jesse to The CJN. *Jesse is the executive director of Jewish Support Services for the Elderly (JSSE) in Montreal.*

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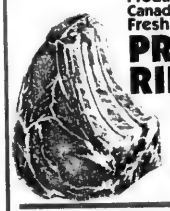

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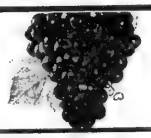

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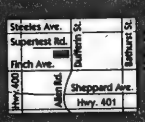

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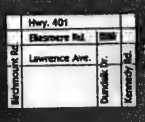

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Oslo 2: autonomy and security

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — If Israeli leaders were expecting a strong reaction from the Israeli public to the Washington signing of the Interim Agreement, they were in for a surprise.

Israeli and Palestinian officials announced just hours before the start of Rosh Hashanah that an agreement for extending West Bank autonomy had been reached.

But many Israelis didn't learn of the Interim Agreement, known here as Oslo II, until the end of the two-day holiday, leaving little time to organize rallies, for or against the agreement.

Israeli public opinion, according to the latest opinion polls, is about evenly split over the agreement. On Sept. 27, a day after Rosh Hashanah, hundreds of people demonstrated under the banner of *Zo Artzeinu*, or This is our Land, a right-wing group that in the past has mobilized thousands of demonstrators across the country.

Although sporadic demonstrations snarled traffic in the capital and elsewhere, it was a far cry from the massive outpourings of anti-government sentiment that have taken place recently.

The greatest display of disaffection took place among West Bank settlers, particularly in Hebron.

Last Friday, a day after the Sept. 28 Washington signing ceremony, settler leaders announced they would form a voluntary militia to patrol the West Bank when Israel begins redeploying its troops there under the terms of the Interim Agreement.

And Saturday, about 100 settlers marched through the streets of Hebron shouting "This is Our Land" and "Slaughter the Arabs." Two settlers were detained after they threw stones at Palestinians, Army Radio reported

On Sunday, more than 100 Israelis from Jordan Valley farming settlements protested at the Allenby Bridge crossing into Jordan, charging that the Interim Agreement was abandoning them to Palestinian rule.

Traffic was stopped for hours until Israeli police dragged the settlers away from the bridge entrance, located just outside the Palestinian self-rule enclave in Jericho.

In Jerusalem, there was little evidence of high-pitched emotions.

According to the latest poll published in the Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot*, 51 per cent opposes it. Given the poll's four per cent margin of error, the results represent a statistical dead heat.

While the scene on the streets here was relatively low-key, the Israeli press was rife with commentary.

Reaction was predictable, depending on the newspaper's predisposition to the peace process as a whole.

The right-wing daily *Hatzofeh*, an organ of the National Religious Party, blasted the agreement in an editorial as the "Rabin government's document of surrender" to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Editorialists for the Israeli daily *Ma'ariv* wrote that to the credit of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, the Interim Agreement "does not create irreversible facts in three areas: responsibility for security, the fate of the settlements and the future of Jerusalem."

The newspaper also said that "less than one-third of Judea and Samaria, including the cities of the West Bank, is being given to Arafat," and that "if the agreement founders, Israel will hold the

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Prime Minister Rabin, less reluctantly than two years ago in Washington, extends his hand to Yasser Arafat. President Clinton, as he did on Sept. 13, 1993, brings the leaders closer together. ***[RNS photo]***

'So much is at stake'

By IRVING ABELLA
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Agatha Christie once remarked that her favorite husband was her second, an archeologist. And for a good reason.

"The older I got," she explained, "the more interesting to him I became." And so it is with Canada. The older we get, the more interesting we become.

A few years ago the *New Republic* described Canada as the most boring country in the world. No one would dare say that today. We have in fact become a very interesting country — perhaps too interesting — not only because of the occasional violent native uprisings or the dramatic fish wars in our coastal waters, but most significantly because of the increasingly fractious political struggles which are threatening to destroy the country.

Referendum Quebec

With the end of the Cold War and the creation of new ominous trading blocs, while other countries are girding themselves to confront new global problems, Canada must take time out to discover whether she is in fact a nation.

How sad. What a colossal waste of time and energy. Does anyone really think that the October referendum will solve anything? How can it? We have already been told that it won't. The leaders of the sovereigntists' side have gleefully vowed that if they lose, they will try again — and again and again — as many times as it takes to wear down the federalist forces. At the same time, the prime minister has been sending out clear signals that a Yes vote will not necessarily be binding on the rest of Canada.

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EARLY DEADLINES

Because *The CJN* offices will be closed for Sukkoth, Oct. 9, 10, 16 and 17, deadlines for the Oct. 19 issue are as follows: Display advertising, Wednesday, Oct. 11 at noon, and for Classified and Organization ads, Oct. 11 at 10 a.m.

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The News In Brief Everywhere

CANADA

CIC Supports Accord

OTTAWA — The Canada-Israel Committee (CIC) has welcomed the latest agreement between Israel and the Palestinians.

Last Thursday's signing of Phase II of the Oslo accords "is another important step in the historic process of reconciliation between Israelis and Palestinians, and toward the achievement of the enduring Israeli goal of peace and normalized relations with its Arab neighbors," CIC national chair Stephen Victor said in a release.

"While we recognize that there is still much uncertainty about how the arrangements will evolve, this agreement reinforces the message that both parties are determined to move forward despite attempts to derail the peace process," the statement added.

'Aryan' Arrested

CHILLIWACK, B.C. — Charles Scott, who set up a telephone hate line here and was hounded out of Kelowna when he moved there with his family before heading to Ontario, has been arrested for trespassing on a Canadian Forces base and obstructing police. The trial has been set for Nov. 1.

Meanwhile, Scott, named "Aryan of the Year" by a U.S.-based hate group, faces trial in Kelowna for public mischief.

Centre Opening Set

VANCOUVER — Impresario Garth Drabinsky's newest enterprise, Vancouver's Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, is scheduled for opening and dedication on Nov. 2.

The theatre, designed by Israeli-born architect Moshe Safdie, is located at 777 Homer St., in the city's downtown core.

The opening production will be *Showboat*. The Vancouver chapter of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University will sponsor a Dec. 1 performance.

Mother, Daughter Feted

HAMILTON — A mother and daughter from a small Ontario community were the honorees at a recent State of Israel Bonds Women's Division luncheon.

Lena Rothberg and her daughter Beverley Lasky, both of Branford, Ont., were feted before over 200 guests at Beth Jacob Synagogue.

Representing the third generation — Lasky's eldest daughter Naomi — said mother and grandmother are "an inspiration to all of their children and grandchildren."

ISRAEL

Israel's Population

JERUSALEM — The Central Bureau of Statistics announced last week that Israel's population stands at slightly less than 5.6 million.

The Jewish population grew by more than 100,000, to 4.5 million people.

Jews comprise 81 per cent of the population; Arabs, 14.5 per cent; Christians, 2.9 per cent; and Druze, 1.7 per cent.

Some 82,000 immigrants — 70,000 of them from the former Soviet Union — arrived in Israel during the past 12 months.

Extradition Request

JERUSALEM — The police last week submitted an updated request for the extradition of Hamas leader Musa Abu Marzook, being held by the United States.

The request is based on additional material gathered since the original request was issued in July.

Israel decided to ask for the extradition of the former leader of the Hamas political bureau after he entered the U.S., where he resides.

Abu Marzook is believed to have coordinated Hamas terror attacks against Israeli targets over the last several years.

Auction Outcry

TEL AVIV — An auction house here has again caused a public outcry over its planned sale of Nazi memorabilia.

Knesset Speaker Shevach Weiss and Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau denounced plans by Menashe Maridek, owner of Zodiac Stamps, to sell items from the Nazi era.

Israel Radio reported that emblems and insignia worn by the Nazi SS appeared in Zodiac Stamps' catalogue for a public sale, scheduled to take place next month.

Five months ago, the auction house caused a stir with its plans to sell artifacts from the Nazi death camps, including a bar of soap allegedly made from human fat.

That sale was cancelled in the wake of public pressure.

WORLD

Street Name Shelved

ROME — The mayor of Rome has shelved his plan to rename a street for a leading official in Fascist dictator Benito Mussolini's government.

After pressure from Jewish and left-wing groups, Mayor Francesco Rutelli this month announced his decision — which came after the city's council's 11-1 vote backing the idea — saying that the "unshakable moral opposition" to the plan by Rome's Jews had been a decisive factor.

The mayor had defended his idea of naming the street for former education minister Giuseppe Bottai, who signed laws ordering Jews out of Italy's schools, as a way for Italians to come to terms with their fascist past.

Nazi Laws Recalled

NUREMBERG — This German city recently commemorated the 60th anniversary of the passing of the Nuremberg Laws, which formed the basis for the anti-Semitic policies of the Nazi regime.

Nuremberg Mayor Peter Schoenlein pledged some $50,000 to the Jewish National Fund to plant saplings near Beersheva.

Immigration Questioned

BONN — The head of Germany's Jewish community says he opposes immigrants from the former Soviet Union coming to Germany under the rubric of Judaism, when their Jewish background is questionable.

"I have nothing against opening Germany's doors to refugees," said Ignatz Bubis, head of the Central Council of Jews in Germany.

But, he added, "I don't want anyone blaming us for unlawful immigration."

Of the 100,000 people in the former Soviet Union who have applied for visas to Germany as Jewish "refugees," some 40,000 have come to Germany. Bubis said that only half of these immigrants are halachically Jewish, meaning they have a Jewish mother.

Walter Haas Dies

SAN FRANCISCO — Walter A. Haas Jr., the longtime Levi Strauss & Co. executive, philanthropist and former Oakland Athletics owner, died of cancer Sept. 20 in his San Francisco home. He was 79.

Nine hundred people, including the mayors of San Francisco and Oakland, several current and former Oakland As and former secretary of state George Shultz, attended the funeral.

Haas supported hundreds of civic and cultural causes, including several Jewish organizations.

Calls for Resignation

WELLINGTON — A city councillor in New Zealand published an anti-Semitic booklet that has outraged the country's Jewish community and elicited calls for his resignation.

Cliff Tait, a member of Hamilton's city council, writes in the booklet *The Squeeze is On* that there is a Jewish conspiracy to control the world.

Dov Bing, a member of the New Zealand Jewish Council, has called on the Hamilton city council to "collectively call upon Mr. Tait to tender his resignation."

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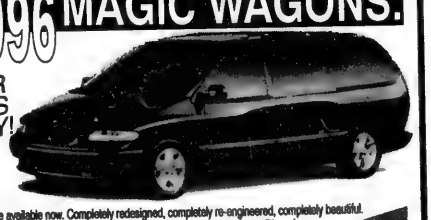

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Seniors anxious over budget cutbacks

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Cuts in health and welfare services in Ontario implemented or forecast by the government of Premier Mike Harris are causing deep concern to some members of the Toronto Jewish community.

"Eighty per cent of our members will be in deep trouble," said Harold Segal, past chair of the Bernard Betel Centre's social action committee. About 2,500 people belong to or use the centre.

The Throne Speech delivered Sept. 27 confirmed cuts already known, but what has distressed many is the prediction by government officials that the current program of free drugs for seniors and welfare recipients will be changed.

Another concern is the statement by Ontario Health Minister Jim Wilson that health and hospital services will be "deeply restructured," and a report that seven Metro hospitals will be closed.

One of the seven is Branson Hospital in North York, which has more Jewish patients than any other in Metro, including Mount Sinai.

Jack Gallop, president and CEO of Branson, said he is "surprised" his hospital is on the list.

"On any given day here, our community and patient mix has 65 per cent to 70 per cent over the age of 65 and being a community hospital in close proximity to seniors is very significant," he said.

The other hospitals on the hit list are Women's College, Wellesley, Western, Runnymede, Central and Northwestern.

"The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is anxious about the impact of budget cuts," the Federation said in a press release, quoting Morris Zbar, director of community planning and allocations.

Federation funded agencies, according to Zbar, are already operating with less money and are continuing to "cut deeply at their expenses." However, he added, "there's much more government budget trimming to come and the community will not be able to replace tax-based government funding."

Said Zbar: "We need to impress upon them [government officials] the importance of distinctly Jewish service delivery."

"I have paid taxes all my life and I'm still paying taxes," said 81-year-old Lou Goldenberg, director of the Betel Centre's public forums, expressing anger at the government cuts directed at seniors.

"I would like younger people to realize that we are not getting services out of the goodness of their hearts."

Protests against cuts in Wheel-Trans services have been directed to the Ontario government by Sadie Rose and Alec Bellan, co-chairs of the Betel social action committee.

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PEACE AGREEMENT OPPOSED

Opponents of last week's Interim Agreement protest in front of the Israeli consulate in Toronto. At right is Rabbi Shmuel Spero of Anshei Minsk Synagogue. The vigil was one of two held last week by Canadian Friends of the Women for Israel's Tomorrow (Women in Green) and Jewish Action Coalition. [Frances Kraft photo]

Renovating Cummer Lodge

Recent Russian immigrant members at Betel are worried about the cuts but are hesitant to sign petitions addressed to the government, because in their former homeland, that was not allowed, explained Gregory Veprinski, Russian Golden Age president.

The 422 residents of Cummer Lodge, about one-third of whom are Jewish, have a special concern over Ontario government funding. Because of a threat that Metro would withdraw its $22.5-milllion share of the $45.7-million cost of renovating the lodge if its revenues are cut, a Metro committee has decided to postpone a decision on whether to privatize Cummer.

This has led Mayor Mel Lastman of North York to threaten to close the lodge as unsafe and a fire hazard if renovations are not made.

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Support groups help families of gays, lesbians

By JANICE ARNOLD AND FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporters

TORONTO — For more Jewish families than one might imagine, the High Holy Days are the catalyst prompting a loved one to reveal that he or she is gay.

"People are asking for forgiveness and atoning for sins. Families are together, and you can't take the hypocrisy [of pretending to be someone you're not]. It's a very intense time," said a Toronto woman who came out to her family several years ago.

But when children come out of the closet, parents often go into it, says Mark Mazer, one of two social workers who lead an annual 10-week session for parents of Jewish gay and lesbian children in Montreal.

The group — one of only two of its kind in Canada — was launched in 1992 under the auspices of Yakhdav, a local organization for Jewish homosexuals. Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom provides space for the group's meetings. (Originally it met at Shaare Zion, a Conservative congregation.)

"The main purpose [of the group] is to help parents deal with their feelings after finding out their child is gay or lesbian, said Mazer, a Yakhdav member. Over half the participants continue to meet on their own after the 10 weeks are over.

Participants are given information on homosexuality, but mostly the group provides a place where parents can talk and share their emotions.

At one session, the temple's Rabbi Leigh Lerner addresses the biblical perspective on homosexuality and how Judaism today is dealing with the phenomenon.

In Toronto, a support group meets monthly at Holy Blossom Temple. Meetings are facilitated on a rotating basis by members whose experience has brought them a measure of understanding and acceptance.

It's not uncommon for sons or daughters to check out the group with their parents in mind and end up staying for support themselves. In the process they often contribute to other participants' understanding of their own children's situation.

Syd and Eva (not their real names) are longstanding members of the group. When their lesbian daughter came out to them seven years ago, there were no Jewish support groups to which they could turn, and they attended meetings of Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG) in a church on the outskirts of the city.

A long and difficult process

The couple facilitated a recent meeting at Holy Blossom using a combination of humor, questions, suggestions and empathy.

The CJN attended the meeting under the condition that confidentiality would be respected.

"Coming out [as parents] was a very long and difficult process, especially the first four years," recalls Syd.

As a facilitator, he says "it feels good to share our experiences and see people come along so fast."

One mother of a gay son said that she never considered herself the type to go to a group, but finds it helpful to learn how others have coped with her situation.

Initially, parents go through "almost a mourning process," says Eva. "It's like the child you thought you had is not the same person. You have to get to know this new person."

In Montreal, said Mazer, many parents come to the support group "in pain, wanting help. It's remarkable to see the transformation by the end of the session. They are set free, and have become proud and supportive of their children."

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Construction halts on controversial club

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Construction of the Luxor night club on Dufferin Street, opposite Bathurst Manor, has been halted by an interim control bylaw passed by North York council Sept. 20.

"It gives us 12 months to study what the parking situation should be for a place so large it can accommodate as many people as the O'Keefe Centre," said Coun. Mike Feldman who introduced the motion council adopted.

The Luxor management says they will have 176 parking spaces of their own but have permission of nearby businesses for another 800 spaces.

"Nearby residents are opposed to this development and this gives us a breathing space to look at the whole situation," Feldman said.

Luxor's application for a liquor licence will be heard at a deferred public hearing Oct. 24 at North York City Hall at 10 a.m.

The Sept. 20 bylaw halting construction came after the owner of the club, Marc Hazout, took the city to court to force it to issue a building permit.

Hazout told *The CJN* earlier (Sept. 21) that he has spent $1.5 million already on renovating the former Idomo warehouse at the corner of Steeprock Drive and Dufferin Street and planned to spend a total of $3 million.

Hazout believes the opposition to his club is politically motivated. He says he has been acting in good faith and his plans meet all city requirements. "There are other clubs nearby," Hazout said. "Why are they permitted to exist?"

The staff of North York's planning and transportation departments will do an in-depth study of parking facilities at large night clubs in the Metro area, Feldman said. "I understand one club in Etobicoke that can accommodate 1,100 people has 550 parking spaces."

Feldman said the bylaw permitting a club in the area did not envision a night club. "If this was in a different location and had more parking; I would support it."

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Jewish groups disagree about CHUM apology

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress believes CHUM Radio has still not sufficiently repudiated the anti-Semitic comments of radio personality Brian Henderson, despite adopting an anti-racism program for all its staff.

"We feel that CHUM must make a public statement describing why Henderson's statement was anti-Semitic and repudiate it," said Manuel Prutschi, executive director for Congress' Ontario region.

"The nature of the comments was so grave that it demanded a strong response," he added.

However Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada (BB), said "We're very pleased" with the approach adopted by CHUM. "We found [CHUM Radio president] Jim Waters was very agreeable to our recommendations."

After meeting with B'nai Brith officials, CHUM agreed to allow the Jewish organization to present race relations seminars for all its staff and to air hundreds of BB public service announcements over the next several years. CHUM will also co-sponsor the Student Human Rights Award of B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights.

While not disputing the value of race relations seminars, Prutschi maintained that a public on-air repudiation of Henderson's commentary was still needed.

"You don't need seminars to realize that Henderson's commentary was anti-Semitic and needs to be repudiated. You don't need a course for that," Prutschi said.

Neither Prutschi nor Dimant would agree with suggestions the Jewish community's message was being diluted by two advocacy groups pursuing different approaches to the Henderson incident.

The focus should be on the anti-Semitic incident, not about the organizations' different views, Prutschi said.

Having two organizations responding to such an event strengthens the community, Dimant argued. "There's room in our community for diversity," he added.

The controversy was touched off when Henderson made an on-air commentary in which he said Jewish mothers were responsible for Ontario's Legal Aid crisis by pushing their sons into becoming lawyers.

Dick Smyth, a commentator for 680 News, came to Henderson's defence, saying there was a "disproportionate" number of Jewish lawyers.

Although 680 News readily acknowledged the anti-Semitic nature of Smyth's remarks, CHUM's initial apology simply denied Henderson was an anti-Semite.

Congress has filed a complaint about Henderson's statement with the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission, the broadcast regulator.

Will enough teens take Yiddish?

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — There's good news and bad news for fans of Yiddish among younger members of the Jewish community.

The good news is that 13 students of high school age registered for a credit course in Yiddish, 10 more than ever before.

But the bad news is that the course will not be held unless 20 students sign up for it before Oct. 10.

The course, at a beginnner, intermediate and advanced level, is given at Earl Haig Collegiate in North York Tuesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. There is no charge.

Adults are no longer eligible for the course because of budget restrictions, but they are welcome to attend a three-level Yiddish conversation course for two hours at the same location on Monday evenings.

The credit course explores Yiddish language, literature, film, music and culture, and is taught by Sheine Mankovsky and Elie Moidel.

More than half the students who registered are graduates of Bialik Jewish Day School and took Yiddish from grades 3 to 8 as part of their curriculum. They are now attending CHAT, where Yiddish is not offered as part of the core curriculum. The other registrants are from other high schools in the Greater Toronto Area.

Those who registered have been asked to publicize the course among fellow students to bring in the required number.

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We fervently hope

The agreement signed last week in Washington between Israel and the Palestinian Authority acknowledges the sublimity of lofty aspiration. But its content and structure demonstrate, above all else, a deep understanding of the paramount significance of details, of enshrining the pragmatics of an untried day-to-day coexistence between two troubled, anxious and contending peoples.

The document is 400 pages of articles, annexes and appendices. It was described by Serge Schemann of the *New York Times* as "a combination of grand hopes and minute detail." It describes an ongoing process of separation in which the Palestinians, for the time being, gain autonomy but not sovereignty. Israel cedes administrative control but retains a tight hold on security.

The official summary says: "The main object of the Interim Agreement is to broaden Palestinian self-government in the West Bank...This will allow the Palestinians to conduct their own internal affairs...and open a new era of cooperation and coexistence based on common interest, dignity and mutual respect. At the same time, it protects Israel's vital interests and in particular its security interests, both with regard to external security as well as the personal security of its citizens in the West Bank."

And so we fervently hope and pray.

To be sure, moving forward in the manner outlined in the complex and complicated agreement is fraught with uncertainty and risk. But standing still is even more dangerous.

To truly achieve peace will require more than negotiations with the Palestinian leaders. It will require a reasonable level of confidence in the process. This will mean Yasser Arafat gaining the confidence of the people of Israel. In light of the widening rift within Israeli society, it will also mean the government of Israel trying, to the extent that it can, to gain the confidence of the people who feel most threatened by the process.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has clearly stated that the ultimate objective of the negotiations "is not a greater Land of Israel containing two nations, but rather a Jewish state within the majority of the area of the Land of Israel, whose capital is a united Jerusalem 'plus,' whose security border is the Jordan River and the Jordan valley; and alongside which is a Palestinian entity which Israel does not have to rule over."

The word peace appears in the Bible 237 times. It is more than lofty aspiration; it is essence itself. King David encapsulated its urgency, very simply and elegantly: "Seek peace and pursue it." (Psalms 24:16). The attempt to negotiate peace must be given a chance.

Delusion too

Last week we examined Premier Jacques Parizeau's referendum rhetoric concerning what he has called the inevitability of an economic partnership between an independent Quebec and an independent Canada. It was an example of the specious claims, "delusions bordering on deceit," which he cavalierly tends to fob off as fact. This week we examine another of his dubious assertions, namely, that Quebecers will be able to keep their Canadian passports in addition to the newly-engraved Quebec one.

A passport is proof of citizenship, the tangible and visible testament to the "contract" between citizen and state. Like all contracts, citizenship bestows benefits and rights but also imposes burdens and responsibilities.

By voting Yes in the referendum, Quebecers would be rejecting Canada as no longer worthy of their political, social, civic and constitutional loyalties. They would be casting off as so much unwanted baggage the burdens and responsibilities that citizens of the same country must share with one another. Thus unburdened, they should not at the same time expect to receive the rights and benefits of being Canadian.

The *Montreal Gazette* termed Parizeau's passport claim as "absurd." It is that and much more. To claim entitlement to the benefits while disavowing the burdens offends both conscience and fairness. By tearing up the country, they tear up the "contract," and with it its symbol – the passport.

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Dry Bones

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Jewish mothers are not to blame

CHUM-AM newscaster Brian Henderson's commentary constituted a vile and dangerous form of anti-Semitism. He takes the funding of legal aid, which is a significant financial commitment of the Province of Ontario (and thus contributes to the province's deficit), and chooses to lay the blame on Jewish mothers. He also uses the opportunity to tell us that there are somehow too many Jewish doctors and dentists. His entire thrust is that these people are in it to earn a "good living" and a "decent income." Why are the financial aspects of these professionals being emphasized rather than their talents, education, hard work and contribution to society? Maybe they are actually underpaid for the responsiblities they assume and the results they deliver. Isn't that what usually happens in a capitalist society when there is the oversupply that Henderson claims?

Henderson then broadens his anti-Semitism to question both the competence and ethics of the Jewish lawyer. He exploits his writing talents to be not just an anti-Semite, but a skilful one.

What's next? Is the root cause of the funding crisis in education Jewish mothers teaching their children the importance of knowledge? Is the root cause of the funding crisis in welfare Jewish mothers teaching their children about social justice? Bravo to the many Jewish and other mothers who challenge their children to diligently use their talents and opportunities to aspire to the professions Henderson enumerates and many others.

Marlene Rochwerg
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Jewish lawyers used as scapegoats

The recent statements made by Brian Henderson and Dick Smyth concerning Jewish lawyers and Jews in general were both insulting and offensive. Irresponsible remarks such as those made by Henderson and Smyth must be attacked by all responsible people. I do not even know what "disproportionate number of Jews in the legal profession" necessarily means, or whether or not it is correct in purely mathematical terms. However, this is not even the real issue.

To begin with, we live in a democracy, where a person's abilities, skills and desires, and not their race, color, gender or religion, dictate their chosen profession. It was outright prejudice and racism of the meanest character when these radio broadcasters used Jews as practising lawyers as a scapegoat for the decay of the Legal Aid System. There may be some Jewish lawyers amongst those that abused the system; however, this does not impugn the entire Jewish people and Jewish lawyers in particular. How fortunate for our Canadian society are the distinguished careers of the late Chief Justice Boris Laskin, his son John Laskin, the Hon. Charles Dubin, Messrs. Edward and Brian Greenspan, Clayton Ruby and Alan Borovoy, to name only a few.

Perhaps most galling was the egregious way that Smyth attempted to legitimate his remarks by cloaking his offensive racism with the misstatement that he is speaking the "truth."

People who have the ear of the public have a responsibility to discharge their duties honestly and professionally. There is no place in journalism for xenophobic, myopic people such as Smyth and Henderson. If there cannot be an unequivocal apology from both themselves and their management, then all responsible citizens must find a means to invoke sanctions not only against these individuals but against the stations for which they work.

Allen W. Weinberg
Toronto

Hebron's role in Jewish history

In response to Sheldon Kirshner's article (*CJN*, Sept. 21), entitled "Impasse emerges over Hebron," I would like to make the following comments.

Until last March, I was totally unaware of the historical and religious importance of Hebron to the Jewish people, and your cavalier attitude about the fact that Hebron is the most serious single *impediment* to the peace process, rankles. I am not sure if you have ever visited Hebron, but I am sure as a media person you do not live in a vacuum and must be aware of the Arafat tapes, where Yasser Arafat is seen exhorting his followers, the latest being young girls, to sacrifice their bodies for all of Palestine. What do you think that means — that they want to live in peace with us? I think if we pay very careful attention to our history we will come to the right conclusions.

Anne Walker
Co-chair
Canadian Friends of Women in Green
Toronto

Applaud 'Oslo 2' signing

As we observe the beginning of the Jewish New Year we are particularly pleased to celebrate the recent signing of Oslo 2. Hopefully this is a major step towards the completion of a full Israeli-Palestinian peace agreement. The peace process is admittedly a year behind schedule and terrorist actions have continued to take innocent lives and to jeopardize the ertheless, we applaud the Government of Israel for its determination and courage in continuing to move towards a just and lasting peace. This is our only hope for generations to come.

Simon Rosenbaum, Ester Cole
Co-chairs
Canadian Friends of Peace Now

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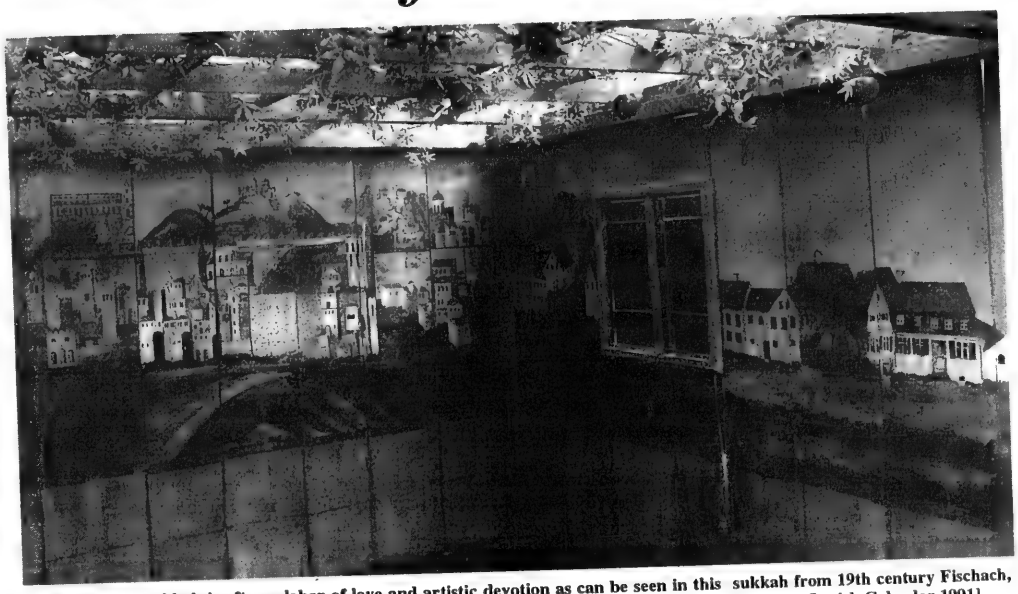
Perspectives

Sukkot — the time of our happiness

By RABBI JAY H. KELMAN



Decorating the sukkah is often a labor of love and artistic devotion as can be seen in this sukkah from 19th century Fischach, Germany. The walls portray elaborate, painstakingly detailed scenes of Jerusalem. [Photo from the Jewish Calendar 1991]

Five days after Yom Kippur we begin the celebration of the holiday of Sukkot. One question that one often hears (especially from employers) is: Why do we have so many holidays in the fall? Is it just a coincidence that Sukkot follows the High Holy Day period or is there some thematic connection? In order to properly analyze various approaches to this problem, we must understand what the holiday of Sukkot is all about.

The holiday of what we call Sukkot is really made up of two distinct holidays: Sukkot and Shemini Atzeret (which incorporates the festival of Simchat Torah, which was instituted much later in history).

Sukkot itself is made up of two distinct components — that of sukkah and that of the four species. These two aspects focus on two distinct parts of the holiday which at first glance even appear contradictory. When we take the lulav, etrog, hadas and aravah (the four species), we are giving thanks to G-d for all our material blessings, which in the agricultural society that was prevalent, was most readily apparent at harvest time. Hence the holiday of Sukkot is also known as *Chag Haasif* or the harvest festival and is most appropriately celebrated in the fall.

The other aspect of Sukkot is the mitzvah of living in a sukkah for seven days. We have to give up the material comforts of our "permanent home." Our home for the duration of Sukkot, the temporary structure of the sukkah, is invalidated if it has a permanent roof. Our homes are not foolproof sanctuaries and by living in the sukkah, we realize that the human condition is frail and we can not escape the elements that surround us. It is only because of inclement weather conditions in Canada that we are exempt from sleeping in the sukkah.

The Torah tells us that we sit in the sukkah in order to remember the fact that G-d took us out of Egypt. The connection between a sukkah and leaving Egypt is not readily apparent and is a matter of Talmudic debate. One view maintains that it symbolizes the actual huts the Jews lived in during their sojourn in the desert. If that is the case, we have to explain why Sukkot is in the fall. The Jews were in the desert during the winter, summer and spring as well. To this problem the traditional response has been that had Sukkot been in the summer, we would not know that one is sitting in their sukkah for the purpose of fulfilling a divine command. It is only because one builds a "summer hut" as the weather begins to turn cool that it is obvious that we sit in the sukkah in order to fulfil a mitzvah.

Additionally, human nature is such that when times are good we tend to relegate G-d to the background. We think we alone are responsible for our successes. Therefore, it is at harvest time, when we enjoy our material blessing, that we must be cognizant of the fact that all our blessings come from G-d. We leave our homes that we have "built" through our hard work and live in the temporary dwelling of the sukkah. This will hopefully lead to greater appreciation of the blessings we do have. We are reminded that life is only temporary and we must make good use of it.

It would appear that there is also a thematic connection for Sukkot following so closely on the heels of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The overriding theme of Rosh Hashanah is one of anointing G-d as our King. This is the reason why the chazzan for Shacharit begins davening aloud with the word *Hamelech* (the King), which is in the middle of a sentence. After we acknowledge and accept G-d as our King, we are ready on Yom Kippur to purify ourselves before G-d and ask for forgiveness.

We are required to leave the physical world by abstaining from physical pleasure and to try to develop our spiritual dimensions. By rising to new spiritual heights, we merit atonement and have a sense of joy and a feeling of coming closer to G-d. In fact, the Mishna tells us that Yom Kippur is one of the two happiest days of the year (the other being the 15th day of the month of Av). Though modern people find this concept difficult, there is happiness though there is no physical pleasure.

It is Sukkot, though, that is known as *Z'man Simchatenu*, the time of our happiness. Here the emphasis is on physical joy. We are commanded to eat meat and drink wine. These are outward expressions of the inner happiness that we are commanded to feel. It is one thing to come close to G-d through prayers but quite another to feel the presence of G-d through our material blessing. We do, after all, spend most of our time in the physical, material world represented by Sukkot and when we feel close to G-d while living in this world, it really is a time for happiness. But this level of recognition can only come after we recognize G-d as ruler of the world and purify ourselves.

Maimonides, the great medieval codifier of Jewish law, records the laws of the shofar and the laws of Sukkot in one unit. This classification when examined superficially seems quite strange: If the laws of shofar are to be combined, one would expect them to be combined with the laws of Yom Kippur not those of Sukkot. Apparently, based on the Rambam's thinking, the shofar on Rosh Hashanah and the lulav and sukkah both reflect similar themes.

According to rabbinic tradition, the shofar represents (amongst other themes) our acceptance of G-d as King of the world. It is our 21-gun salute. Similarly, the waving of the lulav in different directions is an act of testimony to our acceptance that G-d rules the four corners of the world. The sukkah represents the protection the king gives us. The life of Jews has even been compared to the existence of a sukkah, living only temporarily in our adopted homes while the winds of persecution attempted to blow us away.

The recognition of G-d as King of the universe is meaningful only if the Jewish people are united in this fact. Throughout the davening of the High Holy Day period we speak of Jews coming together and crowning G-d as our King.

The rabbis teach us that the four species represent four types of Jews, ranging from those who are both knowledgeable and practising Jews to those who are both ignorant and even apathetic about their Judaism. Yet the four species must be brought together and all are invalidated if one is missing. If we do not make sure that all Jews, even non practising ones, can still be part of the community, then our Jewish way of life is somewhat deficient.

The High Holy Day period is in essence made up of days of individual reflection. The notion of *tshuvah* requires each person to give an honest appraisal of how they can improve themselves. The emphasis is on the individual. The focus of the High Holy Days is not in commemorating an historic event in Jewish history. On Sukkot we move from the individual to the community. One of the reasons given in the Talmud for the obligation to dwell in the sukkah is that it represents the clouds of glory that surrounded the Jewish people as they wandered in the dessert. Here the Jewish people marched as a community on their way to receive the Torah and then to the Land of Israel.

On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we strive to improve our moral being and thereby come closer to G-d. On Sukkot, we realize that religious principles apply in the material world and bear upon the individual as a member of the community. We spend the better part of this three-week period refining our relationships to ourselves, our families and our communities. We thereby begin the season by cementing our relationship with G-d, and continue to develop our perspective on our possessions and ourselves as members of the community.

After Sukkot, we can only anticipate the long and cold winter. Before we start our long period without holidays, we have another holiday, that of Shemini Atzeret. The relationship with G-d has been going so well, let's stay together for another day. As we feel the presence of G-d in all our daily activities, G-d feels close to us and wants us to celebrate another holiday together. Hence Shemini Atzeret, which is a separate and distinct holiday that focuses on the mitzvah of simchah, which can be imprecisely translated as being happy — the happiness that comes from coming closer to G-d. Shemini Atzeret became the natural time to complete and more importantly start anew the reading of the Torah. The Torah is the method of communication between G-d and man. By studying and practising it, we respond to and incorporate G-d into our lives. This is true "simchat Torah."

This essay concludes the trilogy written by Rabbi Kelman on the pilgrimage festivals, Pesach, Shavuot and Sukkot.

Opinions

U.S. Jews' attitudes to Israel

I was in Israel when the American Jewish Committee's recent survey of American Jews' attachment to Israel and their views on issues surrounding the Arab-Israeli peace process was published. The survey received fairly extensive coverage in the local media. Needless to say, each side in the Israeli debate on the peace process interpreted the findings in support of its position.

By Shira Herzog

On the peace process, the survey's main finding was that a substantial majority — 68 per cent — continued to endorse "the Israeli government's current handling of the peace negotiations with the Arabs." This compared to 77 per cent in August 1994, and 84 per cent in September 1993, immediately following the signing of the Oslo accords.

Opposition spokespersons in Israel were quick to point to the decline in support as yet another indication of the government's mishandling of the talks. Government spokespersons, in turn, took comfort in the solid base of support for their direction. They explained the decline in support as natural in a group that receives most of its information through the media, who report largely on the negative, often tragic fallout of the talks. They argued that American Jews are removed, for the most part, from the new reality of Israel as an international hub of business and increasing foreign investment. The "peace dividend," they said, is felt only in Israel, and not thousands of miles away.

Much ink will likely be spilled on analyses of the findings and the occasional contradictions and nuances hidden therein. At the end of the day, Israelis in government and opposition may endeavor to capitalize on these, but they all know that the true battle for hearts and minds is being waged inside Israel. And in Israel, the mood of the people was best captured in a survey recently done by Haifa University on Israeli perceptions of Yasser Arafat. Fifty-three per cent of those polled said that Arafat was a terrorist and the enemy. At the same time, 73 per cent said that the government should continue the negotiations with him. This poll, too, can be interpreted positively by either side.

In reality, this poll tells what other polls have already shown. The public mood is volatile and Israelis can hold apparently contradictory positions. They are not completely convinced by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin that he is on the right track, and they are not convinced by Benjamin Netanyahu that Rabin is wrong. The next election will boil down to a choice between these two men for the position of prime minister.

More disturbing, perhaps, in the American poll, was the apparent inconsistency between sentiment and knowledge among U.S. Jews. Of those polled, 78 per cent "agreed" with the statement that "caring about Israel is a very important part of being Jewish." Seventy-nine per cent said that they follow the news about Israel "closely" or "somewhat closely." Sixty-nine per cent said they feel "close" or "somewhat close" to Israel. And yet 53 per cent said they were "not sure" if Netanyahu and Shimon Peres were in the same party (seven per cent said they were in the same party). Forty-seven per cent of respondents did not know that 1948 was the year in which Israel declared its independence. Sixty-four per cent of respondents did not know that 1967 was the year in which Israel took control of the West Bank. Sixty-three per cent of respondents said they had never been to Israel. Twenty-two per cent said they had been there once, and 15 per cent said they had been there more than once.

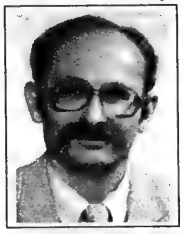
Behind the numbers lies a reality that gives pause for concern. A representative sample of 1,000 may not provide conclusive evidence, but it is a reliable indicator of trends. If the basics are not known, and if a majority of those who claim they care deeply about Israel have not been there, to what extent are their opinions based on myths or facts? To what extent have communities internalized an attachment to Israel that is not based on actually touching the country and its people? How equipped are they to enter into a new era in the relationship with Israel that will not be based to the same degree (no matter which government is in power there) on the external, existential threat to the country?

Other responses notwithstanding, an interesting finding was buried in one of the survey's questions: When asked "How important would you say being Jewish is in your life?" 59 per cent of respondents said "very important," 32 per cent "fairly important," and eight per cent "not very important." Asked about the qualities they consider most important to their Jewish identity, 51 per cent indicated "being part of the Jewish people," 17 per cent "religious observance," 17 per cent "a commitment to social justice," two per cent(!) "support for Israel," and 12 per cent "something else."

All pollsters will confirm that the wording and order of questions will yield varying results. Nevertheless, the August 1995 poll tells a story of a fluid relationship that is undergoing changes. These will pose new challenges for community leaders and members alike.

Free speech and offensive speech

At the University of British Columbia (UBC), allegations of racism and sexism have been directed at the Political Science Faculty. Admissions to the graduate program have been suspended. Some students have demanded modifications to the curriculum to include greater emphasis on feminist perspectives, the hiring of more women and the re-education of white male professors allegedly guilty of insensitivity or harassment.



By Morton Weinfeld

In Quebec, the head of the Conseil de la langue française, Marcel Masse, was accused by B'nai Brith and the Canadian Jewish Congress of racism and xenophobia. Masse had suggested that a narrow No victory in the Quebec referendum could lead to a backlash against non-francophones.

And in Toronto, two radio commentators have been accused of anti-Semitism. One had complained that many Jewish mothers push their children into law school, and he had linked that to the cuts in Legal Aid. A second commentator, defending the first, claimed that in truth Jews in Toronto seemed to be "disproportionately" represented in professions such as law and medicine.

At UBC, there may well have been cases of sexual and racial harassment by some professors. University administrations in Canada have been lax in their investigation and punishment of guilty parties in such cases. But the wholesale condemnation of the Political Science Department is seen by many liberal academics as too harsh. And few would abide by the kind of student-led control of the curriculum or the teaching process being sought.

I have periodically taught my students selections from *Mein Kampf* to illustrate anti-Semitic themes. That may well have offended some students. In my public policy seminars, I generally include readings from both sides of policy debates; since these are often controversial issues, someone is bound to be "offended." As a rule, vigorous free speech may often be offensive.

What of Masse's comments? Taken on the surface, I find them reasonable conjectures. I suspect many No supporters, including Jews, might agree that such a backlash is a possibility. If Masse made the comment to scare allophones and anglophones to vote Yes, it clearly did not work. I know nothing about Masse's personal attitudes towards non-francophones, and cannot speculate as to his motives in making the comment. But clearly, the more Masse and others repeat this "possibility" the more they may plant the seed in the public mind and create a self-fulfilling prophecy.

The third case is more troubling. The first comment, about Jewish mothers and Legal Aid, is stupid or malicious or a poor attempt at humor. The second caused pain because of the use of the term "disproportionately." That term has connotations of deviousness and unfairness, and taps into an old stereotype of Jewish lawyers as being unethical. The fact that Paul Bernardo's lawyer, John Rosen, has been fighting for his Legal Aid reimbursements has also raised the visibility of "Jewish lawyers" in the Toronto scene. Jews were also "disproportionately" represented as lawyers and in other professions in Weimar Germany ...

Yet there is no doubt that Jews are statistically represented in excess of their population percentages in many of the free professions in Canada and throughout North America. I have often discussed that point in my classes.

How to distinguish legitimate free speech from speech that is racist or hurtful? What seems to emerge is that what counts is the context of the speech: who says it, to whom, in what forum or with what motive.

Not every truth must be expressed. In our private lives, we often keep secrets or tell "white lies" to our friends or family to shield them from a painful truth. Thus there may be some value in giving second thought to the public expression of speech which is offensive, even if true, especially if the speech serves no compelling purpose. This is particularly true for media commentators, politicians or public servants, whose position is a public trust and who have to meet a high standard of public accountability.

But insensitivity or poor taste can be distinguished from the more pernicious manifestations of racism, intolerance, bigotry and anti-Semitism. Neither of the two radio commentators in Toronto has a public track record of anti-Semitism in any form. I wish there were ways to admonish politicians and media personalities about their insensitive statements, without using the powerful labels of "racist" or "anti-Semite."

Catch 22 for refugees

I have just come back from an international conference on mass immigrations and ethics, held in Washington. Many papers were presented and I made my own modest contribution. I came away from several interesting days of discussion, with the distinct impression that we in Canada are doing better than most refugee-accepting countries.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

But there are issues which remain unsolved, chief among them the problem of some 10,000 Somalis who have been accepted by the Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) as genuine refugees, but whom Canadian law conspires to keep in limbo. These are people who have proven to the Board that they are indeed entitled to acceptance as genuine refugees, even though they could not produce any identity papers.

That is not really surprising. Many people in actual flight from their home country cannot go and ask for a passport — the very question would likely land them in jail or worse. Moreover, in Somalia there has not been a proper central government for quite some time. Hence Somalis frequently have difficulty proving their identity anywhere. This applies especially to women, who have even less of a chance to obtain documents.

Back in 1993, the Canadian Parliament made it more difficult to obtain landed status in our country, and passports or other similar convincing documentation were required. Then the Somalis' bloody war erupted. Many arrived here without proper verification of any kind, perhaps even with fakes which they had been persuaded to buy in a foreign market. It did not take the IRB long to check out their stories and accept them as refugees.

But Canadian law now comes and says, "You can stay but you can't be landed," and that entails a multitude of disadvantages and keeps these people totally insecure. They have no way of obtaining documents and, therefore, are condemned to have no chance of becoming part of our community. It also ensures the continued separation of families. Spouses and dependent children who are overseas can be sponsored by refugees in Canada only after they are landed — and that status is closed to them.

There are other negative consequences: employment possibilities are restricted, for many employers do not wish to take on people who, while accepted as refugees, have no proper papers.

As for the question of admitting possible criminal elements, the sad joke is that criminals most often come under their own name and with proper documents, and rarely have they been discovered amongst the undocumented.

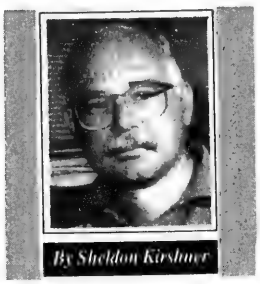
Some of my readers may wonder what this kind of column has to do in a Jewish paper, which is essentially concerned with matters that impact directly on our community. I remind them of the famous statement which the prophet Amos made, speaking on God's behalf. When he addressed the people of Israel, he said in ringing tones: "Are you not like the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel?" (Amos, Chapter 9).

By strange happenstance, the Somalis would be the very people about whom Amos would speak today, for they live in the old Ethiopia. What Amos makes clear is that universal human concerns are, in fact, Jewish problems and always will be.

The Kirshner File

Engel astounded by Benny Cooperman's success

With the publication of *Getting Away With Murder*, Howard Engel has produced yet another Benny



Cooperman mystery novel, the ninth in a series widely regarded in publishing circles as a Canadian institution.

Engel, though, is astounded by its success and astonished that his mythical protagonist has become "part of the Canadian landscape."

Engel — who may be Canada's answer to Raymond Chandler or Ross Macdonald — is surprised by Cooperman's longevity because he's the antithesis of the traditional American or European sleuth. "He's a kind of anti-private eye," explained Engel. "He's the opposite of someone like Sam Spade. He's soft-boiled, not hard-boiled. He has a mother and family connections. He's not a hard drinker. He's sick at the sight of blood. In some ways, he appears not to be a mentsh, though he really is."

And of course, Cooperman is Jewish, virtually the only Jewish gumshoe in the genre. Not surprisingly, Cooperman's Jewishness has a bearing on his personality. "This turns him into an observer of society rather than a full player," said Engel. "It gives him a kind of perspective you don't have if you're in the stir-fry of events. It allows him to look at things in more ways than one."

In his latest novel, published by Penguin this past summer, Engel draws on these characteristics to let Cooperman solve one of his toughest cases in 15 years. Abram Wise, a none too subtle Jewish racketeer, orders his gang of thugs to drag Cooperman out of bed. Wise, fearing his life is in danger, hires Cooperman to investigate. Cooperman is reluctant to accept the assignment, but Wise warns him he has no choice.

Getting Away With Murder is set in Grantham, Ont., a sleepy burg reminiscent of St. Catharines, where Engel was raised and where all his novels unfold. In addition, the book is replete with the qualities readers have come to expect of the Cooperman saga.

The writing is brisk, brimming with self-deprecating wit. In one succinct brushstroke, Engel thus describes a gangster: "He had all the high seriousness of a heavy without a suggestion that he split all of his infinitives."

Moreover, the dialogue is authentic, the characters seem real, and the plot is tantalizing, full of twists and red herrings.

In the current novel, Cooperman has matured into a sophisticated detective. No longer is he the somewhat bumbling figure he was in Engel's first novel, *The Suicide Murders*. As Engel put it: "His judgment is sounder, he has perfected his methods and has even built up credit with the local cops."

Cooperman has, in the meantime, moved out of his parents' house into his own apartment, quit smoking, discovered that lunch can consist of more than just an egg sandwich and, belatedly, found a girlfriend, Anna Abraham. Perhaps most importantly, Cooperman is actually in demand, having acquired a reputation for doggedness, thoroughness and results.

In Engel's view, Cooperman is closer to the modern archetype of the private eye than he would have been in the past. "He's not a Sam Spade," he observed. "He's more vulnerable and rounded. He lives in a small town, not a big city. He's a Canadian rather than an American, which may bother editors and publishers, but not readers. And he's a member of a minority group."

By all accounts, Cooperman has insinuated himself into the hearts and minds of his readership. "The series has done excellently, and the fact that Penguin is continuing with it is a good sign," Engel noted. "Publishing is a hard-ball business these days. Benny is good for me and Penguin."

Hollywood studios have beckoned

Engel allows that the Cooperman line has been lucrative for him, but he professes a child-like ignorance of its sales. "I'm not a facts and figures guy," he said the other afternoon at a popular outdoor cafe in midtown Toronto. "Ask my agent, Beverley Slopen."

Slopen, too, remains mum when the topic is broached. But she proffers the claim that Engel is "the best-selling and best-known" mystery writer in Canada.

Certainly, Engel's talents have not gone unnoticed by his peers. He was the recipient of the 1984 Arthur Ellis Award for crime fiction and he received the 1990 Harbourfront Festival Prize for Canadian literature.

He has been translated into German, French, Italian, Japanese, Polish, Finnish and Romanian, and Engel has an avid following in the United States. Proudly, he notes that Cooperman has been a clue in the *Los Angeles Times'* syndicated crossword puzzle.

Furthermore, two of his novels, *The Suicide Murders* and *Murder Sees the Light*, were adapted into CBC TV movies, starring Saul Rubinek as Cooperman.

Hollywood has beckoned, with studios having bought options for bringing Cooperman to the big screen.

It takes Engel, 64, about a year to finish a novel, though he churned out the first one in merely two months. "It gets harder with each book," he confessed. Sometimes, he writes himself into corners and must start anew.

Howard Engel

But as a rule, writing comes easily to Engel, a Toronto-born, McMaster University graduate who taught high school for a year and then worked as a freelance foreign correspondent in Europe and Cyprus before signing up with CBC radio as an arts documentary producer.

Rising fairly early, he composes on a computer in an office at his home in the bohemian Annex neighborhood, which he shares with his wife, Janet Hamilton, a novelist, and their six-year-old son. (Engel has two grown twins from a previous marriage.)

A secular Jew whose hobbies include canoeing, swimming and drawing, Engel is content being financially independent, and has no desire whatsoever to be on anyone's payroll again. "I wouldn't want to go back to a regular full-time job."

In 1985, five years after he launched Cooperman, the CBC laid him off in one of its wrenching, cost-cutting sweeps. He is still bitter. "In a way, I feel I was made to walk the plank. I didn't write one word [of the Cooperman series] on CBC time. Now I wish I had."

Despite his preoccupation with and commitment to Cooperman, Engel has other coals in the fire. Currently, he is putting the finishing touches to a book about capital punishment, as seen from a hangman's vantage point. Entitled *Behold the Lord High Executioner*, it will appear next spring.

And soon, when he's ensconced as the Barker Fairley Distinguished Visitor at the University of Toronto, he intends to begin a novel "written in the voice of a villain. It's going to be my *Richard III* book."

Cooperman, however, is neither out of sight nor out of mind. "I want to give him a rest. Once in a while, I like to give myself a sabbatical."

But Cooperman, he said, will be back.

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Greater Toronto Area

Jewish Agency emissary recalls Moscow posting

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Except for the presence of tanks in the streets of Moscow, an attempted coup by Communist hardliners in August 1991 was practically a non-event. It was one of those moments when you realize the difference between news and reality, recalled Baruch Gur recently.

"Only CNN managed to make a big story of democracy against the tanks," he said at a membership reception for Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University (CFTAU) held at the Inn on the Park Hotel.

Gur, now the Jewish Agency's emissary in Toronto, was recruited by the organization in 1989 to establish a presence in the former Soviet Union and develop the plan for Operation Exodus, an aliyah program which brought tens of thousands of Soviet Jews to Israel.

An historian by training, Gur told CFTAU members that during the coup "if you did not realize what was going on, you would think it was business as usual. You could see guys continuing to clean the streets. The babushkas went to the shops. The policemen let the tanks go and continued to direct traffic."

Because Gur had established a network of summer camps for Soviet Jewish children, he had contacts all over the country at a time when there were few foreigners there.

"Suddenly I began to get all kinds of inquiries [about the attempted coup]," he said. The American ambassador in Israel would go to the office of Simcha Dinitz, then chair of the Jewish Agency, and request political updates that he would relay to Washington, Gur said.

Baruch Gur

To get information, Gur would call a contact at one of the camps, and ask him to go downtown to find out what was going on.

When Gur was originally recruited from academia to work for the Jewish Agency, he figured that establishing a presence for the Zionist organization in the Soviet Union was "mission impossible," but didn't want to turn down a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

One way in which he acquired legitimacy in the Soviet system was to go into partnership with Moscow's Academy of Foreign Trade, with the help of a British business contact, running seminars for local professionals, such as Medicine in the Western World: An Israeli Model.

"For them it was a very new thing. I sent very good experts, all of whom knew Russian."

Although the seminars attracted some non-Jews, the vast majority were Jews who planned to leave and wanted to get information about Israel, Gur said.

He was unperturbed by the presence of a KGB agent in the form of an Academy of Foreign Trade "liaison person.

"It was clear to me whom she represented," he said. "I said, 'Everything we do is legitimate. It's better [to have her here]. She provides protection for us.' "

Today 660,000 Soviet Jews live in Israel, and 300,000 have emigrated to other countries since 1989, he said.

The exodus is not over yet, Gur concluded.

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All submissions must be original artwork and property of the entrant. They must include the full name of the agency, "50th anniversary" and the words "Serving all of multicultural Toronto." JVS staff, clients, members of the board, volunteers and their families are not eligible.

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Kashruth Council sets fall cooking classes

TORONTO — The Kashruth Council of Toronto, affiliated with Vaad Harabonim of Toronto, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress, has announced its fall lineup of cooking classes.

The classes and demonstrations will be given by Vivian Anhang, a teacher and graduate home economist .

The classes will again be held at the Shaarei Tefilah Congregation on Tuesday evenings at 8 p.m. There is ample parking and public transportation. The fee for each class is $15, or $10 for students under 18.

More Dreamy Desserts (V34) is a new session to be presented on Oct. 31.

All-Weather Salads and Appetizers (V35), to be given on Nov. 7, will feature a variety of hot and cold salads and appetizers.

Pasta Pasta Meat (V19) on Nov. 14 will be a repeat class by popular demand.

Casseroles Galore Part III — Meat (V36) on Nov. 21 will be a new cooking demonstration of a favorite dish.

Vivian Anhang

The classes are limited in enrolment. Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis.

To register, send your name, address, postal code, phone number (home and work) and a postdated cheque (or cheques) for the day of the class to: Information and Public Relations, Kashruth Council of Toronto, 4600 Bathurst St., Suite 240, Willowdale, Ont., M2R 3V2.

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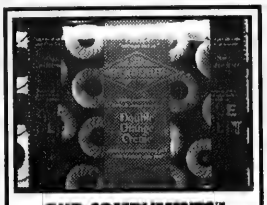

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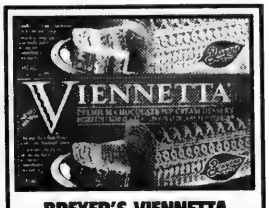

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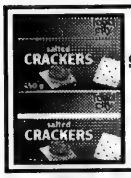

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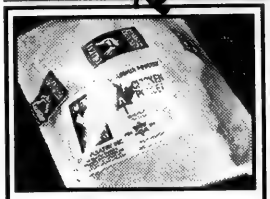

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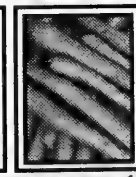

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Greater Toronto Area

Robotic courier 'Schleps' around Baycrest's halls

TORONTO — Many of the elderly residents at Toronto's Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care can recall a time when there were no cars, televisions or airplanes. And there was certainly nothing like the trackless, beeping robotic courier which recently started roaming the halls at Baycrest Hospital.

Staff at the centre have nicknamed the self-guided robot Schlep. He resembles a futuristic refrigerator, complete with flashing yellow lights, safety bumpers and a vocabulary of 16 computerized voice messages which can be programmed to sound either male or female. (Schlep is a male-sounding, English-speaking robot, although Baycrest is considering programming in a few Yiddish phrases to make him bilingual.)

Schlep, manufactured by the Transitions Research Corp. of Danbury, Conn., is the first robotic courier to be used in a Canadian hospital. Dozens of similar couriers are already employed in American hospitals, where they assume a wide variety of tasks including meal delivery and delivering operating room supplies.

"We're using him to carry out fairly routine tasks," says Vic Lambert, Baycrest's vice-president of information and support services. "For example, he can be programmed to pick up and deliver medical supplies, charts, requisitions and lab specimens. No full-time or regular part-time positions will be affected by his presence."

Wherever he goes at Baycrest, Schlep attracts crowds of curious admirers. Gliding along smoothly at about two feet per second, the robot is programmed with a memory map detailing all corridors and departments so that he can find his way around. Wheel encoders measure the distance travelled and turns made.

Each day he is programmed to follow various routes throughout the hospital, guided by a complex system of sensors which allow him to "see" everything within a 180-degree field. He easily navigates corners and doorways and can actually "call" for an elevator by activating a sophisticated radio signal that communicates with the elevator.

When Schlep's path is blocked, he will stop and politely request the obstacle to move. After 15 seconds, if the obstacle is still in the way, he will attempt to navigate around it. If he doesn't have enough room to pass the obstacle, he will announce politely, "My way is blocked. Please move the obstacle," and remain there patiently until the way is cleared. In case of trouble, the robot is also equipped with emergency stop switches.

Schlep's deliveries are carried in a secure "backpack" which can only be opened by a special key or combination to prevent theft. He is powered by his own set of heavy-duty, rechargeable batteries.

Although the robotic courier could theoretically function 24 hours a day, seven days a week, he is currently working a five-day, 12-hour shift.

When Schlep has finished his programmed rounds, he automatically returns to his home base in the Central Supply Department, where he may be given new instructions or a fresh battery which is required every 12 hours.

Over the past seven weeks, Schlep has undertaken 1,900 "missions" and achieved a 98.6 per cent success rate, although he once got stuck in an elevator.

Celia Smith, a member of Baycrest's Day Care Services for Seniors, meets Schlep the robotic courier.

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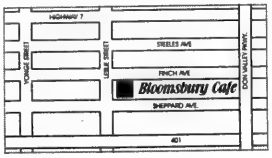

Greater Toronto Area

Markham Chabad Lubavitch has come a long way

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

MARKHAM, Ont. — "We've come a long way, baby!" declared an enthusiastic Rabbi Avraham Plotkin, spiritual leader of Chabad Lubavitch of Markham.

He was speaking at a dinner at Le Parc Banquet Hall celebrating the 10th anniversary of the congregation, which began in the living room of the Plotkins' home, moved to their basement and is now located in an industrial area near Bayview Avenue and John Street.

The dinner also kicked off a fundraising campaign for a community centre and synagogue which is currently awaiting approval from the Ontario Municipal Board.

Plaques of appreciation were presented to some 20 families who, as master of ceremonies Stephen Maizels said, "went the extra mile, just as Lubavitch has gone around the world. Wherever there's a community that wants to be traditional, that's where Lubavitch is."

He praised Rabbi Plotkin and his wife Goldie, and education director Rabbi Meir Gitlin and his wife Esther, for "the enormous amount of work they have done," especially with the youth of the community.

Rabbi Plotkin called the evening "an emotional moment for myself and everyone here, the culmination of a vision that began 10 years ago."

The congregation, he said, "started at the grassroots and grew [into] a family."

Keynote speaker Rabbi Mordechai Berger of Young Israel Congregation of Ottawa and founder of Ecole Maimonide, the only trilingual English-Hebrew-French day school in Ontario, praised the congegation for "its chemistry, potential and dynamism."

He described the work of Rabbi Israel Brody, chief rabbi of the British Commonwealth, who reclaimed "hundreds, maybe thousands" of Jewish children who had been given to Christians during the Holocaust.

Rabbi Brody reached the children, many of whom had had no contact with Judaism for years, by using Yiddish words and songs and simple prayers. "He kindled the core of their hearts — and got those children back," Rabbi Berger said.

Our role, he said, "is to bring our children back to the Jewish people."

In an exuberant tribute to Rabbi Plotkin, a giant cake decorated with sparklers was marched in, and the rabbi was carried on shoulders and on a chair during the dancing that followed.

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טוהר הגזע :

זה כבר עניין של יום ביומו : אתה פותח עיתון עברי בישראל או בחו"ל ומוצא מודעות שמכריזות : " אוכל גזעי תימני", "ריקודים אסלים גזעיים", ובכתבות אופי ורקע תמצא לא אתת על מאן דהוא שהוא "ישראלי גזעי", "מרוקאי גזעי", "תימני גזעי". בהרהור חולף ובלתי מתעמק אפשר לנחך לשימוש הוטרינארי הזה, כי כולנו משתמשים במושגים האלה לתאר "כלב גזעי" "לבראדור גזעי" וכיוצא באלה הולכי ארבע. אבל במחשבה שניה, קצת יותר מעמיקה, אי אפשר שלא לחוש בגאווה הגזעית שמסתתרת אחד התיאורים הללו, בכמיהה למשהוא בריא, יפה, "גזעי". ועכשיו שישאר בינינו : תארו לכם שהייתם שומעים שבעיתון גרמני כותבים כיום על מישהוא שהוא "בחור גרמני גזעי", או "נערה באווארית בלונדית גזעית". העיתונות היהודית ישראלית היתה משתוללת ! לא היה גבול לתיאור עלייתה מחדש של האנטישמיות!

אז איך זה קרה שהעם שנפגע הכי קשה בהיסטוריה מחוקי הגזע משתמש באותם מושגים אחרי שני דורות? איך זה שאנשים כל כך רגישים לציון הגזע על ידי אחרים ושכל-כך קשובים שמא מישהוא יפגע בהם - משתמשים באותם מושגים? ממש לא בא לי לעשות ספקולאציות בעניין הזה. יתכן שזהו קומפלקס החלש שמנסה להידמות עכשיו לאלה שהתאכזרו אלינו? ואולי זה היסוד הגזעני שיש באופן טבעי בכל עם, ושאם לא מדכאים אותו על ידי חינוך מתאים - הוא זוקף ראש! מה שלא יהיה - צריך לשים סוף למודעות האלה. המילה "גזעי" טעונה מידי בזכרונות מכדי שנהפוך אותה לתואר שם חיובי.

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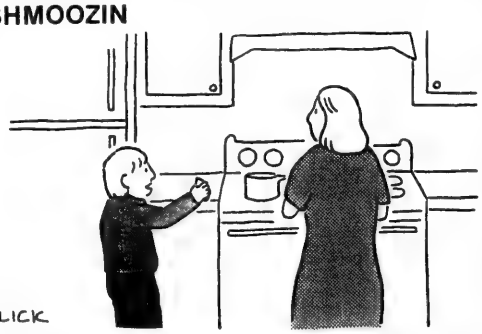

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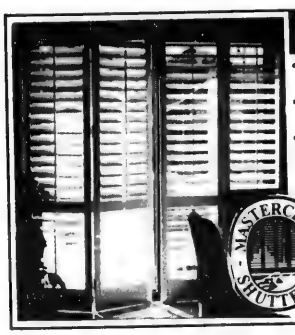

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Documenting the Holocaust

By GAYLE NAIMAN

I am the granddaughter of four Polish Jewish Holocaust survivors.

It is an Ashkenazi custom to be named after the deceased. Like other children and grandchildren born and raised after the Holocaust, I was named after my maternal grandmother's younger sister. I know very little of her life in the "old country." All I know is that during the war she was murdered by the Nazis. I never asked my grandmother about my great-aunt or any other relatives killed in the war, mainly because at a young age I was not interested or I was afraid of rekindling my grandmother's painful memories.

Only in my 20s have I come to understand the legacy of the Holocaust that I have inherited from my grandparents. Interest in my Jewish ancestry intensified after a 1993 pilgrimage with 16 members of my family to Poland and Israel. As a result of this journey, my family began to hear an abundance of stories relating to my grandparents' lives before and during the war. Suddenly, I became interested in formally documenting these vivid and intriguing stories about my relatives. Especially now, as my grandparents are in their mid-80s, it is even more urgent that they tell their stories.

To help my grandparents and other survivors document their stories, I decided to volunteer as a camera assistant for Survivors of the Shoah, a non-profit organization founded by movie director Steven Spielberg. The organization, known as the Visual History Foundation, is designed to videotape the testimonies of Holocaust survivors around the world.

The tapes are then preserved for research and educational purposes, in order that future generations will be able to study and remember this period of history. This project is also a meaningful way for families of Holocaust survivors to put the shattered pieces of their lives together by understanding what life was like for their relatives before, during and after the war.

As camera assistant, I aided the interviewer, cameraman and most of all, the survivors, who were anxious and nervous about telling their stories — often for the first time. Survivors often questioned if they were making the right choice by coming forward. However, they often saw their own grandchildren in me and understood the importance and necessity of giving their testimonies.

Numerous times I fought back tears when the survivors showed old photographs of their families and introduced their children and grandchildren. To see the continuity of Jewish life even after the tragedy of the Holocaust is remarkable. I left their homes, not as a stranger, but as a member of their own family — receiving hugs and kisses and a lesson in history that I never could have received from a text book. When survivors are asked why they chose to make this video, almost all reply that the world needs to know what happened during this dark part of history, so that it should never happen again. They want the generation raised in freedom never to go through the terrible, traumatic and unthinkable events they went through 50 years ago.

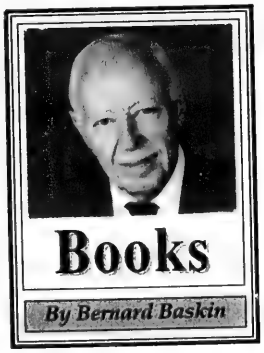
To my grandparents and other grandparents, whether you were taken to forced labor camps or concentration camps, were hidden as children or escaped to unoccupied territories, each story is unique and just as important in documenting Jewish suffering at the hands of the Nazis. I encourage you to tell your stories — for your children and grandchildren, and for those who will never be able to tell their stories.

And to children of survivors, grandchildren or members of the community, I strongly encourage you to volunteer your time and effort to this project before this limited window of opportunity for documenting testimonies is lost forever. I especially encourage third generation survivors to become involved in this project.

My generation wil be the last to know first-hand those who risked their lives to fight against the horrors of the Holocaust. It is our responsibility to pass this message on to our children and grandchildren. The period of silence is over and we need to know, in order to ensure that it will never happen again.

To participate in this project, call 1-800-661-2092.

Gayle Naiman is a journalism student in Toronto.



Books

By Bernard Baskin

The social history of American 'Jewishness'

The Wonders Of America: Reinventing Jewish Culture, 1880-1950 by Jenna Weissman Joselit, HarperCollins Canada $29.95.

This book is an original — sometime humorous, always enlightening — account of how American Jews over a period of three generations fashioned their own popular culture. It is the story of how immigrants, first generation Americans and their children in the suburbs chose Jewishness over Judaism.

One of the wonders of America, asserts the author, is how Judaism became less a matter of faith or a regimen of distinctive ritual, than a composite of emotion, consumerism, pragmatism and pageantry. The rabbis deplored lavish bar mitzvah receptions, the overemphasized Chanukah, the failure to observe Sukkot and Shavuot, as well as tasteless religious artifacts and *tshatshkes*, but their unlistening flocks went their own way.

The author, a Princeton professor and authority on American Jewish life and culture, describes the widespread Jewish kitsch of the time: chocolate matzah, gothic-lettered brit invitations and a menorah made of mah-jong tiles. The pages of the Yiddish press in the 1920s featured Aunt Jemima's pancake mix as the best flour for latkes and a Hudson car as a true Chanukah bargain for the entire family, "the greatest *metziah* in the world." An ad for vegetable shortening declared that "the Hebrew race has been waiting 4,000 years for Crisco." Mother Goose rhymes were written to celebrate holidays: "Jack Spoons could eat no prunes,/his wife could eat no quinces/but when Shavuos came around,/they both enjoyed their blintzes."

Surprisingly, *The Wonders of America* contains the recollections of the late Stuart Rosenberg, one-time rabbi of Toronto's Beth Tzedec Congregation. He recalls that in Brooklyn, N.Y., during the 1930s, when he became a bar mitzvah, the main event "was not the synagogue service but what followed later that evening. His party was held at the fashionable Casa de Rey, a Coney Island establishment, replete with a band, lots of guests, much food and many gifts. That was part of the new style of American Judaism."

Sisterhood gift shops numbering in the hundreds by the mid 1950s carried an astonishing array of Jewish ritual and gift items. These included dreidels, challah covers, ornate yarmulkes, "yahrzeit bulb and stand," as well as "lovely items from Israel."

In a chapter entitled *Kitchen Judaism*, the author explores Jewish gastronomy and how food preferences changed. A writer from the Yiddish daily *Der Tog* described the war between chop suey and gefilte fish. For him the abandonment of the fish for the alien Chinese dish was a blatant form of assimilation. He wondered about the possibility of placards reading, "Down with Chop Suey! Long live Gefilte Fish."

For most non-pious Jews, the amalgam of familiar rites and observation with a new American emphasis was not considered undesirable but rather a pleasant form of acculturation that even revitalised Judaism.

Strikingly illustrated, well researched and absorbingly written, this social history of how American Jewry reinvented itself is not only a depiction of the past, but also a mirror held up to our own time in which we can see ourselves and perhaps something of the future.

Jewish Life

Sukkot focuses attention at life's important values

Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI LOUIS SCHECHTER

For one week in the year, we leave our sturdy, centrally-heated (or air-conditioned) homes with all their conveniences, and live in frail sukkahs designed to admit the wind and weather. The roof, in fact, must be loose enough so that the stars may be seen from within.

We are often so impressed with ourselves and our achievements that we feel indestructible. We trust implicitly in our power and possessions to protect us. In health and prosperity we cannot consider seriously the possibility of misfortune. We leave the security of our homes on Sukkot to remember that we are here only temporarily, that nothing we own can protect us from any strong wind. Man's evaluation of himself is brought down to size. This is not intended to induce melancholy, or to discourage withdrawal from this world or morbid contemplation of imminent doom. It is to help man reconsider his ambitions, to separate the transitory and illusory from the substantial (if not necessarily material) attainments, the whim from the worthwhile.

Etrog, lulav, hadas, aravah

For example, in the singleminded struggle for financial security, all other values are sometimes ruthlessly sacrificed. Health, family, even enjoyment of living, commonly join religious values in being rejected or neglected. But should not each man have some time for re-examining his needs, to avoid the possibility of wasting precious and irretrievable years in pursuit of dispensables?

The mightiest fortresses we can create are ultimately no stronger than the little sukkah. But from the sukkah we can still see the Heaven above us, we can see the stars and regain our bearings, to give an ideal and a direction to our lives.

Besides having all our meals in the sukkah, there is another major observance of the holiday. Each morning, except Shabbat, we take four varieties of plants and recite a blessing over them. They are the etrog (citron), lulav (palm branch), hadas (myrtle), and aravah (willow).

The etrog is endowed with flavor and aroma; the lulav and hadas have either flavor or aroma; the aravah has neither. The rabbis tell us that the four varieties parallel the different types of Jews with their qualities and shortcomings, flavor and aroma being symbolic of learning and good deeds.

There are Jews comparable to the etrog — they are scholars who put their learning into practice. They recognize learning as the key to a full Jewish life and devote themselves to the study of Torah. At the same time, Torah is not mere theory for them — they act according to the teachings of the Torah they study.

Other Jews have learning. They may be scholars of considerable note and have an intellectual understanding of Torah, but it remains in the mind. Despite their learning, these men may fail to observe the many precepts in the Torah governing man's relations with men and his relation with G-d.

Still others, perhaps more common than the last group, are men of little schooling who are nonetheless active Jews. The Bible and Talmud are mysteries to them; they are completely ignorant of the intricacies of Jewish law; the very prayers may be unintelligible to them. However, they live as Jews should, observe mitzvot conscientiously and deal honestly and forthrightly with their fellows.

The saddest is the aravah-Jew. Poor fellow, he has neither learning nor deeds to boast of. He seems to be the superfluous Jew, getting nothing from Judaism, giving nothing to Judaism.

It is interesting that before the blessings over the four plants can be recited, the plants must be united, actually held together, touching. If one is missing, even the humble aravah, then the others are utterly useless. Every Jew, regardless of his measurable virtues, is indispensable to Jewry. The best are no more the totality of Israel than are the lowliest. The strength of Israel lies in its unity, in the ability and readiness of etrog and aravah to work together.

Rabbi Louis Schechter is the spiritual leader of the Lodzer Centre Congregation in Toronto.

Family purity laws — a 'total human experience' of great spirituality

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Arna Poupko

TORONTO — Observance of the laws of family purity — *taharat hamishpachah* — gives "a taste of the total Jewish experience by a simple act," says lecturer and scholar Arna Poupko.

Speaking at the opening function of Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation's sisterhood, Poupko, a doctoral candidate at McGill University and scholar in residence at Montreal's FEDERATION/CJA, said observing family purity laws are a sign of "Jewish dignity, pride, faith, uniqueness and specificity."

Taharat hamishpachah, she explained, is in the category of a *chok* — a mitzvah for which no reason is given.

"It is an act of adherence to *Hakodesh Baruch Hu*."

She attributed the mikvah's popularity to the fact that it too is a *chok*, something shrouded in mystery.

"The things that are most spiritually uplifting, like poetry, music, art," have an element of mystery — something about them that can't be explained only by the intellect."

Taharat hamishpachah combines the total human experience — "mind, body, the senses, relationships, body rhythm, G-d, and children, with poetry and sensitivity."

The world "is desperately searching for that kind of experience."

The mitzvah has even been accepted by "radical Jewish feminists," Poupko said, who have "taken it as a feminist charge."

The law is not only a way to greater spirituality and a way to express oneself as a woman, she said, but also a search for connection.

"It speaks of the romance of the relationship and the closeness between husband and wife. It shows that even a *chok* is filled with glory and wonderful benefits."

In other beliefs, those seeking spiritual enlightenment "disassociate themselves from the natural world," she said.

"But Judaism says that the natural world is beautiful and holy — that we should enjoy it."

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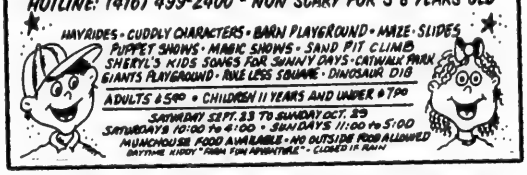
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CJC invites comments on elections

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — If you have something to say about the elections at the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary Assembly last May, you have until Nov. 30 to make a written submission to a Congress committee reviewing the organization's bylaws.

The members of the ad hoc committee, headed by Herbert Marx, a Quebec Superior Court judge, were chosen at a closed-door meeting of Congress officers.

They are: Renee Switzer Bellas of Vancouver, chair of the Congress national executive; Keith Landy of Toronto, Congress honorary legal counsel; Victor Goldberg of Halifax, first vice-president of the Atlantic Jewish Council; Rabbi Reuven Bulka of Ottawa, vice-chair of Congress' international affairs committee; Les Scheininger of Toronto, a past Congress national president; and Marilyn Blumer of Montreal, a FEDERATION CJA vice-president.

Named "participating observers" are two Montrealers, Myer Bick, chair of the executive of the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University; and Sharon Wolfe, who was the plenary's programming chair.

Officially, the committee is mandated to "review the electoral issues based upon previous Congress plenary experiences in order to make recommendations for changes to Bylaw 66 and consequential regulations and to report by March 31, 1996."

Bylaw 66 is the constitution that governs the basic operations of Congress.

Submissions to the committee may be made by individuals or organizations. Oral presentations of these submissions will be heard at a time and place yet to be announced, although Congress communications director Mike Cohen said they will likely be held in January and February, probably in Montreal and Toronto.

Submissions may be sent to: The Secretary, Ad Hoc Bylaw Review Committee, 1590 Docteur Penfield, Montreal, Que. H3G 1C5, or by fax at 514-931-0548.

Blumer, who is also an officer of CJF Canada, the body that decides the annual allocation to Congress, said that "in the end, I'd like to see a streamlined electoral process ... I hope we'll emerge stronger in every way as a community."

Thomas Hecht, who lost his bid for the Congress presidency to Goldie Hershon, said he welcomed the establishment of the committee "as long as it is understood that this is an all-encompassing study, including the process wherein officers of the plenary became active participants as candidates or members of the candidates' campaign."

Hecht is referring to Hershon's having continued to serve as chair of the plenary after announcing she would seek the presidency (she later stepped down at the behest of the officers). In addition, plenary programming chair Wolfe was on Hershon's campaign team.

Hecht said he would definitely make a submission to the committee.

"I want a completely open process ... the many questions raised by this plenary must be answered unequivocally and forthrightly by this committee," he said.

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The City's process for Fire Fighter recruitment has recently been revised. The City will be adopting a continuous recruitment process. The first phase will allow candidates who currently possess the necessary qualifications to submit their applications and be considered for the anticipated 1996 recruit class. **These applications must be submitted no later than Friday, December 1, 1995.** Early in 1996, candidates who do not possess the necessary qualifications will be able to submit their applications at any time and to work towards meeting the necessary qualifications at their own pace within a specified time frame. Qualified candidates will then proceed through the recruitment process and be considered for future hirings based on available vacancies.

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Completed applications for the 1996 recruit class should be forwarded to: Keith M. Fielding, Director, Personnel Services Division, Management Services Department, 2nd Floor, West Tower, City Hall, Toronto, Ontario, M5H 2N2. Applications must be received not later than December 1, 1995.

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The Canadian Jewish news

Claridge Israel supports Tel Aviv youth centre

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Claridge Israel Inc., the Israeli arm of Charles Bronfman's investment firm, Claridge Inc., has donated $600,000 (US) to the Tel Aviv Foundation's Municipal Youth Centre.

Etty Lothan, the foundation's project coordinator, said during a recent visit to Canada that the centre provides special services to over 500 adolescents with behavioral problems.

Lothan said her visit here was part of a renewed effort by the foundation, which is run by the city of Tel Aviv, to raise its profile in Canada.

Such an effort was first launched in Toronto in 1988, but did not pan out. In May, Lothan was in Toronto again to seek out support, but she indicated the most likely first Canadian city for an actual office will be Montreal.

To that end, Lothan said Tel Aviv Mayor Roni Milo, who also chairs the foundation, is slated to visit Montreal next spring to officially launch the Canadian office.

INTERVENTION REMEMBERED

At a recent Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) national executive committee meeting, survivors of the S.S. Serpa Pinto, one of the few ships bearing Jewish refugees permitted to land in Canada during World War II, paid tribute to Congress for its intervention 51 years ago that helped save 354 lives. Pictured (from left) are Maurice Shenkier, John Margolis, CJC president Goldie Hershon, Charles Kon, CJC national executive committee chair Renee Bellas and Maurice Baron. [Michael Beigleman photo]

From coast to coast

Yarmouth Jews gather for 'weekend of memories'

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Atlantic Correspondent

HALIFAX — On August 1, 1993, hundreds of former campers and staff assembled at Camp Kadimah for the camp's 50th anniversary.

A small group of present and former Yarmouth, N.S. residents renewed acquaintances, reminisced about the good old days in their southwestern Nova Scotia town and made a decision.

"Let's hold a Yarmouth reunion," they said. "The Jewish population in our town is dwindling. Let's bring everyone together again to recall what life was like when there were 50 families here."

Now, two years later, Ruth Pink, who still calls Yarmouth home, reflects on a "weekend of memories. If you asked each of us what memories we have, you'd get a different answer. Each of us could write our own book."

It took time for Rosalie Indig, who grew up in Yarmouth, and two other former Yarmouth residents, Roz Agulnik of Montreal and Ruth Noel of St. John's, Nfld., to contact community elders and then to track down former Yarmouth families. They sent letters across North America to generate the gathering of 85 Jewish family members from Yarmouth who reminisced through a late summer 1995 weekend.

Sixty years ago, nearly 50 Jewish families lived in the town, ran a busy synagogue program, developed a strong Jewish community and contributed to the overall life of the town. Today, there are eight Jewish families — 26 people — but Pink spoke of the power in good deeds of the small numbers.

"The community donated a Torah to Israel last November," she said. "We may be small in numbers but we're mighty in memories and good deeds."

Lester Pink prepared a history of the community. "We are proud we have existed as an Orthodox Jewish community for 90 years," he said. He talked of the first shul over a store at the corner of Main and Brown streets and about the purchase of the synagogue in 1910.

The veteran community member said he wanted to remind the young people attending, "We are proud, very proud, to have been members of this Jewish community."

Weekend activities included a visit to the Jewish cemetery, part of the Yarmouth Mountain Cemetery, a tour of the Yarmouth area, two banquets and a visit to the synagogue on William Street.

Cantors kick off celebration

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — Five Ottawa cantors brought the house down with their energetic, toe-tapping rendition of a holiday prayer at the kick-off to the city's Jerusalem 3000 celebration last week.

The cantors were the closing act at a noon-hour gathering at Ottawa City Hall. They sang two moving selections about Jerusalem and closed with a version of the prayer *Shehechianu* that was part march, part barbershop quartet. It brought the audience to its feet.

The Hillel Academy children's choir also entertained schoolmates, visitors and dignitaries with a selection of Hebrew songs.

Stephen Victor, executive director of the Canada Israel Committee said it was a miracle that the Jewish connection with Jerusalem has survived hundreds of years of persecution.

"If that was a miracle, and I believe it is, then let me ask for one more miracle. Let the city of Jerusalem, which David established, be known as the city of peace," he said.

Richard Cannings, a city of Ottawa councillor, praised Jerusalem as a vibrant, cosmopolitan city and marvelled at its age.

"When we talk about the jewel of Ottawa, the Byward Market, being 160 years old, it's hard to get your mind around Jerusalem, a city that is 3,000 years old," he said.

The kick-off ended with the raising of the Jerusalem 3000 flag by students of Hillel Academy.

In the evening, the Jerusalem 3000 committee hosted a reception following a performance by the avant garde Batsheva dancers from Israel.

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JNF Pacific to participate in Jerusalem 3000 party

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — In his first speech here, the Jewish National Fund's new Pacific region *shaliach* reminded the Jewish community of how much Israel relies on the organization.

JNF provides services in afforestation, water conservation, land preparation for immigrants and enhancement of the environment, according to Brig.-Gen. Itzchak Fuchs.

If these services were left to the government, Fuchs said, they would be at the bottom of a priority list because of massive defence spending.

Speaking at the home of Stan and Miriam Fisher to prepare for the High Holy Days campaign, Fuchs said JNF serves 4.5 million Jews in Israel, but does not extend its work to the West Bank.

Ruth Freeman, president of the region, said Victoria and Vancouver Island are fundraising models for small communities, with more than $65,000 pledged in last year's Yom Tov campaign. In general, the Pacific region doubled its budget in funds sent to Israel.

Freeman said that in this year's campaign, "we will be asking you to share in fighting the effects of the July forest fires that destroyed two million trees, by planting new trees."

She said support will be sought also to finance JNF's gift of an amphitheatre in Jerusalem to mark the city's 3,000th anniversary. She said the project will be known as KKL (Keren Kayemeth Leisrael Park), located in the southern part of the city, on the slopes of Gilo.

The amphitheatre and recreation site will accommodate up to 40,000 people. Acoustics, staging and lighting will have the latest hi-tech features; it will have picnic sites, recreation areas and playgrounds.

Freeman said KKL Park "will be a rallying point for the citizens of Israel as well as a showcase to the world."

Freeman announced also a JNF tour, leaving May 20, 1996, to take part in the Jerusalem 3000 celebrations.

Shari Sheffman, chair of the Victoria division, said the *Kol Nidrei* appeal at Congregation Emanu-El will be made by Miriam Fisher, who, with her husband, spent the past 10 months in Israel.

Sheffman said the traditional Blue Box campaign will be stepped up through the Hebrew schools. As in Vancouver, Yom Ha'atzmaut is the target date for collection of the boxes.

A Tu b'Shevat telethon is planned. Last year it brought in over $4,000.

Sheffman said that with the cooperation of the region, JNF programming will be increased here. And an effort will be made to bring to Victoria speakers from Israel who will be coming to Vancouver.

Phone campaign on tap

VANCOUVER — A phone campaign for the Combined Jewish Appeal (CJA) will run through the month of October, culminating in two Super Sunday telethons, Oct. 22 and 29.

Individuals can sponsor Super Sunday phones at $100 each. Phones will be used during the month and at the Jewish Community Centre on the Super Sundays.

The campaign opened officially at a public meeting at the Gateway Theatre in suburban Richmond, featuring a multi-media production from Israel plus a performance by the local Shalom Dancers.

A feature of this year's campaign, New Voices ... New Choices, is that donors with an increase over last year's gift can designate 50 per cent of the increase to a local organization of their choice.

Co-chairs Arnie and Susan Fine said the community campaign has evolved from dropping coins in a pushke to collecting door to door on behalf of the needy.

They said with the Jewish population growing at a rapid pace, "we need to support the new programs, new synagogues and day and supplementary schools that are springing up around us to meet the needs of our growing, diverse population. The CJA is about thousands of Jews helping thousands of Jews."

— M.L.

Winnipeg shul celebrates repair of Torah scrolls

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — There was singing and dancing recently at Winnipeg's Conservative Beth Israel Synagogue as *sofer* (scribe) Rabbi Jacob Klein from New York put the finishing touches to the synagogue's newly-repaired Torah scrolls.

The Beth Israel was formed about 25 years ago from a merger of the old Tiferes Israel (or Meziritcher) shul and the Hebrew Sick Benefit Association, a loan society which used to hold yom tov services for its members.

Early this year, Rabbi Klein was flown in to inspect the north Winnipeg synagogue's century-old Torah scrolls and found five of them to be wanting.

With $10,000 in funding provided by the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba, the scrolls were sent to New York for repairs. Rabbi Klein returned with them on Sept. 14.

Shul members began the rededication by taking the scrolls outside and marching back in with them under a *chupah*.

After the celebration with the Torahs, Rabbi Klein went to work. He had left the last little bit unfinished so that shul members could have a once in a lifetime opportunity to have the letters of their names inscribed in the Torah.

As everyone gathered around, Rabbi Klein had each person touch the ink-tipped feather he was printing with, before he printed the person's name. His work completed, the last Torah scroll was returned to its place in the ark ready for Rosh Hashanah.

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What's New and About People deadlines — Thursday, Oct. 5, is deadline for Oct. 19 issue. Thursday, Oct. 12, is deadline for Oct. 26 issue. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Wednesday, Oct. 11

SUKKAH-BY-THE-WATER

Our Hopes and Dreams for the Future, a commemoration of the Shoah with special Israeli guest **Dr. Galia Golan**, 7 p.m. Harbourfront's Tent in the Square. Tickets $25, $50, $200, $500, $1,000. All funds go towards grassroots women's organizations supported by New Israel Fund. **Marsha Slivka**, 515-0507.

GENEALOGY IN STITCHERY

The Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles meeting, Threads of Family History: The Slide Show, is a series of slides from the Ontario Genealogical Society of multi-media pieces on the theme of preserving family history using textiles. 8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple. **Elaine Genesove**. 905-764-5372.

SUSHI EVENING

The Young Women's Group of National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section, hosts You Don't Have to be Japanese to Make Sushi, cooking demonstrations (vegetarian, no fish!) and vegetarian sushi rolling with natural food chef/cooking teacher **Nettie Cronish**, 7:30 p.m., Council House. $8. RSVP 633-5100.

Thursday, Oct. 12

ABOUT BREAST CANCER

Join National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section, to hear **Claire Hoy** discuss What No One Else Will Tell You About Breast Cancer. 8 p.m., Council House. Free admission. RSVP 633-5100. Donations accepted for NCJW's Breast Self Examination Demonstrations.

And What Else Is New...

PARENTING FAIR

Jewish Family & Child Service presents the York Region Parenting Fair Sunday, Oct. 29, 1-3 p.m., Rosedale Heights School, 300 Rosedale Heights Dr., Thornhill. Guest speaker **Dr. Glen DiPasquale's** topic is Parenting and Discipline in the '90s: Was Grandma Right All Along? 905-882-6750.

SINGLES BRUNCH

Adath Israel Synagogue Singles, 35-55, presents a Sunday brunch, Oct. 15, 11:30 a.m. with **Henry Wellisch** and the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada, who will discuss Jewish Names: Their Significance with Jewish Genealogy; $8 pre-paid reservations at synagogue office, 635-5340, until Thursday, Oct. 12. $10 at the door. Visa accepted.

COMING OUT JEWISH

Starting Oct. 10, the Coalition of Jewish Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Students will hold weekly peer support group meetings Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., Bloor JCC, Room 212, facilitated by a social worker from Jewish Family & Child Service. All teens to 20s welcome. **Pearl**, Jewish Student Federation, 736-5179 or 925-9872, ext. 2114.

KABBALAH CENTRE

Kabballah Learning Centre is at 678 Sheppard Ave. W., phone 631-9395.

Morning Prayer Connection, Monday-Friday, 6:45 a.m., Sunday 8 a.m.

Shabbat Service, 8:30 a.m.; lecture on weekly portion 9:30 a.m.; Torah reading 10 a.m.

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VENDORS TAKE NOTE!

Temple Har Zion Sisterhood's fundraising Gift and Craft Show takes place at the temple, Sunday, Nov. 5. Exhibitor enquiries are invited. 905-731-3212.

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Mazel Tov

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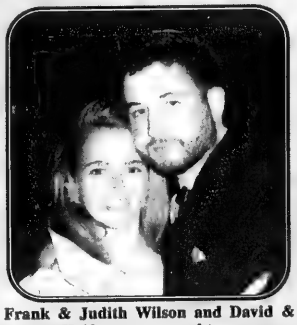
Hayden, the son of Marilyn & Sam Finkelshtain, celebrated his first birthday on August 20.

Jackey Helen Pilc recently celebrated her 25th birthday. Wishes for health and happiness from her loving parents, sister, brother and fiance.

Gary & Lynda Freedman and David Shulman are delighted to announce the engagement of their daughter Pamela Ruth-Anne Shulman to Alan Mark Hoffman, son of Shep and Janet Hoffman. Proud grandmothers are Rose Shumak and Doris Hoffman.



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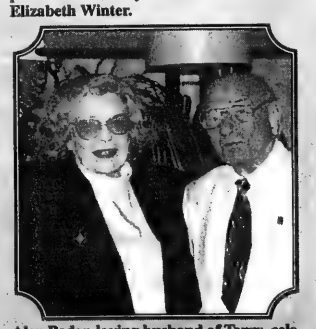
Elayna Joy Fligel and Jonathan Lloyd Latsky were married on May 21 in Stowe, Vt.

Michael Morris, son of Ron & Brenda Morris, and Tracy Conner, daughter of Rachel Nadler, were married on May 22.



Alex Beder, loving husband of Terry, celebrated his 89th birthday on Sept. 11.

What's New

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KIDNEY CAR PROGRAM

The Kidney Foundation of Canada's ongoing fundraiser, the Kidney Car Program, invites individuals to donate unwanted motor vehicles in any condition to the Foundation, to be auctioned or recycled in exchange for an income tax receipt for the value of the vehicle. 1-800-565-5511.

KLEZMER BAND

Toronto Klezmer Band under the leadership of pianist **Rick Kardonne**, with violinist **Joseph Roth** and trumpeter **Slavo Chakhnievitch**, perform for Simchat Torah, sundown Sunday, Oct. 15, at Temple Anshe Sholom, Hamilton.

CAUGHT IN THE MIDDLE

Through the use of short plays followed by discussion, older adults at the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living have been educating the public, professionals and students on the issues of elder abuse. *Caught in the Middle*, a new play resulting from a collaboration between students from W.L. MacKenzie Collegiate Institute and a member of the Centre, is a dramatic portrayal of a three-generation family in the '90s. If you would like one or more of the plays presented to your group, call **Sheila Zane** 225-2112.

JF&CS GROUPS

Positive Parenting Groups (Parenting the Young Child Oct. 23, Living with Teens Oct. 19, Single Parenting Nov. 1); For Women Only (self-esteem, stress management, interpersonal relationships, Oct. 19); Adult Children Losing a Parent (Oct. 29). **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800.

HEBREW CLASSES

All levels of day and evening classes in a variety of locations are offered for parents with children in Hebrew day schools and for seniors. Classes begin the week of Oct. 23. Call teacher **Yael Lev** 225-6151.

YEDIDAI SHABBAT

Yedidai Shabbat — Friends of the Sabbath uses traditional Shabbat material and discusses the Torah portion from a humanistic point of view. For information 488-0688.

INSTALLATION

Ellen Markin (right) graduate of Associated Hebrew Schools (class of 1972) was recently installed as president of the Parents' Association of Associated Hebrew Schools. She is a parent of three children at Associated and has been a volunteer for more than 10 years. With her is Wendi Morein, outgoing president.

YIDDISH CLASSES

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at the JCC/BJC

Winterlude, a camp for ages 4-12, runs 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during winter break holidays at the BJC. Winnies Winterlude is a half-day pre-school camp, running 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. 636-1880, ext. 378.

BJC's Institute of Jewish Learning fall term offers Two Days of Hebrew Literacy teaching the Hebrew alphabet in two Sunday afternoons, also other courses in Hebrew Canadian Jewish Drama, Jewish Parenting, Enjoying the Bible through Psychological Insights, Canadian Writers and the Holocaust, Hebrew Calligraphy, Reading, Light Conversation. **Marlee Pinsker** 636-1880, ext. 352.

Sunday babysitting at BJC, 9 a.m. to noon ages six weeks to 5 years. **Sharon** 636-1880, ext. 249.

BJC Senior Adult Services folkdancing starts Wednesday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m. to noon. BJC members free. **Teme** 636-1880, ext. 364.

Good Age Club of the Bloor JCC presents Memories of Kensington and Spadina, films with discussion following, Thursday, Oct. 5, 2-4 p.m. Bring your stories! **Judy** 924-6211.

For Seniors

Senior Adult Services, Bathurst Jewish Centre trips — Cuba at the Bela Costa Resort Hotel in Veradero Beach, Feb. 15-29: $1884 Canadian per person double occupancy includes airfare, 14 nights accommodation, three tours, breakfasts and dinners, cancellation and medical insurance. Orientation and sign-up, Thursday, Oct. 19, 1 p.m.; also, Alaskan cruise and Vancouver trip July 14-23. Early reservation necessary to maintain low price. Orientation and sign-up Thursday, Oct. 19, 2 p.m. **Teme** 636-1880, ext. 364.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On Oct. 12, **Raphael Gibzon** discusses the Book of Ruth. On Saturday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m., a Simchat Torah party with live music, dance, light supper, wine, cakes; members $8, non-members $10. 661-4689.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club — Sunday dance Oct. 22, 29, 7:30 p.m.; movie Wednesday, Oct. 11, 2 p.m. *She is Back in Broadway*; general membership and election meeting Thursday, Oct. 12, 1-4 p.m.; annual bazaar, Sunday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Trips — Israel, Oct. 25-Nov. 8, $2525 Canadian; Atlantic City Casino Nov. 13-16, members $315 Canadian, non-members $325. 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club programs commence after the New Year — Oct. 23 Current Events; Oct. 24 Exercise and Yoga; Oct. 25 Line Dancing. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Hebrew classes Friday mornings starting Oct. 27 at BJC, two levels: Beginners I for those who can read and have some or no basic conversation skills, and Intermediate for those who can read, write and converse in everyday vocabulary. **Teme** 636-1880, ext. 364.

LZA Seniors Club takes registration for Miami trip Wednesdays 10 a.m., Borochov Cultural Centre. **Libby** 782-2059. Next luncheon meeting Wednesday, Oct. 18, 11:30 a.m.

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Wellness Centre health lecture, How to Take Care of Your Back so it Will Take Care of You, with chiropractor **Dr. James Haase**, Thursday, Oct. 12, 1:30 p.m.

Israeli cultural club Etrog's sixth anniversary party with dinner and entertainment, Wednesday, Oct. 18, 7 p.m. Tickets at Centre 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Wednesday social 1:30 p.m. Oct. 18, features **Faye Kellerstein** in a program of Yiddish songs.

About People

HUMAN RIGHTS

Sigmund Reiser has been reappointed to the Canadian Human Rights Commission as a part-time member. Rieser, who worked for 35 years for London Life Insurance Company, both in Montreal and Toronto, has been active with the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario, the College of Medical Laboratory Technologists of Ontario, B'nai Brith Canada and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. In 1992, he received Canada's 125th anniversary medal for service to Canadians.

FELLOWSHIP AWARD

Toronto dentist **Martin Frankel** received the Academy of General Dentistry's (AGD) prestigious fellowship award at the academy's annual meeting held in Baltimore recently. AGD is an international organization with 32,000 general dentists. To earn the fellowship award, AGD dentists must complete more than 500 hours of continuing education course hours within 10 years and pass the fellowship exam.

ICRF ANNUAL MEETING

Pictured at the recent annual meeting of the Israel Cancer Research Fund (ICRF) are (from left) Alan and Andrea Obront, who were installed as co-presidents; guest speaker Dr. Alan Bernstein, chair of the International Scientific Council of ICRF; Brenda Bloomstone, executive director; and Martin Dover, immediate past president. [Rhonda Charlot photo]

WOMEN'S DIVISION LUNCHEON

Beth Sholom Sisterhood honored Belle Serota (second from left) at a State of Israel Bonds Women's Division luncheon, where $30,000 in Bonds were sold. Shown with her (from left) are Dodi Weill, chair, Women's Division State of Israel Bonds; Alex Serota; and Jean Beranbaum, luncheon and Bonds chair, Beth Sholom Sisterhood.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, November 4
8:00 p.m.
Former Deputy Mayor of Jerusalem, **Meron Benvenisti**, author of *Intimate Enemies: Jews and Arabs in a Shared Land* will speak on **Jews and Arabs After All The Handshakes: A Pretense of Peace?** **$7.00**

1:30 p.m.
Itche Goldberg, speaking in Yiddish and English on **I. L. Peretz**, the father of modern Yiddish literature. Sponsored by Committee for Yiddish, J.F.G.T., Friends of Yiddish, Kultur Geselshaft and Label Basman Memorial Scholarship Fund. **$6.00**

3:30 p.m.
Tribute to and Reading by **Irving Layton**. Sponsored by Parchment 95-96, Canada's national journal of creative Jewish writing and Jewish Book Committee, Koffler Centre of the Arts, Bathurst Jewish Centre. **$5.00**

Program assisted by the Writing and Publication Section, The Canada Council.

7:00 p.m.
Abraham J. Arnold, author of *Judaism: Myth, Legend, History and Custom* will speak on **From the Religious to the Secular**. Sponsored by Secular Jewish Association and United Jewish People's Order. **$6.00**

Abe Arnold's 50-year career has included being Editor of the Jewish Western Bulletin, contributor to Maclean's and Saturday Night, a CBC broadcaster and National President of the Canadian Jewish Historical Society.

8:00 p.m.
Rabbi Simon Jacobson, editor-in-chief of *Vaad Hanochos Hatmimim* will speak on **Toward a Meaningful Life: The Wisdom of The Rebbe Menachem Mendel Schneerson** (adapted by **Rabbi Jacobson**). Sponsored by Lubavitch Canada. **$7.00**

Monday, November 6
10:30 a.m.
Yettele's Feathers by **Joan Rotenberg**. Performed by Dr. Abraham Shore Academy-Shearim Hebrew Day School as part of the "Learning Skills Through Drama" Program. Discussion follows. For K-Grade 8. **$1.00**

1:30 p.m.
Dr. David Leibow, author of *Love, Pain and the Whole Damn Thing* will speak on **How to Reap the Rewards of Adulthood and Find Real Happiness**. Sponsored by Jewish Family & Child Service, J. F. G. T. **$1.00**

8:00 p.m.
Wendy Eisen, author of *Count Us In: The Struggle to Free Soviet Jews* will speak on **How Canadians Made a Difference**. Sponsored by United Jewish Appeal of Toronto. **$6.00**

Proceeds from book sales will be directed by UJA for the absorption of new immigrants in Israel.

1:30 p.m.
Dr.Elaine Dembe, author of *Passionate Longevity; The 10 Secrets to Growing Younger* will speak on **Making Your Body a Younger Place in Which to Live.** Sponsored by Association of Jewish Seniors. **$1.00**

8:00 p.m.
Erna Paris, author of *The End of Days: A Story of Tolerance, Tyranny and the Expulsion of the Jews from Spain* will speak on **The Spanish Experience: A Warning for Modern Times**. Sponsored by Hadassah-WIZO Organization of Toronto and League for Human Rights, Bnai Brith Canada. **$6.00**

Wednesday, November 8
10:30
Pearl Abraham, author of *The Romance Reader* will speak on **Coming of Age in the Hasidic World**. **$1.00**

1:30 p.m.
Eric Koch, author of *Hilmar and Odette* will speak on **Genes, Chance and Survival: Two Stories from the Nazi Era**. Sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women, Toronto Section. **$1.00**

8:00 p.m.
Robert Eisenberg, author of *Boychiks in the Hood* will speak on **Travels in the Hasidic Underground**. Sponsored by Emunah Women of Toronto. **$6.00**

Thursday, November 9
10:30 a.m.
Paula J. Caplan, author of *They Say You're Crazy* will speak on **How the World's Most Powerful Psychiatrists Decide Who's Normal**. Sponsored by Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. **$1.00**

8:00 p.m.
15th Annual Holocaust Education Week Opening Night Featuring **Faye Schulman,** author of **A Partisan's Memoirs: Woman of the Holocaust**. Sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, J. F. G. T. **Free**

Saturday, November 11
8:00 p.m.
Phyllis Lambert, editor of *Fortifications and the Synagogue: the Fortress of Babylon and the Ben Ezra Synagogue, Cairo*, will speak on **Archaeology, Preservation and Peace: The Ben Ezra Synagogue, Cairo**. Sponsored by Na'amat Canada and New Israel Fund of Canada. **$7.00**

Sunday, November 12
1:30 p.m.
Rabbi Maurice Lamm, author of *The Power of Hope* will speak on **Hope: The One Essential of Life and Love**. Sponsored by Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. **$5.00**

3:30 p.m.
Readings in Prose and Poetry featuring **Donia Blumenfeld Cienman**, author of *Older and in Love: an Israel Odyssey and A Scroll of Remembrance: 50 Years Since Liberation*; **Allan Wargon**, author of *I Am Come Into My Garden* and **Rhea Tregebov**, author of *Mapping the Chaos*. **$5.00**
Program assisted by Writing and Publication Section, The Canada Council

7:00 p.m.
Black Box, a stage adaptation by **Corey Ross** of a novel by Israeli author **Amos Oz**. Performed by Nova Theatre. **$6.00**

8:00 p.m.
Senator Jerry Grafstein, editor of *Beyond Imagination: Canadians Write About the Holocaust,* featuring contributors **Morley Torgov, Geraldine Sherman** and **Michael Marrus**. Sponsored by Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Canadian Seaway Branch and United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism. **$7.00**
Proceeds from book sales will be directed to endow a Chair in Jewish Studies at the University of Toronto.

Bathurst Jewish Centre

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Sunday, November 5 & 12
10: 30 a.m.
Renelle Kuntz, Jewish Book Fair's Official Puppeteer presents **The Story of the Unhappy King**. For ages 3-8. **$1.00**

1:30 p.m.
Author **Aubrey Davis** reads from his new book *Bone Button Borscht* and tells other traditional stories.
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Several years ago, teacher and storyteller, Aubrey Davis, was invited to tell a Chanukah tale to a group of 1500 children at Young People's Theatre in Toronto. With the help of some friends, he found a Jewish version of Stone Soup that after extensive revision became Bone Button Borscht. Now many more children will be able to read this tale about finding humour, hope and kindness in a dark world.

Sunday, November 12
1:30 p.m.
Renowned author **Jean Little** reads from her new book *Jenny and the Hanukkah Queen.*

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Transforming federalism

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So what do we have? We have a referendum that is in reality simply a straw poll. The people of Quebec are being asked to give their opinion on a question framed by the sovereigntists, one that is ambivalent, confusing, impractical and non-binding. Nonetheless, that being said, it is still a vote of crucial importance that all Canadians must take seriously, if only because, except for the separatists, no one wants the referendum to become a "neverendum."

And that is what will undoubtedly happen should the expected triumph of the No side not be followed by real reform and meaningful changes. The victory of the federalist side can only be a true victory if the various governments of Canada and its provinces commit themselves to transforming Canadian federalism so that it is acceptable not only to Quebec but to the majority of Canadians. We can afford no more Meech Lake or Charlottetown disasters.

Yet sadly that is the future we face. What ought to concern us is the growing number of Canadians in both camps who see this vote as a definitive parting of the way. There are far too many voices in English Canada talking confidently — even enthusiastically — about the new challenge of deconfederation, of finally ridding themselves of the Quebec albatross which has for so long prevented Canada from becoming a truly great country.

What these zealots fail to understand is the real genius of the Canadian nation. For over two centuries the major challenge of Canada has been to accommodate in one state two nationalisms — one French, distinct and homogeneous, the other English, inchoate and undefined — each with its own culture, language, traditions, memories and heroes. And for 200 years we have more or less succeeded.

Constitutional battles are not new in this country. We have had them at least since the rebellions of 1837. And we have always found a way to muddle through, to forge the necessary compromises to allow us to continue as a nation. But more importantly we have been able to build a Canada worth preserving and fighting for, a Canada whose watchwords are decency and civility, whose goals are equality and fairness and whose motivating principles are tolerance and humanity.

Will referendum solve anything?

As Canadians, especially as Jewish Canadians, we ought to appreciate how far we have moved as a society over the past few decades. We are not, thankfully, the country we were a generation ago — closed, narrow-minded, parochial, elitist. Rather we have evolved into a nation that celebrates differences, that tries — often clumsily, but with determination — to accommodate as many diversities as possible; a nation that has provided a much-needed haven for increasing numbers of desperate refugees and immigrants.

That is why so much is at stake in ensuring that we survive as a nation. That is why it is so critical that we beat back the forces trying to divide us.

Canada is a large nation. Our task is to make it a great one.

Irving Abella is the past president of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Winnipeg schools get funding boost

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg Board of Jewish Education (WBJE) and other private schools in Manitoba are receiving $100 extra per student in provincial government funding this year — an 11.6 per cent increase — after a two-year freeze on increases. (The public school budget was frozen this year).

That means private schools receive $2,400 per student from the government, 68 per cent of what public schools get.

"We are moving closer to the 80 per cent of public school funding the government has committed to reach for us," says WBJE superintendent Dr. Arnold Carmel. "This will make it easier for us to provide additional services, particularly for special needs students. We have been scrambling for funding for special needs children the last couple of years," Carmel says.

"This will also help buy new technology and balance our budget."

Carmel reports that the BJE schools enrolment for 1995-96 stands at 821. Enrolment is about the same at the north Winnipeg Talmud Torah-I. L. Peretz elementary school; a little higher at Ramah, the south Winnipeg elementary school; and down somewhat at the Joseph Wolinsky Collegiate.

As for the Hebrew bilingual elementary school programs, Centennial School in north Winnipeg's Seven Oaks school division has an enrolment of 123, down 10 from last year.

The Winnipeg school division's Brock-Corydon program has 167 students studying Hebrew.

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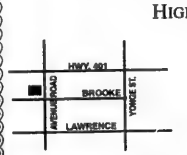

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Sheik, followers convicted for bombing plot

CJN News Services

NEW YORK — A U.S. federal jury last Sunday found Egyptian cleric Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman and nine of his Muslim militant followers guilty of seditious conspiracy, stemming from a plot to blow up the United Nations, kill Egypt's president and bomb a bridge and vital highway tunnels in New York.

The jury also convicted one of the defendants, El Sayyid Nosair, in the 1990 killing of extremist Rabbi Meir Kahane, a crime for which he had once been acquitted.

The jurors had deliberated for a week.

Most of the defendants looked on sternly. But one smirked and another repeatedly yelled in Arabic, *"Allahu Akbar!"* (God is great!)

Abdel-Rahman kept his head bowed, as he had throughout the trial while he listened to an interpreter through headphones. His attorney, Lynne Stewart, cried.

Afterwards, she told reporters that the blind cleric said that he was not the first person to go to prison for his beliefs, and he won't be the last.

The verdict concluded a nine-month trial featuring more than 200 witnesses and hundreds of exhibits in a heavily guarded Manhattan courthouse patrolled daily by a bomb-sniffing dog.

Facing a rarely used Civil War-era seditious conspiracy charge, the defendants were accused of plotting bombings and killings to make the United States stop supporting Israel and Egypt, two enemies of militant Muslims.

The sheik and Nosair face life in prison; the other eight up to 30 years.

The centrepiece of the plot featured five bombs in 10 minutes, meant to blow up the United Nations, the Lincoln and Holland tunnels, the George Washington Bridge and a federal building housing the FBI, according to the government. Videotapes showed defendants mixing bomb ingredients in a Queens garage just before their 1993 arrests.

The government had cast a wide net with the trial, using an FBI informant code named "Dallas" to shut down a terrorist cell that prosecutors said had operated in the United States since 1989.

It cited proof of telephone contact between the sheik and World Trade Centre bombers and transcripts of hundreds of taped conversations and excerpts from speeches in which the Egyptian sheik said, "We must terrorize the enemies of Islam and ... shake the earth under their feet."

Assistant U.S. attorney Patrick Fitzgerald said that in 1990, the 57-year-old cleric, months after arriving in the United States, urged attacks similar to the 1983 suicide bombing that killed 241 U.S. Marines and caused the withdrawal of a peacekeeping force from the Middle East.

He said Abdel-Rahman called the United States "the No. 1 enemy of Islam."

Members of the Jihad Organization allegedly sought to bring a global holy war to the United States by killing Rabbi Kahane and bombing the trade centre.

They then allegedly sought to assassinate Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, bomb five sites in a single day and kidnap or kill other dignitaries. They even discussed kidnapping ex-president Richard Nixon, who died last year, and former secretary of state Henry Kissinger.

Sheik Omar Abdel-Rahman

"Terrorism is real. It is here. It is in this courtroom," Fitzgerald told the jury.

In 1991, Nosair was acquitted in state court in the Rabbi Kahane killing but was jailed on related weapons charges.

In the 1980s, the sheik had been acquitted twice in his homeland of commanding others to kill Egyptian President Anwar al-Sadat, who was assassinated in 1981. He was convicted in absentia in 1994 for a role in a 1989 anti-government riot and was sentenced to seven years hard labor.

Defence lawyers had argued that the FBI created the United Nations plot to save face after ignoring warnings prior to the trade centre attack that a bombing would take place.

The defense case was aided by dozens of audiotapes an informant made secretly of his talks with his FBI handlers because he feared the agency would turn against him.

Four defendants testified, but not the sheik.

The verdict came in the second of three trials stemming from the trade centre bombing, which killed six people, caused $500 million worth of damage and reduced the feeling of security among Americans.

Four men were convicted last year in the Feb. 26, 1993 bombing and were sentenced to 240 years in prison.

In a trial expected next year, the scope will be widened further, as the government claims that the trade centre bombing was part of a worldwide terrorism campaign that continued into 1995 with plans to bomb airplanes from the sky.

That trial will feature the case against Ramzi Yousef, the alleged mastermind of the trade centre bombing. He was arrested in Pakistan this year after two years on the run.

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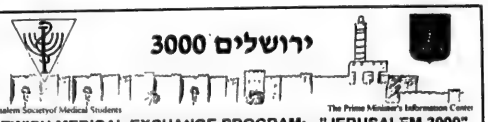

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'New page' turns in Israel/Japan relations

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Last month's visit to Israel by Japan's prime minister, Tomiichi Murayama — the first by a Japanese leader — heralded a new era in Israel's bilateral relations with Japan.

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was certainly correct in describing Murayama's visit as "a new page" in Israel's often difficult relationship with that Asian powerhouse.

Japan, with the world's second largest economy, maintained proper but decidedly cool ties with Israel until quite recently. Heavily dependent on Arab oil and thus in thrall to the Arab boycott against Israel, Japan exerted no real effort to expand trade with Israel.

Traumatized by the 1973 Arab oil boycott, which had loomed as a dire threat to its robust economy, the Japanese government switched to a pro-Arab policy by discouraging major Japanese businesses from dealing with Israel. And Japan pointedly declined to send a commercial attache to its embassy in Tel Aviv.

Over the years, given the increasing integration of the world's economy, the erosion of the Arab boycott and the pressure brought on Japan by the United States and its Western allies, this policy gradually crumbled.

In 1987, Japan agreed to receive an Israeli trade mission spearheaded by the Israel Manufacturer's Association. A year later, when Japan's first cabinet minister visited Israel, a delegation of Japanese businessmen reciprocated the visit.

These exchanges had what may be a lasting impact. Japanese industrialists who had avoided Israel like the plague had a second look. What they saw was a market that held out promising possibilities.

Auto makers like Toyota, Nissan, Honda and Mitsubishi were among the first to take the plunge. Subaru, which had entered the Israeli marketplace years before and had turned nifty profits there, was an obvious role model.

Home electronics companies which had also boycotted Israel found a niche in Israel too, as did investors like Toyo Ink, the world's second biggest ink maker, and Rekoto Kasai, a company which plans to build a hi-tech industrial park near Beersheva.

Israel's historic rapprochement with the PLO and its subsequent peace treaty with Jordan doubtless changed the climate in Japan to one of acceptance of doing business with Israel.

•In November 1993, the Japanese Business Centre, whose mandate is to promote trade with Israel, opened in Tel Aviv.

•In December 1994, Rabin, with a group of Israeli businessmen in tow, visited Japan, thus becoming the first Israeli prime minister to set foot on Japanese soil.

The visit was not merely ceremonial. Japan's premier announced that Japanese firms would be allowed to invest in the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. Furthermore, new cooperative agreements in science and culture were signed.

And in a sign of the times, Rabin and his wife, Leah, were invited to the royal palace in Tokyo for an audience with Emperor Akihito and Empress Michiko.

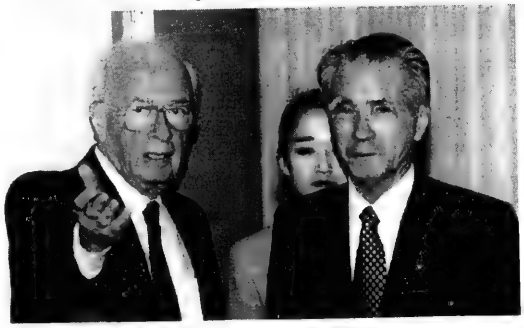
With Murayama's visit to Jerusalem last month, Japan's growing economic links with Israel have been formalized.

The volume of trade has reached $2 billion (US) annually, making Japan Israel's most important partner after the United States. Interestingly enough, Israel is one of the very few nations that runs a trade surplus with Japan.

Diamonds are Israel's chief export. Cars top the list of Japanese goods flowing into Israel.

Japan supports the Middle East peace process, knowing full well that stability and profits are interrelated. Japan has pledged $200 million to the Palestine National Authority in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank town of Jericho, and it has promised to dispatch observers to help monitor future Palestinian elections in the territories.

Japan is also planning to contribute a small contingent of troops to the United Nations peacekeeping force on the Golan Heights. Fifty years after Japan's defeat in World War II, it is a development which foreshadows the end of Japanese political timidity in the international arena.



Prime Minister Rabin and Japanese Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama at the start of their meeting in Jerusalem on Sept. 17. Murayama's visit was the first ever by a Japanese prime minister to the Jewish state. [RNS Photo]

The Week in Israel

Sept. 25

• The IDF was scheduled to report upon its investigation into the suicide of a young female soldier the week before. Her suicide was the 25th among soldiers since the start of 1995.

• *Ha'aretz* announced the death of one its longtime columnists, Dr. Shlomo Gross. Dr. Gross had been with the newspaper since 1949. He wrote under the nom de plum "Pols." He was 84 years old.

• Two soldiers, Aviv Mor, 20, of Haifa and Uri David, 19, of Bat Yam were killed in south Lebanon when they came under attack from Hezbollah.

Sept. 26

• *Ha'aretz* reported that the Bank of Israel would announce an inflation target for 1996 of between seven and 10 per cent.

• Israel's current balance of payments deficit reached $2.5 billion during the first half of 1995. This was slightly more than the deficit for all of 1994 and twice the deficit for 1993.

Sept. 27

• Alexander (Sasha) Argov, one of Israel's best known composers, passed away at the age of 81. Argov, a winner of the Israel Prize, had written over 1,000 songs.

Sept. 28

• To protest their opposition to the Interim Agreement, an alternative signing ceremony attended by Knesset members, IDF reserve officers, rabbis and representatives of West Bank settlements was held in Jerusalem. Participants signed a declaration of loyalty to the Land of Israel.

Sept. 29

• *Ma'ariv* reported that Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, King Hussein and Yasser Arafat had confirmed that they have been discussing the establishment of a confederation between Jordan and the Palestinians. Peres told reporters:"Both Hussein and Arafat understand that this is the preferred option. They still need to find the magic formula to live together." King Hussein agreed that he was open to the idea of confederation.

• The European Union and Israel initialled an agreement on economic and commercial cooperation. The agreement is aimed at easing entry for Israeli products into the European market and solving the growing Israeli trade deficit with Europe.

Israel, U.S.A. & the World

Public response muted to Interim Accord

[Cont'd. from page 1]

key positions: the mountainous spine of Judea and Samaria, the Jordan valley, Greater Jerusalem, control of the roads and the settlements."

Around Jerusalem, when passers-by and shopkeepers were randomly interviewed, it seemed that few Jewish Israelis wholeheartedly supported the Interim Agreement.

Although many say they are uncomfortable about making concessions to the Palestinians, they feel unable to stop the momentum.

"I hope for the best, of course, but I am afraid," Shoshana Cohen, a soft-spoken Jerusalemite in her 50s, said just hours before the White House signing ceremony.

"Look for yourself. There is none of the euphoria that greeted the peace treaty with Egypt. Were you in Israel then? People were thrilled, they danced in the streets."

Cohen, taking pains to stress that she is not anti-Arab, recalled strained Arab-Jewish relations during her childhood. "I grew up in the Old City, so I know the Arabs," she said. "Growing up, my family lived in a one-room apartment with a single window. Every night, my father boarded up that window because Arabs would bang their knives against the grill. They threw stones at us as children. So, yes, I'm concerned about the future."

Said Uzi Avrashim, a 26-year-old exercise instructor: "I'm not unhappy about Oslo 2, but I am uneasy. The agreement isn't clear enough. I get all my information from the TV and newspapers; so it's impossible to know what it all means."

Taking the issue of Hebron as an example, Avrashim asked, "What will happen to Kiryat Arba and the Tomb of the Patriarchs? They must stay in our hands."

Asked whether he believes the agreement will culminate in a Palestinian state, he shrugged and said, "It's clear that there will be a Palestinian state. What can we do about it now? This is just the way it will be.

"What bothers me most," he added, "is the way the government has pushed through the agreement without telling us anything. Why shouldn't we feel uneasy?"

But Ayad Hoshi, an 18-year-old Palestinian lifeguard working in western Jerusalem, called the agreement "a good thing, assuming the assurances are genuine."

According to a survey conducted by the Nablus-based Centre for Palestine Research and Studies just prior to the Washington signing ceremony, 70 per cent of Palestinians support continued peace talks with Israel.

"I really want this peace agreement to work," Hoshi said. "I want to be able to go out with my friends — I have both Jewish and Arab friends — but there is just too much fear at the moment. Really, this agreement is a step in the right direction." Another young Palestinian, a restaurant worker who asked that his name not be used, agreed.

"I think this is a very good agreement because it provides us with what we need. My friends and I really want peace. Right now, we don't really live; we need to have the chance to live, to have some freedom."

Rabin pleads for Pollard

CJN News Services

WASHINGTON — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin last week appealed directly to U.S. President Bill Clinton for the early release of convicted spy for Israel Jonathan Pollard, the White House confirmed.

Presidential spokesperson Mike McCurry said Rabin raised the issue during a meeting soon after the signing of the Oslo 2 accords with the Palestinians.

Clinton "indicated he would review the case properly if he received a clemency petition," McCurry said.

Last year, Clinton refused to commute Pollard's life sentence, imposed in 1987 for passing classified U.S. information to Israel.

McCurry said the Pollard case had been "a regular subject on the agenda" of meetings between U.S. and Israeli officials.

McCurry added that Clinton had not received any clemency recommendations. "As a result of that, he can't make any decision in the Pollard case. He also made it clear the parole board hasn't forwarded to him any matter of consideration."

Parole hearing

Pollard is due for a parole hearing sometime next month.

In the meantime, Israeli reports said Rabin requested that Clinton free Pollard as a parallel gesture to Israel's release of some 2,000 Arab security prisoners.

Clinton was reported to have replied that he would consider the request in the event Pollard's parole is denied.

Speaking on Israeli television last weekend, Pollard's Toronto-based wife Esther said she and her husband are grateful to Rabin. However, "the only way to effect Jonathan's release is immediate commutation of his sentence."

Esther Pollard said she has been advised by "top legal experts" that there is "no possibility" her husband will be paroled.

In that event, it would be "much more difficult" for Clinton to pardon him and it would be "political suicide" for the president to do so in an election year.

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The Interim Agreement — a watershed event

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The Interim Agreement for extending Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank effectively brings 28 years of Israeli civil administration of the region to an end.

A key provision of the 400-page accord calls for the election of an 82-member Palestinian Council, after the redeployment of the Israel Defence Force (IDF) from Palestinian cities and towns across the West Bank. Once the council is inaugurated, the Israeli civil administration in the West Bank will be dissolved.

The 82-member Palestinian Council will have legislative powers. Executive powers will be vested in a separate Executive Authority, which will include council members and appointed officials. There will be separate elections for the Palestinian Council and the Executive Authority.

Other principal features of the Interim Agreement include:

• **Israeli Redeployments:** The Israel Defence Force will withdraw from six West Bank population centres — Nablus, Jenin, Tulkarm, Kalkilya, Ramallah and Bethlehem — designated as "Area A" by Israeli and Palestinian negotiators.

In the West Bank town of Hebron, special arrangements will apply to allow the IDF to remain in the sections of the town where Jewish settlers reside.

The IDF will also redeploy from 450 Arab villages and towns in the West Bank, known as "Area B."

The IDF redeployments will be completed in Areas A and B by March 1996, by which time Israel will complete construction of a bypass road that will enable Jewish settlers in Hebron to drive to Jerusalem without passing through built-up Palestinian areas.

In other sections of the West Bank — known as "Area C" and comprising unpopulated areas, Jewish settlements and areas of strategic importance to Israel — the IDF will engage in further redeployments at six-month intervals after the inauguration of the elected Palestinian Council.

• **Security:** The Palestinian Council will have full responsibility for internal security and public order, as well as full civil responsibilities, in Area A.

In Area B, the Palestinian Council will be charged with maintaining public order and will have full authority over civilian affairs, while Israel will have overall security authority to safeguard its citizens and to combat terrorism.

Israel will retain full responsibility for security and public order in Area C.

• **Palestinian Elections:** Arab residents of eastern Jerusalem will be able to participate in the elections, which will take place 22 days after the completion of the IDF redeployment from Palestinian population centres.

A Palestinian resident of eastern Jerusalem may run for office in the elections only if he or she has an additional valid address in the West Bank or Gaza Strip.

• **Prisoner Releases:** Israel will release some 3,000 Palestinian prisoners in two phases. The first will take place upon the signing of the agreement in Washington; the second, on the eve of Palestinian elections.

The two sides also agreed that a third release would take place "according to other principles which will be established separately."

• **Palestinian Covenant:** Within two months after the elections, the Palestinian Council is to revoke those articles in the covenant calling for the destruction of Israel.

• **Palestinian Police:** The two sides agreed to the establishment of a 12,000-member Palestinian police force, which will constitute the only Palestinian security force in the West Bank.

• **Religious Sites:** Responsibility over religious sites in the West Bank and Gaza will be transferred to the Palestinians. Both sides agreed to protect the sites, to allow free access to them and to provide freedom of worship at the sites for members of all faiths.

Special arrangements to guarantee freedom of access and worship were negotiated with regard to Rachel's Tomb in Bethlehem and Joseph's Tomb in Nablus.

Israeli control over the Tomb of the Patriarchs in Hebron will remain in effect.

• **Observers:** The Palestinian elections will be open to international observers, in an effort to ensure that the voting is free and fair.

A temporary international observer presence will be established in Hebron to monitor security and human rights issues.

• **Water:** Israel agreed to increase the amount of water allocated to West Bank Palestinians by 28 million cubic metres. Any other addition in allocations to either side will be based on an increase in the available water resources.

• **Incitement:** Israel and the Palestinians agreed to use all the legal means at their disposal to prevent incitement on the part of groups or individuals.

They also agreed that their educational systems would act to advance the cause of peace among Israelis and Palestinians.

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Palestinians pessimistic about peace: survey

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — A poll has found that almost 60 per cent of Palestinians do not expect a lasting peace with Israel, but almost 50 per cent are optimistic about the future, and 70 per cent support continued negotiations.

The survey, conducted by the Nablus-based Centre for Palestine Research and Studies before agreement was reached this month on Phase II of the Oslo accords, showed more than 66 per cent thought the Palestinian Authority (PA) was headed in the right direction.

Support for PA chairman Yasser Arafat was up to 54 per cent, after dipping below 50 per cent in July. Support for Hamas leader Ahmed Yassin was also up from 13 per cent to 17 per cent.

The number of those who said they would participate in the Palestinian council elections increased from 68 per cent to 74 per cent.

More than 97 per cent supported the right to freedom of speech, and 86 per cent preferred elections over appointments to political positions. Both figures are up from previous polls.

On armed attacks, one in four opposed attacks against settlers and soldiers, and three in four opposed attacks against Israeli civilians.

Eighteen per cent of respondents support attacks against civilians.

There was an increase in support of union with Jordan, from 29 per cent in March to 37.4 per cent in September.

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Group seeks permission to pray on Temple Mount

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — An ultranationalist Jewish group last week petitioned the Israeli High Court of Justice for permission to pray on the Temple Mount during Yom Kippur and Sukkot.

The petitioners, from the Temple Mount Faithful, argued that their right to enter the complex was protected under freedom of worship laws.

The Temple Mount is the location of the First and Second temples, the holiest Jewish site. It also is home to Islam's third holiest site, the Al-Aksa Mosque, where the Koran says the prophet Mohammed ascended to heaven on a white steed.

Members of the Temple Mount Faithful seek to restore the temple.

In July, the court allowed the group to enter the Temple Mount complex on Tisha B'Av, which commemorates the destruction of the First and Second temples.

But police closed down the site after Muslims tried to confront Jews there.

After riots on the Temple Mount in October 1990 resulted in the deaths of 17 Palestinians, police barred Jews from worshiping there during Jewish holidays.

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Kayaker strikes gold

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Chances are when the staff at Camp Hatikvah added canoeing to their list of summertime activities, they didn't expect they'd help produce a national champion.

But the British Columbia Jewish camp has done just that, as alumnus Dari Fisher has gone from splashing around in a placid Okanagan Valley lake to the medal podium at the recent Canadian Canoe and Kayak Racing Championships in Welland, Ont.

Fisher, 17, earned two gold medals as a member of B.C.'s K-4 (four-man) team that won the 1,000-metre and the 200-m events.

The four-man crew included Canadian and former world champion Renn Critchlow, as well as Greg Redman and Mike Krol.

Earlier in the summer, Fisher and Krol competed together in the Western Canadian Games and won gold medals in the K-2 (two-man kayak) 500-m and 1,000-m races. They grabbed a silver in the K-4 500-m as well.

Quite a summer for someone who's just entered Grade 12 at Burnaby Central High School, located in a suburb of Vancouver.

Fisher is enrolled in the school's athletic visual and performing arts program, designed to accomodate the rigorous training schedules of top-ranked athletes.

Over the course of six days a week, Fisher spends about 25 hours training in Burnaby Lake, working on his strength and technique. He trains with members of the Canadian national team who, recognizing his great potential, have taken him under their wing, says his father, Robert.

Dari is modest about his accomplishments, though when pressed, he acknowledges he's among an elite group of Canadian kayakers.

Five years ago, he was just like any other youthful camper, enjoying recreational canoeing at Camp Hatikvah. But he quickly outgrew the leisure aspects of the sport and, hoping for a greater challenge, he joined a club and entered the world of competitive racing.

He also switched to the kayak, with its twin-paddled oar and sitting position, from the canoe's single-paddle oar and kneeling position.

Fisher has progressed rapidly up the rowing ladder, winning numerous awards in regattas along the West Coast. In July 1994, he won two gold (in the 200-m and 500-m K-1 races), one silver and two bronze medals in Flat Water Sprint Kayak Racing in the British Columbia Games in Kelowna.

The Canadian Canoe Association named him 1994 Athlete of the Year for the Pacific region.

He continued to progress in 1995, and in May, he came in second in the 500-m and 1,000-m K-1 events at the U.S. Canoe and Kayak World Junior Trials, in Seattle, Wash.

At six foot three, 200 pounds, Fisher can develop the power and smooth stroke the sport demands. It's a highly competitive discipline and the fact that he's Jewish and excels at what he does has irked some of his contemporaries.

In what seems like a throwback to an earlier era, Fisher has experienced overt anti-Semitism from young kayakers, jealous of his skill and worried that Fisher, not they, will grab a national spotlight.

"I've dealt with a little anti-Semitism here," he said in a telephone interview from Vancouver. "I'm the only Jewish guy on the team. Sometimes it's jokes, sometimes it's more."

At the national championships in Welland, he and some teammates got into a pushing and shoving match and several "tried to hold me down so I would use up my energy."

Fisher said it's mostly younger, "ignorant" teammates who've harassed him, but all it's done is make him work harder. He hasn't told his coach about the incidents, choosing to handle the situation himself. But he has written about it in a school essay, linking it to the experiences described to him by his grandfather, a survivor of the Holocaust.

Fisher, a graduate of Vancouver Talmud Torah, said one of the most memorable events in his life was participating in the 1994 March of the Living in Poland and Israel. "It was amazing," he said.

Fisher would like to see kayaking become a Maccabiah Games sport but in the meantime, he's looking ahead to the Canadian team trials next May and the national championships in Dartmouth, N.S., in August 1996. Ultimately, he'd like to represent Canada at the 2000 Olympics.

After all, he says, kayakers don't reach their peak until they're 25 or 26.

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Survivors tell their stories in words and music

Violinist Shony Alex Braun. [Morris Miller photo]

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Violinist-composer Shony Alex Braun was shot and left to die in Dachau. Artist Sophia Chatov was separated from her parents at the age of six and hidden for 2½ years.

Holocaust survivors Braun and Chatov told their stories through words and music at The Spirit of Survival, an evening of music and art sponsored by the Canadian Holocaust Remembrance Association and co-chaired by Harriet Morton and Sylvia Shawn.

Buffalo television producer-moderator Linda Pollack of CBS's *Jewish View* was the MC for the event attended by about 300 people at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

Braun performed Hebrew classics, works by Chopin and Brahms, and his own compositions and arrangements.

His *Symphony of the Holocaust*, an opus he began composing in Dachau, was nominated for the 1994 Pulitzer Prize in music. His final piece, a dramatic rendition of the *Lark*, was followed by the singing of *Hatikvah* led by Cantor Joseph Cooper.

Born in Romania, Braun was already an accomplished violinist at the age of 13 when he and his parents were sent to Dachau. He was the only member of his family to survive.

After liberation, he emigrated to the United States and settled in the Los Angeles area with his wife Shari, also a survivor. The couple has a son and daughter.

In addition to his performing career as a violin soloist — he currently plays with the Dayton Philharmonic and the Scotsdale and New Mexico symphonies — Braun has made nine recordings and has composed 200 pieces of music.

Chatov, a resident of Buffalo, embarked on her art career in 1972. Much of her work reflects her Holocaust experience as a hidden child, when she was hidden in 12 different households and came "to feel abandoned by my parents."

Her *Memorial to the Lost Jewish Community of Amsterdam*, shown recently at the Anne Frank exhibit in Williamsville, N.Y., was on display along with other works at the Leah Posluns Centre.

Chatov, who trained as a physiotherapist, lived in Israel before immigrating to the United States in 1966. She met her husband in 1970 and has two sons.

Only 15,000 of the 150,000 Jews living in Holland in 1940 survived the war, she said in her talk. "I and my direct family were in the lucky 10 per cent."

Schools to tour museum

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — Class tours for school groups will be held Oct. 23 to Dec. 14 at the Holocaust Education Centre.

Students will view a two-part exhibit. One, We Were Children Then: Vancouver Child Survivors Remember, was locally developed, presenting the stories, photographs and artifacts of child survivors living in the Vancouver area.

The other exhibit, How Their Hearts Must Have Trembled, is a photographic overview of the fate of children during the Holocaust.

Under direction of Frieda Miller, education coordinator of the centre, a number of voluntary educators have been specially trained as docents to explain the exhibits.

Each class of 30 students and their teacher will have a guide — some able to speak French for the benefit of French immersion classes.

A teacher's guide, prepared by Miller, was sent out in advance to help prepare students for the tour. It says "tens of thousands of the Holocaust child victims were Gypsies and handicapped children. The great majority were Jewish. Only 1.1 per cent of Jewish children alive at the beginning of World War II in Europe survived to the conclusion."

Admission fee for the Oct. 23 to Dec. 14 exhibit is $50 for 30 students.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Book News: Patricia Starr, former political mover and shaker, recently celebrated the publication (Stoddart) of her second book, *Deadly Justice*, a novel that the *Toronto Star* called "a steamy roman à clef." Her first book, published by Stoddart in 1993, was *Tempting Fate: A Cautionary Tale of Power and Politics*, a non-fiction account of her political misadventures.

Stephen Humphrey Bogart, the son of actors Humphrey Bogart and the Jewish Lauren Bacall, has written a biography and a mystery novel — *Bogart: In Search of My Father* and *Play It Again*, respectively. Both were given a warm reception in the *New York Times Book Review* recently. The offscreen chemistry of Bacall and Bogart was apparently as great as it was on-screen in such classics as *To Have And To Have Not*, in which the author's mother asked his father, "You know how to whistle, don't you, Steve?"

Spanning all the major political events of this century, Harvey and Myrna Frommer's *Growing Up Jewish In America* is an oral history along the lines of their previous books *It Happened in Brooklyn* and *It Happened in the Catskills*. Their latest is due from Harcourt Brace in November.

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Holocaust Art: An exhibit of 26 oil-on-linen paintings by artist Laurie Seaman depicting scenes of the Holocaust opened recently at the London Regional Art and Historical Museums in London, Ont. Said the *Globe and Mail*: "Deceptively simple but powerfully suggestive, these combinations of portraiture and still-life remind us not only that the Holocaust was real, but that it lives among us, still."

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Film News: Toronto actor Lori Alter's most recent film appearance is in the currently-playing *National Lampoon: Senior Trip*. She has appeared in Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Aspects of Love* and many other productions of live theatre, TV and film. Dividing her time between Toronto and Los Angeles, Alter has been in the recording studio recently, working on a CD of original music. Evidently, she comes from a musical family — her father heads the Murray Alter Band.

The next offering of the Toronto Jewish Film Society is *The Light Ahead*, a 1939 American film in Yiddish with English subtitles. Based on the writings of Mendele Mocher Sforim, this charming tale is about two poor lovers in 19th century Russia and the wise old bookseller who helps them. Art Gallery of Ontario, Jackman Hall, Oct. 22 at 4.30 & 7.30 p.m. $7 at the door. Co-presented with The Friends of Yiddish.

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Musical Notes: As he assembles this week's column, your Eye On Arts scribe has been listening to a new double CD of Debussy *Preludes, Livres 1 et 2*, performed by the astonishingly talented Canadian pianist Francine Kay. "Poetic brilliance" is how the *Toronto Star* described Kay's debut recital in Toronto in 1987. Kay, who is Jewish, ranks among Canada's finest pianists and performs regularly in Canada and Europe. Her inaugural recording, on the IBS/Audio Ideas label, is all the more remarkable in that it features exquisite pieces of Debussy requiring special interpretive sensitivity.

Francine Kay

Children's folksinger Adela Gerner is preparing a sing-along of Hebrew music for performance to school children, between Sukkot and Chanukah. Songs include *Hallelluya, Yerushalaim Shel Zahav* and *Hatikva*. For more information, phone 416-636-7062.

Music in the Concentration Camps, a presentation by ethnomusicologist Krystyna Henke, features slides, music, interview clips and the memoirs of trumpeter and Auschwitz survivor Lex van Weren. Presented by the Canadian Association for the Advancement of Netherlandic Studies, 416-264-4932. Dec. 8, 8 p.m., Dept. of Germanic Studies, second floor, U. of T., 97 St. George St., Toronto.

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Chutzpah Held Over: Corny and clever, David Gale's and Randy Vancourt's *Chutzpah a Go-Go* has been held over at the Limelight Dinner Theatre, Toronto, until Nov. 12. 416-482-5200.

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Magazine Watch: Profiled recently in these pages, Evan Solomon, editor of the Toronto media lifestyle magazine *Shift*, isn't revealing the cash value of the five-year deal that *Shift* recently inked with Rogers-owned Maclean Hunter for a 10 per cent interest in the technojournal. Solomon recently helped produce a series of Shift Media Minutes for CBC Newsworld, and helped establish a site for the magazine on the World-Wide Web.

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Accidental Title: Due to a transmission error, the title of Robert Fulford's latest book was misstated in a recent column. It is *Accidental City: The Transformation of Toronto*, published recently by Walter, Mcfarlane and Ross.

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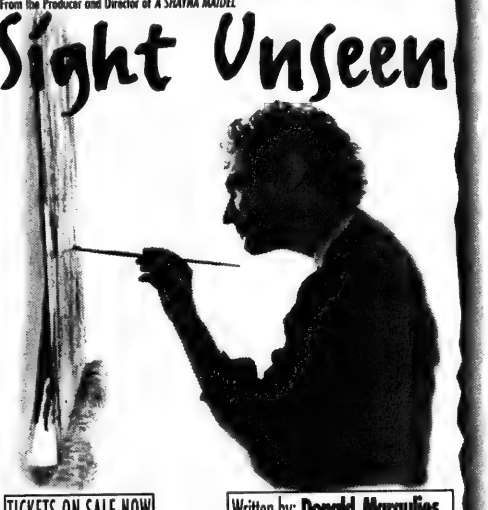
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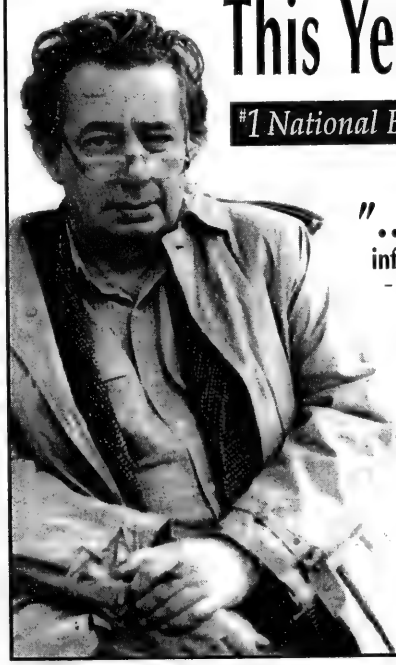
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Business Profile

Miles Nadal: CEO of MDC Corporation

Entrepreneur's 'hobby' generates millions

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Miles Nadal, 37, president and CEO of MDC Corporation, turned a hobby he learned at summer camp into a multi-million dollar business.

Nadal took up photography when he was a camper at White Pines and at the age of 16, he parleyed it into a business, photographing groups of campers. Six years later he had a roster of 10,000 campers a summer.

In 1980, he left York University, where he was studying marketing and finance, to formally launch Action Photographics, a commercial photography studio. Over the next 15 years he expanded the business to include a wide range of marketing and communications services.

Today Multi-Discipline Communications (MDC) Corporation, rated by the *Globe & Mail Report on Business* magazine as one of the 25 fastest growing companies in the country, is a publicly-traded conglomerate of 23 companies employing 1,700 people with projected sales of $210 million for 1995.

The head office of MDC, a tastefully decorated three-storey brownstone in Yorkville filled with contemporary art, could easily be mistaken for an art gallery. Nadal, a serious collector of contemporary art, has amassed an extensive private collection, he told *The CJN* recently.

He rhapsodized about some of his favorite artists, such as British sculptress Barbara Hepworth, whose work was the subject of major retrospective at the Art Gallery of Ontario this summer. In celebration of its 15th anniversary MDC sponsored this exhibit.

"Given MDC corporation's inextricable link with the visual arts, it was fitting for the company to sponsor the Hepworth exhibit," Nadal said.

A ceramic plate with a picture of a fish hangs inconspicuously in a corner of the board room. Created by Pablo Picasso in 1952, the plate, titled *the Big Fish*, was a gift from Lawrence Bloomberg in 1993 after his company First Marathon Securities underwrote $36 million worth of MDC shares.

MDC has raised a total of $80 million since it went public in 1987. The first public offering brought $3 million into the company's coffers. Nadal was 29.

He attributed his success to his upbringing. "I came from a home that was rich in love but humble economically. My parents instilled a strong work ethic in me and my brother, Sheldon.

"They encouraged us to be innovative. We were always enterprising young men. I was an entrepreneur at the age of 10."

At 10, he had several newspaper routes and by the time he turned 13, he was photographing commercial buildings for a real estate company, he said.

In 1980, Nadal employed professional photographers for Action Photographics, while he focused on marketing.

"My skills in marketing and finance were better than my technical skills as a photographer," he said.

With the hiring of a graphic artist in 1985, the company began to produce catalogues and brochures. The following year, Nadal started MDC Public Relations, a firm offering speech writing, photography and the production of annual reports.

He said he expanded into interrelated areas to provide a more comprehensive service to his clients because he "saw that people were looking for the convenience of a full service with specialized expertise."

Through acquisitions and internal growth, Nadal increased the range of services provided by MDC to include financial and corporate communications, marketing, advertising, sale promotions, audiovisual, video production and specialty printing.

Miles Nadal admits running MDC is very demanding. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

Accumark Production Inc., Black Diamond Incentives Ltd., Globe Graphic Communications, Jeffrey Elliott Communications Inc. and Viewpoint are some of the 15 marketing and communication companies controlled by MDC.

They are "stand-alone independent companies. The managers all have equity in their companies and participate as partners," Nadel explained. "The equity gives them a vested interest in the success of the firm."

With $50 million in sales, marketing and communications services make up one division of MDC. The other two divisions, security and specialty printing, and direct marketing and home shopping generate $50 million and $110 million in sales respectively.

In February 1994, MDC paid $500,000 to acquire Ashton-Potter, a Mississauga-based security printing company with a plant in the United States. The parent company was in financial difficulty, Nadal said.

"Normally we don't buy turn-around or starts-ups, but we could see value in the company. We already had a presence in specialty printing. Security was a great opportunity that we uncovered."

Since purchasing Ashton-Potter, MDC has invested in state of the art printing equipment. The plant in Williamsville, N.Y., has the capacity to produce six million stamps an hour. Today Ashton-Potter (U.S.A.) is the largest private producer of stamps in North America and the largest outside supplier of postage stamps to the United States Postal Service (USPS).

The company was recently awarded two major contracts: a $170-million five-year contract with the USPS to produce eight million stamps a year and one with Canada Post Corporation valued at $24.1 million for four billion stamps over a five-year period.

The Ashton-Potter facility can also produce security documents like stock and bond certificates, cheques, travellers cheques, passports and lottery tickets, a market Nadal plans to develop, he said.

In September 1994, MDC acquired Regal Greetings and Gift Inc., Canada's largest non-retail mail order company. Regal sells household products, giftware and greeting cards. It is the Canadian licensee for the Disney, Childcraft and Early Learning catalogues.

Under the auspices of its new parent company, Regal took over A.E. McKenzie Company Ltd., Canada's largest packaged seed company. McKenzie has 65 per cent of the Canadian market, supplying 10,000 nurseries, as well as operating the largest mail order catalogue seed business in the country.

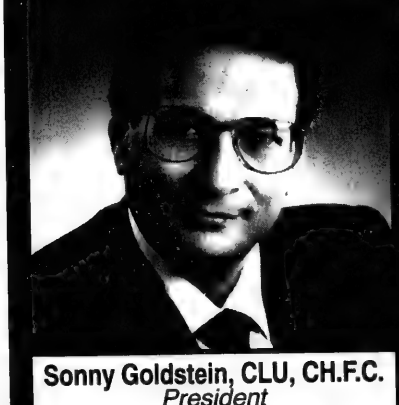
Commenting on the future, Nadal said he plans on further expanding the three divisions of MDC. "Our goal is to be a $500-million company in the next five years."

He admitted that running a company the size of MDC is very demanding. "The company is a complex business. I have outstanding managers, but it's still a lot of responsibility for me, even with this great infrastructure."

Despite his busy schedule, Nadal finds time for volunteer work. He's on the board of directors and chairs the Young Leadership program at Mount Sinai Hospital and he's on the board of the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science.

Balancing his priorities is a challenge — the business is a seven-day-a-week operation, he said. "The business is part of the family. I'm fortunate to have a supporting wife."

The credenza in Nadal's third-floor office is covered with pictures of his wife, Joanne, and their children, Sarah, 5, and Samantha, 3. "This is the only photography I have time for these days," he said, pointing proudly to the pictures of his daughters.



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Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

Nature Walks in Toronto: While it has burgeoned into a vast metropolis, Toronto still retains a network of pristine ravines that provide breathing space, recreational parks and respite from the urban landscape.

Even at the city's bustling Bloor-Yonge intersection, the country is not far off. A short distance northeast is the Rosedale Valley Road, a well-treed avenue that follows a branch of the Rosedale ravine and gives the illusion of a rural setting. A bit further on, at the Bayview Extension, the road connects to the green corridor of the Don River, through which hikers can wander southward to the waterfront, northward to Alexander Muir Park at Yonge and Lawrence — or even right up to Steeles Avenue, provided they're prepared to cross a few streets and golf courses.

"We're blessed, we're extremely fortunate to have this extensive system of river valleys that runs right through the city," says Frank Kershaw, an official in Metropolitan Toronto's Department of Parks and Culture. "These deep ravines can't be built in because they're floodwater zones; so they serve as a living legacy for the public to enjoy."

Never more beautiful than in autumn, Toronto's deeply-carved ravine systems are a boon for nature enthusiasts, who report such species as white-tailed deer, snapping turtles, foxes, beavers, minks, muskrats, skunks and red squirrels. A magnet for walkers, joggers and cyclists, Toronto's extensive greenbelts are to Canada's largest city what Mount Royal Park is to Montreal or Stanley Park is to Vancouver.

A good spot to enter the ravine that dissects the posh inner-city neighborhood of Rosedale is behind the Summerhill subway station, at the end of Shaftesbury Avenue.

Other midtown branches of the Don River valley system include Todmorden Mills Park, Moore Park and the Cedarvale-Nordheimer ravine, which crosses beneath Spadina Avenue above Casa Loma. Many hikers loop through the historic Mount Pleasant Cemetery which adjoins the Moore Park and Summerhill ravines.

The Beltline Railway, a commuter railroad that served Forest Hill briefly in the 1890s, has been transformed into a popular walking, jogging and cycling track; it runs a few blocks above Eglinton Ave. The western section between Allen Rd. and Bathurst St. traverses an ordinary urban landscape, but the trail becomes nicely festooned with overhanging greenery as it approaches the Davisville subway station to the east.

By the waterfront, people may find respite from the urban landscape at the Leslie Street spit. Built to meet a projected need for more shipping facilities, the 5-kilometre-long spit was turned over to the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority in the late 1950s. Today, it is home to several large colonies of gulls and herons and some 400 species of plant life.

In High Park, a large green space southwest of Bloor and Keele, naturalists point out the provincially rare black oak savannah, characterized by a number of prairie and savannah grasses that have all but disappeared in southern Ontario. Rare plants include blazing star and the sassafras tree. Further afield, city dwellers may escape the urban jungle by visiting the Scarborough Bluffs and Bluffer's Park, Highland Creek, and the parks and trails of the Rouge Valley and the Humber River.

Metro Toronto's Department of Parks and Property publishes a good map of nature trails and parks. For a free copy, write to Stn. 1240, 24th Floor, Metro Hall, 55 John St., Toronto M5V 3C6; phone 416-392-8186. As well, the Toronto Field Naturalists offers about 150 guided nature walks annually; phone 416-968-6255.

For further reference, consult *The Hike Ontario Guide to Walks Around Toronto*, by Brad Cundiff (Stoddart, $14.95) or *Great Country Walks Around Toronto*, by Elliott Katz (Great North Books, $3.95), both available at city bookstores.

The province of Ontario operates a toll-free hotline that provides information on the best spots for viewing the changing colors of leaves across the province. Phone 1-800-ONTARIO, or 416-314-0944 in Toronto.

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Nice Performance

JERUSALEM — Nice Systems achieved a nominal yield of 129.7 per cent, making it the best performing stock traded on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange (TASE) in 5755, Bank Hapoalim reported.

The electronics company is traded on the Two-Sided market. Hapoalim looked at the performance of shares traded on the TASE between Sept.4, 1994 and Sept.18, 1995. The TASE had a mixed year with the General Share Index down 2.65 per cent in nominal terms.

Russia-Israel Telecommunications Deal

JERUSALEM — Communications Ministry director-general Shlomo Wachs recently initialed a cooperation agreement with Russia in the fields of telecommunications and postal services.

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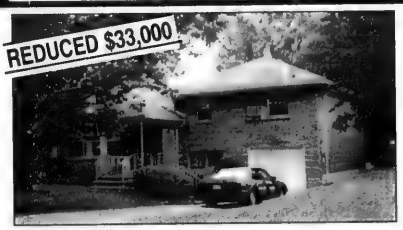

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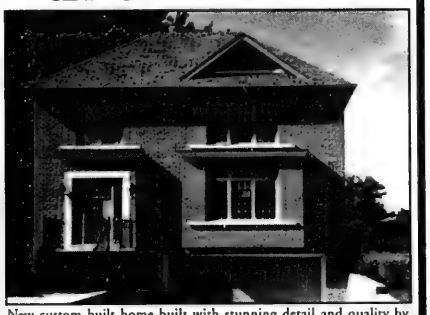

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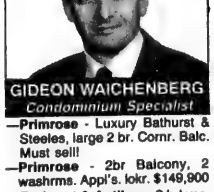

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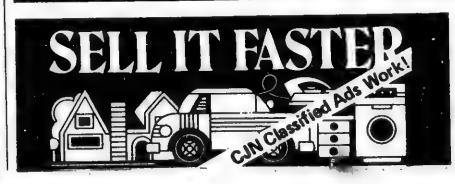

Dear Ella,

Another holiday has passed and once again I had to sit through a meal and listen endlessly to one of my relatives.

This person is the only one that has children, the only one that works and the only one in the whole world who is exhausted. This person loves herself and makes sure we all know it.

The day of the get-together I get myself into such a state. I yell at my family and am totally miserable the whole day. No matter how hard I try, I always get into this state. Please help as another Jewish holiday is approaching and my blood pressure continues to rise.

Restless on the holidays

Dear Restless on the holidays,

There is obviously a reason you are going to these get togethers. Possibly you want to be with your other relatives on the High Holy Days, possibly it is important to you to instil a feeling of tradition and family in your own children. Whatever the reason is, it is more important than your annoying relative or you wouldn't be there at all.

Your relative's problems should not affect the overall reason for your enjoying the holidays with your family. Chances are you will not change her, so change your focus. Enjoy being with the rest of your family, enjoy the warm feelings of closeness and tradition. Feel lucky that you have a family that you can share the holidays with.

You can't pick, nor can you change your relatives, so for your own sake, change your perspective and watch your mood and blood pressure take a turn for the better.

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN. *But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

Another step taken on route to return of Swiss accounts

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

GENEVA — A recent meeting between world Jewish leaders and Swiss bankers has been called the "first step" toward returning Swiss accounts of Holocaust victims to their rightful heirs.

The recent effort to reclaim the accounts, however, is not the first.

Switzerland, known for its banks' premium on privacy, issued a decree in 1962 making it possible to relax that privacy temporarily, in order to find the accounts of Nazi victims and distribute the assets to the proper heirs.

Despite the decree, Swiss banks refused to release the deposits to relatives without proper documentation and accurate account numbers, much of which vanished during and after the war.

"I want my country to show civil courage," says Verena Grandelmeier, who brought the issue before Switzerland's parliament earlier this year. "I regret that Switzerland did not do all it could in the '60s, when the actual victims were yet alive.

"We have to safeguard the ethic and moral of Switzerland's reputation as a banking country," she added.

Gerhard Riegner of the World Jewish Congress (WJC) office here said the Jewish community and Israel did not apply enough pressure on Swiss banks in 1962.

He recalled the case of a Jewish man from Frankfurt who set up an account. The man died in the Holocaust. When family members went to claim the man's funds, the Swiss wanted them to produce a death certificate and show that they were the rightful heirs to the money.

The documentation problem still exists, but Jewish officials are working with Swiss bankers.

The Swiss Bankers Association announced Sept. 12 that $34.1 million has been found in what may be secret accounts of Holocaust victims and that more funds could be uncovered. Some of the funds could belong to non-Jews.

In the recent announcement, the bankers, who have responded to intense pressure from Israel, Jewish groups and Holocaust survivors, said an independent office would be set up to help relatives of Holocaust victims search for accounts.

The association also said Switzerland would refrain from invoking its 10-year statute of limitations on dormant accounts.

Earlier last month, representatives of the bankers association met with a Jewish delegation that included WJC President Edgar Bronfman; Avraham Burg, head of the Jewish Agency for Israel; and members of the Swiss Jewish community.

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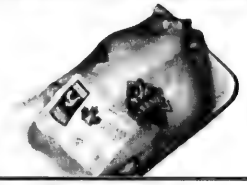

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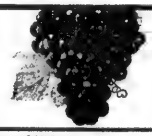

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What's Wrong With Jewish Education

by William Abrams

Having been involved in Jewish education for over forty years, and having served for four years as the Adult Education Chairman for North America of the United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism, I have lost track of the number of conferences I have attended on the relentless rise of intermarriage. What I do remember, however, is that every single conference ended with a call for "more Jewish education".

There has, in fact, been a definite increase in the number of Jewish children who have been exposed to Jewish education, particularly in our Day Schools, which have grown rapidly in the past 30 years. Unfortunately, all this appears to have had little or no effect on the increase on the rate of intermarriage except among the Orthodox. Many explanations have been offered during the various conferences for this stubborn fact, but despite the recent growth in the number of adherents to Orthodoxy, their percentage of the total number of Jews in North America remains comparatively small. We cannot therefore expect that this trend will stem the rising tide of intermarriage.

Perhaps the time has come for us to examine the content of Jewish education itself and also the underlying assumption that increased knowledge of our religion and our traditions will automatically lead to an increased desire to remain Jewish despite the remarkable change in the general society towards Jews, who are now accepted as equal members of the secular society which now prevails in North America.

Jewish Education Oriented Toward Children

We must start our examination by analyzing what is actually being taught in our schools and to whom. The first fact that emerges is that our educational system is oriented toward children under Bar Mitzvah age. A few schools for post-Bar Mitzvah education do exist but their total number of pupils is too small to radically change the pattern of intermarriage. The most striking fact of all is that for teenagers of college age, practically nothing in the way of serious and structured education exists except for students who attend Jewish Studies Programs at college.

Next we must ask ourselves: what Jewish values do these Jewish Studies Programs at college actually teach? Here we reach the nub of the problem; society has changed drastically during the last 50 years but the curricula of the Jewish studies programs remains as it has been taught throughout the centuries – the focus being on classical Halachic commentaries. More recently Holocaust studies have been added.

We must also remember that current events in the Jewish world impinge on the developing Jewish conscience of our youth. Because these events are well recorded in our excellent national newspaper, the *Canadian Jewish News*, this presents to those of our youth who are interested an opportunity for informal Jewish education. Today the most intensively reported subject is undeniably Israel, closely followed by antisemitism and Holocaust, and therefore the front page of the *Canadian Jewish News* is almost always dedicated to one or more of these three subjects, none of which delineates an ongoing positive Jewish life within Canada. Rarely do we see a story about Canadian Jewish life on the front page, unless there is a scandal or a controversy to report.

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"FLORAL ARRANGEMENT" BY GHITA ROLL, MONTREAL

The reaction of our college-age youth to all of this is illustrated by the following two quotations.

College Age Youth Quoted

The first is an extract of a letter to *Canadian Jewish News* of December 15, 1994 written by Dana Demb: "As a young north-American Jew, my Jewish experiences differ greatly from those of my grandparents and even parents. I was not alive during the Holocaust. I did not experience pogroms, nor was I expelled from my country. I have not suffered anti-Semitism and I am allowed by law to practise my religion. The new generation of Jews cannot thrive on victimization and self-pity. It is the age of pride. Displayed on campus are posters affirming gay-pride, black-pride; the Jewish-pride posters are nowhere to be found but are replaced with advertisements for a 'Why the Jews?' lecture. Is this the way to maintain Jewish continuity? Who wants to be part of a culture that only suffers?"

The second quote is an extract of a speech delivered by Joey Felson to the Canadian Jewish Congress Plenary in May, 1992: "Most college students are not getting involved with the community, and quite frankly this is because the community does not attract them. Students are not interested in the big, gala dinners. They are interested in understanding why it is important to be Jewish, and it is very rare to find someone who can properly articulate why we students should seek our own identity. There is a lot of cynicism around campus among Jewish students. We can't understand why it is important to keep all those rituals. We are looking for someone who can give us some meaning and purpose to our lives, to give us an ideology."

Skewed View Of Judaism

These quotes indicate the possibility that our youth may be forming a skewed view of Judaism. As Felson points out, they may question the need for the many rituals dealt with in Halakkah; or, as Demb points out, they may react negatively to what they perceive is an unduly lachrymose version of Jewish history based on events they did not experience and do not expect to experience in their lifetime.

I have presented these two quotes because in addition to articulating the reasons for the dissatisfaction with the Jewish education they have received, they also indicate what needs to be done to cause our curricula to reflect the world view currently held by young Jewish adults.

We must start by harking back to 70 AD, when the destruction of the Second Temple left Jews in complete disarray. Rabbi Akiva developed the concept of a synagogue, where rituals (taking the place of sacrifices) could be used to maintain Jewish identity, and most important – Jewish hope.

Our sages then developed the concept of a Moshiach who would come to deliver us some time in the future from our state of helplessness and lead us back to our homeland. The role of the Jews was to refrain from sin and follow the rituals and prayers developed for the synagogue. This was all that could be expected from the helpless minority of Jews in the Diaspora, and these rituals and prayers did succeed in preserving Jewish identity and solidarity for 2000 years until the present century.

Increase Support For Social Action

As Demb explains, circumstances in the outside world vis-à-vis the Jews have now changed so drastically in our favour that such a passive theology no longer resonates among the healthy, affluent, well-educated young Jewish adults of today. They are not satisfied with the classical theological concept I have outlined above. They want to involve themselves now in redeeming the world without waiting for the Moshiach, by engaging in what we today term Social Action to cure the ills of society. In this they can find, they feel, what Felson is asking for: their own identity, and some meaning and purpose to their lives. Such activities are known today as universal Social Action.

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EDITOR'S NOTEBOOK

This issue begins with an article by myself called "What's Wrong With Jewish Education?". I attempt to deal with the disturbing fact that Day School education, which has increased considerably across the country in the last two decades, does not appear to have fulfilled our hope that an increased knowledge of Judaism would help to reduce the number of intermarriages. Studies have shown that in a Jewish-Christian marriage, 90% of the families have by the third generation become Christian or completely secular. I have attempted to analyze these disappointing results and the reasons are complex. I conclude by advocating a major effort to explain to our young adults that the principle of Tikkun Olam, the mending of the world, is inherent in Judaism from its inception and properly understood, can overcome the mistaken notion prevalent among them that Judaism is irrelevant in today's society because it is too self-centered in a world that is becoming more and more universally-minded.

Martin Rudner has sent us an article on a recently formed "Jewish Association for International Development" which has been undertaken to stimulate Jewish initiatives for humanitarian causes throughout the world. He offers quotations from our tradition to support the same point I make in may article (although we did not consult each other), which is that Tzedakah, probably the single most important ethical precept in Judaism, was never meant to be restricted to Jews, but referred to the entire world. He further emphasizes that our involvement must go beyond a mere declaration of ethical principles, but must be supported by organisations, volunteers, and supervision of programs undertaken.

Eugene Kaellis, a regular contributor to *Viewpoints*, deals in "Jews, Blacks and Québecois" with the mistaken notion that the unfortunate eruptions of Black-White racial strife need not concern us in Canada because "it can't happen here". He explains that these incidents result from the serious socio-economic disadvantages Blacks are attempting to overcome, and points out that despite the gains achieved through the Civil Rights Movement, disadvantages facing Blacks remain unendurable, and when fulfillment falls far behind expectations, violence erupts.

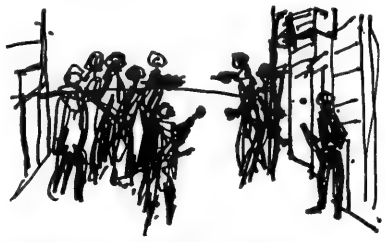
Canadian blacks suffer the same problem as those in the U.S. and despite the fact that Jews have been most active in the Civil Rights Movement, black anti-semitism remains a puzzling and worrisome phenomenon. He suggests that personal ties are the surest ways to undermine cultural stereotypes. The Quebec situation vis-à-vis blacks and Jews is similar but not identical because, aside from the factors already mentioned, the narrow nationalism of some Québecois exacerbates the problem. Nevertheless, he feels that here too, increasing personal ties is the only answer.

Stephen Stern feels that employment equity is an issue that needs further attention. In his view, the phrase is a polite synonym for quotas, which are something Jews always opposed and must continue to do so.

Rabbi Jacob Chinitz takes issue with an article by Isi Liebler, a long-time Zionist leader in Australia, and proceeds to present a number of contradictions he sees in Liebler's position that the Diaspora has helped the development of Israel and that its disappearance would be a tragedy. He goes on to itemize in great detail a number of areas in which the existence of the Diaspora has harmed rather than helped Israel. While not everyone who reads the article would necessarily agree with Chinitz' position, he certainly presents a number of considerations that have never been spelled out in such detail before.

Hugh Segal recognizes that being a lifelong Conservative Jew in Canada where the large majority of Jews have traditionally been Liberal makes him somewhat of a *rara avis* in Canadian Jewish life. He sets out to explain to us the importance of tolerance of diverse viewpoints in a democracy. He points to Israel where despite living under far more severe pressures than we experience in Canada, Jewish society accepts a very healthy pluralism in which different parties debate their differences vigorously in the Knesset. Here in Canada he warns of the danger of being in the scope of only one political party, particularly since the Dept. of External Affairs has long been known to be following a "traditional Arabist line". We must cherish the freedom to choose our positions on matters of Canadian policy, rather than unthinkingly following the traditional voting habits of previous generations.

Poetry by Glen Rotchin completes the issue.



"CONFRONTATION" BY DAVID FEIST, MONTREAL

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Jews are actually engaging in Social Action in numbers far greater than their percentage of the total population would lead us to expect. However, they don't consider such actions to be "religious" (which is in itself significant).

Social Action Is Tikkun Olam Updated

We must teach them that the Social Action they want to undertake is simply an updated version of Tikkun Olam which has its roots firmly planted in Jewish theology; thus, when they engage in activities to combat pollution, drugs, proliferation of guns and the like, they re following an authentic Jewish tradition which reaches back to Sinai. There the Jews received not one, but two mandates. First the Ten Commandments commanded them as individuals to lead a more ethical life than was followed by the pagan society around them. Second, their mandate was expanded to include setting an example to the whole world of a pilot people who would be a "light to the nations", thus redeeming the world.

But, Tikkun Olam goes beyond the concept of the Jews being a "pilot people", whose example would encourage other nations to lead more ethical lives. It encompasses the idea that it can actually, by united effort, organize those who have accepted Tikkun Olam to attack directly the evils of society by "consciousness-raising" and joint effort with non-Jews and even lobbying government to take action by legislation, to eliminate profitable but harmful policies of major corporations who cannot be persuaded by polite petitions to change their ways.

It is worth emphasizing that for Jews to even consider lobbying government for other than Jewish causes, is a new and radical idea for us. For almost 2000 years, governments throughout the world have persecuted us so that they became, in our eyes, the "Enemy Camp", (that was the title of the last essay I contributed to *Viewpoints*, which I borrowed from Jerome Weidman, a very popular Jewish writer of the 1940's). The thought that we would actually approach governments we have always avoided, because we now consider ourselves to be full partners of the society we live in, and want to use Jewish values to improve that society would astonish most Jews over the age of fifty and that reaction itself is the reason that younger Jewish adults accuse our community leaders of being self-centered, inward-looking and irrelevant.

These theological ideas and concepts cannot be taught to twelve-year-olds, and we must therefore exert every effort to establish schools and curricula suited to college-age Jews, for it is during the college years that the elementary Jewish education they acquire during their pre-Bar Mitzvah years is outgrown. All that can be taught in our elementary schools are Jewish rituals, holidays and some history. When these young adults are exposed to more sophisticated teachers at college, the elementary knowledge they have acquired begins to seem superficial and jejune: and since they think that what they were taught at elementary school represents the whole of Judaism, they turn off, setting the stage for intermarriage.

Our community is in the midst of a major effort to preserve Jewish "continuity" and are expending much time and major resources to this end. The purpose of this essay is to alert our community leaders that we must not simply "throw money at the problem" while continuing our educational system in the same direction that appears to have failed to implant a desire to remain proud and knowledgeable Jews in Canada.

I certainly do not mean to imply that our present Jewish studies curriculum be dropped; it is basic to understanding how Judaism developed over the past 2000 years. I am suggesting that we need to study the implications of Tikkun Olam as well in order to offer a well-rounded and relevant Jewish education to our youth.

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Jewish Ethical Precepts And International Development

by Martin Rudner

The Case For International Development

JAD (pronounced: "Yad"), the Jewish Association for International Development, is a comparatively recent initiative among Canadian Jewry to support international development. However, Jewish involvement internationally on behalf of humanitarian causes is hardly a novel phenomenon. As we shall underline in this article, Jewish communities and individuals possess a powerful ethical mandate; a mandate given to us by Torah. This mandate imparts both a purpose and an obligation for us to help bring about the alleviation of human suffering, and to work for the betterment of the human condition.

Let me emphasize that for present purposes the Jewish contribution to international development will be defined in terms of the wider humanitarian goals of poverty reduction, economic development, and social improvement in poor countries, as distinct from financial support for Jewish communities here, abroad, or in Israel.

The United Nations Children's Fund recently reported that "More progress in human well-being has been made in the past 50 years than in the previous 2,000." That conclusion may seem incredible to people suffering from economic deprivation, illiteracy, disease and pollution. Yet, the record clearly indicates a substantial improvement in overall human well-being in our generation. This progress in human development reflects the result of economic growth in most, if not all, developing countries, coupled with the assistance provided by international donor agencies. As a result, average human life expectancy has increased from 40 years to 65; adult literacy has doubled to 70%; and infant mortality has dropped from 250 per thousand in the 1950s to less than 100 today. Most telling of all: the proportion of the world's population living in extreme poverty has been reduced from 70% to 32%.

Jewish involvement in development assistance can be traced back at least 3,500 years. As we are told in the Torah, the very first person to identify explicitly as a "Hebrew," who was sold into slavery and taken to Egypt, ended up giving Pharaoh technical advice on creating a buffer stock of food to assist Egypt accumulate seven years of surplus grains in order to sustain a projected seven years of famine. I refer, of course, to Joseph, son of Jacob: the first Hebrew; the favourite among the original twelvesome *B'nai Yisrael*.

The Jewish Ethical Basis For Development Cooperation

Most of us accept that there exists an ethical basis for community action to try to mitigate human suffering deriving from poverty. This ethic rests on the belief that we, as human beings and as Jews, have an obligation to act. In Judaism, religious obligations imply individual and public actions. Two questions arise:

(1) What actions are we obliged to take to help alleviate poverty to meet human needs?

(2) What is the extent of the obligation upon us to transfer resources to redress inequalities?

The answers to these questions will represent the core principles for Jewish involvement in global poverty alleviation through international development.

"FUGITIVES" BY DAVID FEIST, MONTREAL

Applying The Principle of G'Milut Hassadim

Judaism's answers to these essential ethical questions derive from the very roots of the Jewish tradition: from the Judaic perspective of the relationship between humans and God; from the Torah; and from the writings of our sages. A study of these writings reveals that their precepts involve the entire world.

Jewish Precepts Involve The Entire World

We note that our sages refer to precepts involving the entire World, in its widest humanitarian context, and not simply existing Jewish communities. The late Rabbi Dr. Joseph Hertz, the then Chief Rabbi of the British Empire, wrote that our rabbis considered the alleviation of suffering an obligation incumbent on all Jews, and this obligation had to be observed with respect to all people, precisely "*because of their humanity*" (*Daily Prayer Book*, p. 1045; emphasis in the original).

The ethical precepts of Judaism are relevant globally and bind Jews to all of humanity. Torah does not differentiate among peoples in its requirement for human kindness, its regard for human needs, its response to human suffering. The Midrash (*Megillah* 10) tells of God admonishing his Angels after the Exodus again celebrating at a time when Pharaoh's soldiery drowned in the Reed Sea: "The creations of my hands are drowning in the sea, and you wish to sing praises?" Says the Mishna, quoting Rabbi Akiva: "Beloved is man, for he was created in God's image; it is indicative of a greater the image of God was man created" (*Pirkei Avot*, 3:18).

Applying The Principle Of Tzedakah

Jews are very familiar with the Mitzvah of Tzedakah virtually as a matter of course. The impact of this Mitzvah on Jewish ethics and behaviour has been profound and widespread. The great medieval philosopher Maimonides, Rabbi Mosheh ben Maimon (*HaRambam*) [1135-1204] writes in his *Mishneh Torah* that more than any other positive commandment, Tzedakah represents the ethical essence of Judaism. The Rambam saw in Tzedakah the core attribute of Jewish existence, and the source of future redemption.

"FAMILY OF MIGRANTS" BY DAVID FEIST, MONTREAL

Tzedakah, as a Mitzvah involving the implementation of justice, has the quality of diminishing the inequalities between givers and receivers, economic and social inequalities. Justice, in Torah and in Jewish jurisprudence, is emphatically egalitarian. To what extent egalitarian? The Torah commands that a "corner" of farmland had to be left unharvested, to be reaped by the poor ("peah"). However, it does not define a corner by size. The Rabbis comment that this permits each person to define his own measure of generosity, the size of his "peah", his contribution to Tzedakah, his Mitzvah.

While the Mitzvah of Tzedakah is individually determined in terms of magnitudes, who gives how much, the beneficiaries are equal participants in the Mitzvah. Since the assigned share is legally considered to be the property of the poor, the landowner has no right to decide who should benefit. The benefits are to be shared by all the poor by virtue of their presence. This entitlement represents a *social right* for the poor, and their share in the Mitzvah of Tzedakah.

Tzedakah requires more than just philanthropy – willing donors. It also depends on community organization to manage the transfer of resources. In the Torah, parshah *Terumah* it is written: "Speak to the Children of Israel, that they take Me an offering." The commentators ask: Why does the Torah say "take an offering," and not simply: give money? Aharon Greenberg, in his book *Torah Gems/Iturai Torah* suggests that this is a reference to the importance of working at fund-raising, not just giving. Valuable causes require human effort at raising the money. Institutions can collapse for want of dedicated workers. The Torah therefore commanded: "let them take" – that people should take on the Mitzvah of Tzedakah by being willing to work to raise money for worthy causes.

So significant is the concept of Tzedakah for our Covenant with God, for our sense of community, for the ethical sustainability of our wider world, that the Rabbis saw in this Mitzvah of Tzedakah the key to our ultimate redemption.

The highly respected Israeli Torah scholar, the last Yeshayahu Leibowitz, pointed out the momentous challenge to the age-old Judaic vision of redemption caused by the establishment of the sovereign State of Israel, what he termed "The Crisis of Religion in the State" in an essay of that title first published in 1952 (reprinted in *Judaism, Human Values and the Jewish State*, Harvard University Press, 1992). This essay noted that the Torah envisages a messianic kingdom of God, but not the creation of a sovereign Jewish state in an otherwise "unredeemed" world, a world in which humanity – Jewish and non-Jewish – "is still unperfected". Resolution of this crisis depends on actions to perfect, to "redeem" humanity, Jewish and non-Jewish.

This crisis will stay unresolved, and the Torah vision of a reconstituted Israel in a redeemed world will remain imperfect until we embark on the efforts required for the sustainability of our World, by doing Justice, loving Mercy and walking humbly with our God.

Giving A Hand Through JAD

What does all this imply for us, as Canadian Jews? Jews constitute a small minority of Canadians, about 3% of the total population of this country, according to the latest census. And yet Canada's Jewish population has played a disproportionate and preeminent role in national and international efforts to relieve poverty and improve human well-being.

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To be sure, the horrendous catastrophes that befell many historic Jewish centres in Europe, Asia and Africa in our generation directed most of the organized charitable efforts of Canadian Jewry towards the relief and rehabilitation of Jewish communities in Israel and in other lands of distress. Nevertheless, Canadian Jews remain actively engaged in wider international development assistance efforts through commendable participation in the principal donor agencies, including the Canadian International Development Agency, in non-governmental organizations, as consultants for the design and implementation of aid projects, and in education and research.

However, what was absent for many years was a distinctive Canadian Jewish presence in international development. With the establishment of JAD, the Jewish Association for International Development, Canadian Jewry has taken its place among the organizations engaged in global poverty alleviation and international development. In JAD we have acquired an identifiable expression of our commitment to G'Milut Hassadim, an agency for Tzedakah to achieve human redemption.

JAD is not alone in making a Jewish contribution to international development. Even though Israel is itself a major recipient of foreign aid, mostly from the United States, the Government of Israel has long been an aid donor of modest magnitude to developing countries in Asia, Africa and especially Latin America. This is consistent with the principle of Tzedakah that all are expected to give of themselves to help others. Today, Israel is an upper income developing country, and it is willing to share its experience and its benevolence. In 1992, the mot recent year for which data are available, Israel disbursed some US $27 million in Official Development Assistance to poor countries. Most of this aid supported agriculture, community development, education, and co-operatives.

More recently, the Israel Ministry of Foreign Affairs reported that its technical assistance programs in 1994 covered 143 developing countries, compared to some 80 as recently as 1992. Among Israel's aid recipients were hitherto antagonistic countries such as Egypt, Bangladesh, Guinea, Indonesia, Jordan, Morocco, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and the Palestinian authority. Israeli aid activities included the provision of more than 3000 scholarships to trainees to attend 113 courses in Israel, with the largest number coming from Egypt; plus the provision of training courses for some 4440 trainees in 50 developing countries. By the mid-1990s Israel has come to rank among the foremost providers of technical training to the developing world.

Now is the time for Canadian Jewry to demonstrate our commitment to the precepts of G'Milut Hassadim, to fulfil the Mitzvah of Tzedakah on a global humanitarian scale, by lending a hand through JAD. United Nations Secretary-General, Boutros Boutros-Ghali pointed out at the World Summit on Social Development in Copenhagen, 1.3 billion of the world's 5.6 billion population still live in appalling destitution. The magnitudes are

Jews, Blacks & Québecois

by Eugene Kaellis

Most Canadians view reports of racial strife in the United States with mixed feelings – relief that Canada does not face these problems, and anxiety that the same thing could happen here. In fact, we have every kind of racial discrimination in Canada, the most severe directed against Blacks. The treatment of Aboriginal people rivals it but is somewhat tempered by White feelings of guilt.

Although Canada was the terminus of the Underground Railway which transported American slaves to freedom, it had itself been a slave society (both Black and Aboriginal), and through law and social practice discriminated severely against the Black refugees it presumably welcomed. The ongoing systemic discrimination against Blacks in Canada is well documented and, in spite of the Charter of rights and other legal protection, may be worsening. Canada has not experienced Los Angeles type riots or the street warfare of Washington, D.C., but there have been parallel, if still relatively muted, incidents in Toronto and Montreal that reveal a growing discontent and the potential for violence.

Jews Are Most Active In Support Of Blacks

Many Jews, along with other Whites, harbour White supremacist attitudes, but of all the ethnic groups in the USA, Jews have been the most sympathetic to the plight of Blacks and most active in the civil rights movement. Some even became martyrs in the struggle. Yet Black anti-Semitism has become widespread in inner city ghettos of America and among Black university students. Its most extreme form is found in the Nation of Islam led by Louis Farrakhan.

Jews in Canada may be able to avoid a similar situation between themselves and Canadian Blacks by examining the aspects of this relationship that are common to both counties. There are also parallels between the Jewish-Black relationship and the Jewish-Quebecois relationship, which are of particular concern to Canadian Jews.

The alliance between Jewish and Black communities which once formed a major urban power base for the liberal wing of the U.S. Democratic Party has largely been eroded and replaced by the kind of antagonistic bloc voting seen in New York City's last mayoralty election. How did this happen? How was a collaboration based on common goals transformed into fear and rancour on both sides?

How Was Collaboration Transformed Into Fear And Rancour?

Bearing a long legacy of slavery and discrimination, most Blacks remain hopelessly stuck in the lowest rungs of the socio-economic ladder of American society. While a significant but small Black middle class has emerged, the gap between Blacks and Whites is increasing. Black males have the lowest life expectancy of any group in the U.S.; their unemployment rate is more than twice that of White men; Black college graduates are three times more likely to be unemployed than are White graduates; almost one out of three Black families in the U.S. live below the poverty line. School segregation is illegal but in practice it has now reached or exceeded that of the early 'fifties.

The social effects follow. Homicide is the leading cause of death among Black men between the ages of 15 and 44. Between the ages of 15 and 24 they are nine times more likely to kill each other as are Whites. One in four Black men is in jail, on parole, or on probation, about ten times the rate for White men. Though only 12 percent of the American population, Blacks commit more than half the crimes of violence. The rate of venereal disease and drug addiction among Blacks is many times that of Whites.

It must be emphasized that while these data do not reflect the condition of Canadian Blacks they demonstrate what can happen when fulfilment falls far behind expectations.

U.S. White Contempt For Blacks Replaced By Fear

Most White Americans no longer are racist ideologues. Their traditional contempt for Blacks has been replaced by fear. They leave areas inhabited by Blacks, isolate themselves in presumably secure enclaves, acquire weapons, demand law and order, but they do not know how or are unwilling to trade their historically mediated economic and political privileges for social peace and justice.

Blacks, like any people frustrated in achieving their basic aspirations, facing the confusion of a vast, impersonal and apparently impenetrable complex economy, will invariably turn toward surrogate struggles in which success is dependent solely on the exercise of will. The world is replete with movements which, unable to improve material conditions, concentrate on piety, culture, language, nationalism, and claims of racial supremacy.

But why, in their frustration and anger are Blacks expressing so much vehemence directed toward Jews?

Jews Are Traditional Scapegoat

The short answer is that Jews are a traditional and convenient scapegoat. The longer one requires more examination.

The Nation of Islam encourages Black pride. It has achieved considerable credibility through its self-improvement and anti-drug programs. Islam exerts an appeal because it is a universal religion that, at least formally, bars racial discrimination. Much of Africa is Muslim, and while Christianity is still the dominant religion of American Blacks, historically it is associated with slaveowners and colonizers. the anti-Israel stance taken by the Nation of Islam as an expression of solidarity with Palestinians and the Arab world has, by extension and in light of the pro-Israel position of most American Jews, generated a great deal of anti-Semitic feeling.

The traditional anti-Judaism of Christianity, which affects all aspects of North American culture, is another contributing factor.

Most Important Factor Is Economic Competition

However, more important in the current interaction of Jews and Blacks are economic and social factors. Many North American Jews are professionals. Blacks contact them as clients in a relationship usually based on problems or distress and characterized by expense and, often, dissatisfaction. These are bound to create a high level of resentment.

Jews, arriving after much of the North American economy had been staked out by non-Jewish entrepreneurs, and initially having little capital, invested in marginal enterprise such as slum housing, small shops in poor neighbourhoods, and low-investment, labour-intensive industries, e.g., garment manufacturing. Conflict, especially in hard times, was inevitable between Jewish professionals, manufacturers, renters, and retailers and their clients, tenants, workers, and customers.

Jews in urban centers like New York and Los Angeles staked out precincts in civic politics and bureaucracies which also brought them in conflict

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with members of the underclasses, particularly Blacks. By and large North American Jews still occupy the middle and upper middle positions in society, which makes them competitive with upwardly mobile Blacks.

These and other factors too extensive to list have generated conflict, envy, fear, hatred, and contempt on both sides, which has led to violence, including racial murder.

Similar Situation Exists Between Canadian Blacks And Jews

A somewhat similar situation exists between Jews and Francophones in Quebec, particularly in Montreal. The hostility of some Quebecois toward Jews is based on a type of narrow nationalism which has racist overtones. Francophone Jews whose families have lived in Quebec for generations are still not accepted as "true Quebecois". A history of antagonism toward Jews by the Catholic Church has provided a base for this. As well, many of the economic factors described above, relating to Blacks and Jews in the States, apply to Quebec. The 1990 poverty rate among Quebecois is shocking, about 40% for those 25 to 29 years old and a staggering 85% for single-parent families headed by women. Since these data were collected, the situation can only have gotten worse. Poverty these days, it must be emphasized, is not merely a matter of money, it means a life characterized by constant anxiety over housing and necessities, hopelessness, a loss of dignity and self esteem and a sense that there is little or nothing to lose by violating the values of society.

What can Canadian Jews do to avoid the unwholesome and dangerous developments in the States?

Blaming the victims of circumstances may alleviate guilt. Jews have certainly had a great deal of experience with that phenomenon, usually directed against them by people who declined to help in times of desperation and danger. Now that North American Jews have penetrated into the middle and higher echelons, they can refrain from invidious comparisons between their level of success and the inability of other groups to make comparable headway.

Jews can support social and equity programs to reverse the discrimination and disadvantages that other groups have suffered. they can make efforts at establishing closer ties with members of other communities and, without patronizing them, offer their support in the struggle for freedom and equality. And they can seek personal ties with members of other cultural and racial communities.

Personal Ties Surest Way To Combat Cultural Stereotypes

This is the surest way to undermine cultural and racial stereotypes. Most of the information White Canadians have about Canadian Blacks, for example, is derived from the media. Imagine someone whose only source of information about Montreal came from foreign newspapers. His perception would be shaped by reports of the massacre of women at the University of Montreal, the FLQ bombings, gangland murders, drug busts and similar headlined stories. Survey after survey show that those sections of the country with the most anti-immigrant sentiments have the lowest percentage of immigrants. Contrary to the old saw, familiarity breeds acceptance, by Jews and of Jews.

And most important, while Jews have an absolute obligation to protect themselves against racist attacks no matter what their source, if they respond to racism with racism they will only contribute to a vicious and escalating spiral.

Jews And Employment Equity – An Unholy Alliance

by Stephen Stern

There is a disconcerting tendency in the Jewish media to denigrate or distort the views of political conservatives. Writers or politicians of the right who dare question the regnant politically correct sentiments on such issues as employment equity, pay equity, radical feminism, government funding for private schools, or reducing Canada's bloated welfare system, are invidiously dismissed as cranks, racists, or bigots. Despite the obvious fact that many conservative commentators are themselves Jews, many prominent Jewish intellectuals even claim to detect the sickly scent of anti-Semitism in their writings. Such *ad hominem* attacks merely display an unbecoming hauteur from those on the left.

It is clear, nevertheless, that these conservative positions are becoming increasingly accepted by the influential North American intelligentsia and policy makers, and thus bear closer and fairer scrutiny. One such issue is that of employment equity.

Pros And Cons Of Affirmative Action

Employment equity (more familiarly known as Affirmative Action in the United States) is one of the most controversial and potentially the most socially divisive of recent government initiatives. Simply stated, the essence of this doctrine is that, in order to correct past prejudices and injustices committed almost invariably by white (Christian) males against women, blacks, or natives, governments must intervene and compel the workplace to adopt hiring practices which reflect society at large. To this end, such places as police departments, offices, factories, university faculties, and retail stores must set euphemistically named "targets" so that the percentage of black men, aboriginals, and women of colour *inter alia* in these areas of employment approximates that in the general population. To some, at first glance, this notion may appear to be highly attractive – perhaps especially to Jews who pride themselves as historical defenders of the weak and oppressed. Furthermore, those who favour such measures attempt to assure the skeptical among us that these policies do not involve quotas, are not in themselves racist, and do not violate the cherished principle of hiring on the basis of merit only.

Some preliminary observations are needed here. One of the fundamental premises and pivotal justifications for such programs as employment equity is the notion that the lack of proportional representation of blacks or women for example in one job category or another is proof positive of systemic racism or sexism in Canadian society. Stuff and nonsense. This idea, although doggedly held by otherwise intellectually astute observers, is logically and empirically untenable. It should be obvious that the absence of Asians on the Toronto Blue Jays team does not demonstrate systemic anti-Asian discrimination in major league baseball. Similarly, as comedian Jackie Mason has satirically pointed out in his Broadway show, the fact that there are few Jewish welders does not prove, as some would have it, that the welders' union is anti-Semitic! The highly disproportionate number of Jewish violinists does not indicate, for example, that symphony orchestras discriminate against Moslems or aboriginal women or anyone else. Clearly, the lack of strict proportional representation in this or that job description does *not* prove racism. It may demonstrate merely innocent cultural preferences which ought to be celebrated by all of us including those vocal proponents of ethnic diversity.

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Despite Denials Affirmative Action Means Quotas

Secondly, we should note that Webster's Third New International Dictionary defines quota as a "fixed number or percentage of minority group members who may be admitted into some activity or institution". So let us ask the supporters of employment equity to be frank and admit that, regardless of the use of such politically correct code words as minority preferences, target groups, or preferential set asides, what we have here is nothing less than good old fashioned discrimination and quotas. Furthermore, we must vigorously acknowledge that policies that declare that people ought to be hired or promoted – or denied the same – primarily on the basis of their skin colour (or ethnic background or sex) are *ipso facto* racist. Thus, although the champions of employment equity pay obligatory lipservice to the principle of hiring on the basis of merit only, we must not lose sight of the unavoidable but nasty fact that what we are dealing with here are those ugliest of words and deeds – racism and quotas.

Many of those advocating these policies, of course, will refuse to recognize these truths, but the extraordinary thing is that there is a small number of employment equity advocates (some of whom are Jews with the highest intellectual credentials) who do have the integrity to admit that this program is indeed fundamentally racist and sexist in as much as it clearly discriminates against white males. However, they declare with staggering *chutzpah* that because some instances of past social injustice have been so heinous (such as three centuries of black slavery or mistreatment of native peoples) small doses of quotas or "reverse discrimination" may be unpalatable but are necessary.

Despite Past Discrimination Jews Have Never Asked For Quotas

This is astonishing. One would expect that Jews, of all people, would thunderously denounce such policies to the heavens. If any minority can claim a history of unrelenting persecution, it is doubtless the Jews. It is distressing that one must restate the obvious fact that the Holocaust ranks with any past injustice claimed by any minority at any time. Yet, the remarkable fact is that the Jews have never proposed or favoured legislation forcing employers to preferentially hire them in order to make amends for over two thousand years of past suffering. Indeed, they have fought tirelessly for the removal of all quotas and all references to one's skin colour or ethnic heritage in matters pertaining to hiring, firing, or promotion. They have, to their eternal credit, simply demanded that merit be the only criterion.

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That certain Jews have abandoned this honourable position in regard to the employment of blacks and aboriginals amongst others, smacks of an entirely repulsive condescension.

But there are other problems with the very concept of employment equity, not the least of which is the fact that it flies in the face of the remarkable legal, political, and socio-economic institutions evolved, over two and a half thousand years, by Western civilization from its Greco-Roman and Judaeo-Christian roots. Especially since the Renaissance and the Enlightenment, the Western world has increasingly recognized, protected, and cherished the primacy of the sacred individual. The present tendency, as exemplified in employment equity legislation, is an unfortunate reversion to the medieval notion of viewing people, not as individuals with equal legal rights, but as members of one group or another with varying degrees of rights and privileges depending on their status as politically correct victims.

Difference Between Civil Rights And Human Rights

Some on the left have recognized this atavistic thrust and have attempted to avoid the issue by differentiating between *civil* rights (by which every Canadian is accorded equal rights) and *human* rights (by which every Canadian is accorded different rights and privileges based on their group membership)! Such arguments are disturbing because, to be blunt, they are intellectually jejune and mendacious. They display an unforgivable disdain for the magnificent achievement of the English common law in particular and the Western political tradition in general by replacing the antiquated concept of group rights with the modern one of individual rights.

As has been noted by others, there are unintended consequences to employment equity. The first is that the proposed beneficiaries have a perpetual cloud over their heads. Others will always be asking if the woman or native for example really received the promotion or new position in question simply because of their sex or colour or because they truly deserved it. This is unfair to all concerned, but it is an intrinsic part of this legislation. The second unintended result is the transformation of Canadian society into a monstrous mirror image of South African apartheid. Indeed, if this seems like an unwarranted exaggeration, it should be noted that as this essay is being written, there are calls from a university in Ontario to provide a separate recreational lounge for non-white students. They deny this is racist, of course, because historical victims of racism (non-whites) cannot by definition be racist!

This Program Will Rend The Fabric Of Society

It is no hyperbole to state that employment equity is so fundamentally at odds with the justly celebrated assumptions of Western civilization that if this and related programs are not jettisoned, they will rend the very fabric of our society. It is lamentably ironic and, indeed even tragically Kafkaesque, that many Jewish intellectuals are in the vanguard of those who, through either ideological perversity or invincible ignorance, promote this policy of unmitigated racism.

The Israel-Diaspora Identity Crisis

by Jacob Chinitz

It was good to see the current Jewish situation summarized in a neat, good looking pamphlet which I read in one sitting, after receiving it in Jerusalem as part of what I assume was an international mailing to rabbis. While I admit that many important points about diaspora, Israel, education, intermarriage, assimilation, extremism were made, I submit that the author contradicts himself, and refuses to accept the logic of his own argument, in not coming to the conclusion: The diaspora does not help Israel, it itself is the cause of its own problems as well as the problems of Israel. Therefore its disappearance or limitation to the "Orthodox ghettos" the author speaks about, would not be a tragedy, as he sees it, but, on the contrary would give a boost to that very Israel which the author himself concedes, with enthusiasm, is the center, the hope of Jewish survival.

One example of contradiction is this: In one place he says that sending diaspora children to Israel for a six week tour would be wasted money. In another place he quote Steinzaltz to the effect that any visit to Israel may yield results.

Another example is this: In one place he claims that day school education works against intermarriage. In another place he admits that a large percentage of day school graduates, lacking family background, also yield to intermarriage.

Anti-Semitism Has Not Disappeared

Another contradiction is not between one place and another place in the pamphlet but between what the pamphlet says and reality. In several places the author stresses that anti-Semitism has practically disappeared. the truth is that it is spreading in Russia, Germany and in the United States. More incidents of physical attacks on Jewish persons and Jewish property are reported every year. More skinheads and neo-Nazis appear every year. More black Jew haters and Moslem fundamentalists appear in the United States every year. I do not argue that therefore Jewish money should be spent for ADL or JDL or AJC. I argue that if Mr. Leibler sees the abatement of Jew hatred as an asset to the diaspora, he should not count his chickens too early. If, on the other hand, he laments the lack of anti-Semitism as removing a force for Jewish unity and survival, he can be consoled by the sad facts.

But the main contradiction is between the thrust of his thesis, namely that Israel is the bearer of Jewish existence in the present and hope for the future – and his insistence on worrying about the disappearance of the diaspora. He even tries to justify this contradiction by claiming that the diaspora is needed for Israel itself. Which reminds me of the argument made by diasporists and professional Israeli shelichim who spend time in the diaspora. It goes like this: American Jews must stay in America in order to help Israel financially, politically and morally. Not only must they stay where they are, but Israelis must come to America to strengthen the American diaspora, so that it may be of more help to Israel.

I do not claim that the four hundred thousand Israelis who live in the United States made exactly that argument, but they could have, with justification.

Has the Diaspora Been Of More Help Or More Harm To Israel?

Have we ever considered the proposition that the diaspora, including the American diaspora, has not been of more help than harm to Israel, but that it has been of more harm than help, to Israel? Here are some points to ponder:

1. The argument has been made that without the United Nations Israel would not have been born. Perhaps the only reason Israel needed the Partition Resolution was the fact that there was a United Nations in existence. Without it, and as it turned out even with it, Israel would have created itself by fighting for itself. Similarly, without the American Jews, it has been argued, Israel could not be created. But perhaps the financial and political support from American Jews were necessary because the existence of the American Jewish community offered other alternatives.
2. The diaspora, and the fact that Jews had lived in it for two thousand years, provided the Arabs and other anti-Zionists, including Jewish ones, with the argument that the Jews were not a nation but a religion and therefore had no right to Palestine or any other territory on earth.
3. If the alternative of freedom and equality in America were not available, the controversy within Judaism about the correctness of Zionism would not have been as severe as it was.
4. If the prosperous American Jewish community were not there as a magnet drawing Israelis into the diaspora, perhaps many or most of them would have stayed, and thus more than compensated for the loss of sixty thousand Olim from the United States, and almost for the half million Olim from Russia.

Is The Idea Of A Jewish State Plausible If Most Jews Remain Outside?

5. With two thirds of the Jewish people living in the diaspora and only one third in Israel, what plausibility does the idea of a Jewish state have in the world? What are Israeli children supposed to believe about the justification for, or even the definition of, the Jewish state if most of the Jews live outside of the Jewish state? We will see what plausibility there will be provided for the notion of a Palestinian state if most of the Palestinians remain in America, Europe or Arabia.
6. Without the diaspora, the pride, or the shame, of the Wandering Jew will disappear, and the idea of Jews living in the Jewish country will take on more logic, more ethics, more naturalness. After the diaspora disappears, the George Steiners, the Arthur Koestlers, the Nahum Goldmanns will not be able to flaunt their sophisticated theories about the superiority of the diaspora, sophisticated, cultured, Jewish citizen of the world.
7. Without the diaspora, perhaps Israeli Jewish children will not consider Jewish religion as a product of exile and Jewish homelessness and abnormalcy. I do not deny the repulsion which is produced by Haredism, but in every country in the world, despite the prevalent secularism, religion does exist. Perhaps Jewish religion would exist in the Jewish state as well if it were freed of the taint of wandering and acceptance of exile as punishment, by the pious, or as a great opportunity for Tikun Olam by the liberals.
8. If the diaspora did not exist, Jewish wealth would be invested in the Jewish state, in the Tel Aviv stock exchange instead of in Wall Street.
9. If the diaspora did not exist, Israel would not have to expend funds to send Shelichim to save the diaspora communities.

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The Importance of Diversity

by Hugh Segal

The following article consists of excerpts from the Lou Harris Memorial Lecture delivered recently to the Holy Blossom Temple in Toronto.

Having worked as the hired help for a Conservative Premier of Ontario and a Conservative Prime Minister of Canada, and having been a candidate for Parliament myself over twenty years ago, and having had a Liberal father and NDP grandfather, the notion of diversity is not something particularly new to me. In the days when I was a young Conservative or member of the provincial Union Nationale in Quebec, many in the Jewish community did not know quite what to make of my activities. Knocking on doors in the largely Jewish riding of Montreal – D'Arcy Mcgee, for the candidate of the nationalist Union Nationale provincial party, running against a Liberal by the name of Victor Goldbloom, whose father had been the physician who had seen, along with my mother, to my own birth – well if this was not hearsay, it was surely outside the framework of understandable practice.

Was this young extremist just being contrary? Why could he not simply join up, at the appropriate time and place, with the "L" and "I" Jewish liberal establishment and be done with it? Surely that was required and accepted.

I would like to share with you why that level of conformity would not have been suitable and why, both from the point of view of the march of time and from the point of view of the emergent realities in Israel and here, a more diverse stance, a more diffuse range of philosophical options and instruments will be necessary. We must advance the conditions of freedom and opportunity within which we can survive and sustain our rights and obligations as citizens; we must also sustain the permanence and presence of the State of Israel as a haven for those for whom, for reasons of choice or circumstance Israel remains the only answer.

Right/Left Typification of Israel-Arab Dilemma Outmoded

The old right/left typification of the Israel-Arab dilemma has gone the way of the dodo bird, and we are back to the reality of managing the ethnic, religious, territorial and political realities of the region – without any refuge behind the proxy wall of a now ended global philosophical dispute.

The very pluralism that typifies the internal debates in Israel within the context of their determined and broad democracy, speaks most hopefully to the ultimate choices Israelis will make about their own future, in their own way. Those who live there will have to decide between themselves and the various options on the road to a lasting peaceful agreement with their Arab neighbours, on terms that reflect their own complex pluralism. Those who cheer peace and wish Israel well from afar, with prayers, good wishes and material philanthropic support, would do well to replace the urge to offer advice with the preparedness to help in whatever peace Israelis themselves can come to embrace.

Importance of Political Pluralism for Jews

As someone who has been outside the Liberal mainstream of the Jewish community, I have often asked myself whether it has ever mattered to Jews in terms of our schools, our organizations, our religious freedom what political activity if any is pursued by community membership or leadership.

On balance, I would have to say that the only point of departure that is absolutely unconstructive is that of being, in timidity and supplication within the scope of only one political party.

I remember when, in Quebec, in 1966 the popular Liberal, Jean Lesage was defeated by the Union Nationale's Daniel Johnson, without any meaningful voter support from the anglophone or Jewish or Italian parts of the electorate.

Despite that, the Union Nationale went on to provide full funding for confessional Jewish schools in Quebec, advancing the premise that the right to attend publicly funded confessional schools should not and could not be limited only to Catholics and Protestants.

It was a pluralism that spoke eloquently not to the absence of antisemitism in Quebec, for it is no more absent or present in Quebec than it is anywhere else, but to the ability of tolerance, and cultural diversity to co-exist comfortably with Quebec nationalism.

A nationalism that sought to reach out to the pluralism, that could and would embrace someone else's religious and cultural difference struck me then as it does now as fundamentally more constructive than a liberalism which takes people either for granted or assumes that they are spoken for. Actually, I am troubled by any one group or party or organization purporting to have an historic right to speak for me in any consistent or inherited fashion. The issue is not the role of the Canadian Jewish Congress, or the World Zionist Organization, or B'nai Brith or the others. They all have the right to discharge their mandates as broadly and intensely as they choose. They are forces for good, even when they do not agree with each other. In fact the diversity of the community, its reach, its scope, its range, depth and rootedness in this country, our traditions, professions, pursuits and conventions are all immeasurably strengthened and deepened when diversity wins out over being unduly coalesced and too easily "spoken for".

It does not matter where one stands on the age old debate over religion vs. people vs. faith community vs. ethnic or cultural group. What matters is that the community speaks with the fullness of its diversity and the broadest of agendas – both collective, group and individual.

Diversity in our politics and our representation is as important as it is unavoidable. Forced uniformity or contrived uniformity has the added burden these days of being hard to believe and even harder to maintain, especially when looking ahead.

Just a very few months ago, we saw Muslims from Bosnia welcomed as refugees into the state of Israel, just as they had welcomed boatpeople a decade or so ago.

Our Immigration Policy Under Pressure

France, Germany, the UK, Holland, our American friends, Austria are all on the front lines; our own immigration policy is clearly under pressure from the more right wing conservative forces in the land, fuelled in large measure by economic anxiety, but not without some strains of xenophobia. Xenophobia is never ever sated with simply heading off the "Outsiders"; always, always, it becomes focused on a search for "outsiders within".

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The world does not have enough policemen or border guards to stem this tide – the only rational approach is a humane policy based on a real and genuine sharing of the economic bounty we have in a fashion that could see the rapid growth of our own domestic market to fifty million Canadians.

We must accept as well, that with even a hint of normalization between the participants in the middle east, and with a continued de-escalation of major power direct involvement, Israel will be treated by Foreign Ministries around the world with more casual disregard than has heretofore been the case. Certainly, my experience in Ottawa, led me to conclude that were it not for a strong willed Prime Minister who had his own very definite views on the matter, the traditional Arabist line of External Affairs, would have prevailed. This is, after all, a department that was quite comfortable with a Canadian Foreign Minister in the late seventies visiting most countries in the mideast region, except for Israel, and a department that quietly encouraged Arab nations to protest Mr. Clark's ill-fated attempt to move the Canadian Embassy to Jerusalem during his short period in office as Prime Minister. While the present undersecretary is a delightful exception to the rule, the operative culture of the department is one of, at best disengagement and at worst a modest tilt towards the Arab or Palestinian side in any debate. In diverse and broad ways, it is important that the community register its presence quickly, not only with the new administration, but with all parties in the house, to ensure no misunderstanding of either positive interest or resolve. While prospects for peace are encouraging and compelling, total disengagement by the west, especially by middle powers, such as Canada would be truly premature and unhelpful.

Integration and Identity Not Assimilation or Isolation

The evolution of Canadian history, not only in politics, but in the professions, arts, culture, commerce and education, has benefited greatly by our community's individual and collective achievements. We have role models throughout society of individuals who have managed both, integration and identity, without either assimilation or isolation.

And while the established presence is perhaps, not as brash as the Dershowitz model in the United States, and while Canadian cultural realities have a less pervasive central presence than is the case to our south, none of us need be troubled by the permanence of the Jewish contribution, providing, of course, that we do not take it or the rights and responsibilities that make that contribution possible for granted. The best way to ensure that there is no threat is to be constantly prepared for one. The way to ensure that bigotry and racism do not advance, is by responding quickly and massively to any of its elements, having the courage to speak clearly, and the wisdom to respond to the real thing when it is clearly discernible.

Diversity is Strength

My generation is remarkably fortunate to have missed both the terror of war and the ravages of the great depression. The responsibility we have even at mid-life to come to the aid of those Canadians under fire because of the burdens of poverty and disadvantage remain great. The responsibilities that come with what Abba Eban has referred to as the mystery of resonance – the larger voice and impact of a community so relatively small are also great. The diversity of our community is a strength in discharging that responsibility. Resonance is earned and not inherited. Each generation must find its own path to its sustenance and the benefits that come therefrom. Reaching out to those less fortunate, remains in as

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Hugh Segal *has been active in Conservative Party circles for a number of years.*

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compelling a sense as any, one of the best ways to earn the resonance that is part of the reality and substance of Jewish survival and continuity. Bloodlines without values, process without substance, convention without purpose, these are the underpinnings of sand on which little can be built.

Risk of Reaching Out Less Than Risk of Isolation

The miracle of intergenerational survival is tied to the realities of a will to reach out beyond the narrow and the unduly orthodox. The risks in the diaspora of a Judaism that is integrated and diversified, reaching out and embracing diverse political and cultural realities are far less than the risks of an isolationism or conformity that seduces with simplicity and pretends that a complex world is easily addressed with answers that are written down by others and remove from all of us the need to reason, differentiate and choose.

Modern Canadian Experience is to be Comfortable with Choice

To be part of the modern Canadian Jewish experience, is to be comfortable with the reality of choice, and the sure and present knowledge that someone in some position of authority will always have wished you had chosen differently. In public life and in private affairs, we are known by the choices we have made, and judged accordingly. Having the courage to choose, without forgetting the rich heritage of counsel and tradition that enables more informed choice, on issues humanitarian, pecuniary and beyond is the essence of today's Diaspora imperative. Integration, reaching out, being part of the whole, choosing the human side of most debates, has never offended my own conservatism and always reflected my faith and beliefs. The only mistake, the mistake most likely to diminish the resonance and import the community has earned throughout the western world, is failing to see the necessity of choosing. The mistake is believing that whatever the levels of integration, however open the society and the way of life, any humanitarian issue does not concern us. In the end, either through the politics of omission or commission, it always does.

As a student, the Ethics of Our Fathers was always a linchpin for relatively short and painless signposts to the broader ethical Jewish experience. One has always stayed with me:

"If I do not provide for myself, than who shall? If I am only for myself, then what value is that? And if now is not the time to begin, then, pray tell, when is the time?"

A simple argument for diversity, for reaching out, for playing a part, for doing it early and for sustaining the humanitarian imperative at one's core – that is my case.

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10. If the diaspora did not exist, Israel would not be considered, as it still is, as only one alternative for Jewish existence, as a haven for refugees, as a compensation for the Holocaust, as an instrument of world Jewry for domination of the Middle East. Israel would be accepted as Switzerland and Belgium are accepted. No one would argue that it is dangerous to concentrate all Jews in one place because they could be destroyed in one place. We never heard such arguments from the Swiss or the Belgians.

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Reaching Teenagers

A major problem remains – that of reaching teenagers who have had their Bar/Bat Mitzvah, given the fact the very few continue to attend Day School into the High School years. To answer this would require a separate article. I can however point to one program that managed to attract teenagers and even adults on a continuing basis. I refer to my own synagogue, Shaar Hashomayim in Montreal, who has been running a Home Study program for the past 35 years. The basic idea is that a group of 8 to 10 couples meet at each others' homes every two weeks to study a particular aspect of Judaism that interests them. The Synagogue subsidizes a teacher's salary, but has no other financial involvement. Membership in the group is by invitation only, thus assuring social compatibility. I can vouch for the fact that this formula has been successful, since I attended such a group for 33 years, and Shaar Hashomayim last year had nine groups functioning.

This is only one idea. I am certain that we have enough educational expertise in our community to devise other plans. The 'sine qua non' is approval of the basic concept, and enough financial community support to engage a full-time educator to disseminate the concept across Canada, and provide supervision once it is established.

POETRY

Houdini

Outside my window the Maple daily yields
yellow leaves gasping
from gallowed stems, pendant
cloth stars
stitched in light
of the long ago dead.

Knotted roots clamber nightly
like arms through frozen soil, snow-laced
soil that straightjackets the foundation of my house.
I dream myself Houdini, struggle, contort,
disjoint my supple Jewish frame in all directions:
He was the genius of the century.
Had he lived to see Auschwitz, Treblinka, Majdanek
would his lungs have breathed the Zyklon B
as if it were the purest Laurentian air?
Would the bullets of the Einsatzgruppen have passed
through him like a spirit?
Would he have metamorphosed from flesh
through the crematorium smokestack
and back to flesh again?
Would their doctors have experimented on him
with poisons and diabolical instruments
to disclose the secrets of his death-defying talent?

In the morning I am buried under folds and folds of sheets
like the packaged vaudeville Jew whose artifice
could not save him from even a single blow
like a quota
administered at McGill
underhandedly.

by B. Glen Rotchin

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numbing; yet, the horrific effects of extreme poverty and deprivation can be overcome, with available knowledge and resources, as the experience in international development demonstrates.

Tikkun Olam On A Global Scale

As we say in the *Alaiynu* prayer at the close of every daily service: "We therefore hope (that)... the world will be perfected ("le-takain olam") under the kingdom of the Almighty..." It is through support for international development that this expressed hope can be translated into actions for "tikkun olam", perfecting the world. This globalization of G'Milut Hassadim and Tzedakah derives its visionary impact for all humanity from the prophecy of Micah:

> "In the days to come, the Mount of the Lord's house shall stand firm above the mountains... And the many nations shall go and say: Come, Let us go up to the Mount of the Lord, to the House of the God of Jacob; that He may instruct us in His ways, and that we may walk in his paths. For instruction shall come forth from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. Thus He will judge among the many peoples, and arbitrate for the multitude of nations, however distant; And they shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not take up sword against nation; they shall not again know war; But every man shall sit under his grapevine or fig tree and no one will make him afraid" (*Micah*, 4:1-4).

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Palestine/Jordan inevitable

Husseini predicts confederation

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Oslo peace process will lead to a Palestinian state by the year 2000 when Israel's final status talks with the PLO will supposedly be finished, a high-ranking Palestinian official has predicted.

"For sure, we will have a Palestinian state, with security arrangements here and there," said Faisal Husseini – a minister in the Palestine National Authority – in an interview.

Looking further ahead, Husseini said that a confederation between a sovereign Palestine and Jordan is inevitable. "There is no place for small states today. There is a need for regional cooperation. We, the Palestinians, Israelis and Jordanians, can build a new atmosphere in the area."

Husseini also said the capital of the state will be East Jerusalem. Husseini visited Canada at the invitation of the Canadian government, and arrived here about a week after Israel and the PLO formally signed the Oslo 2 pact in Washington.

Husseini's statements run counter to Israeli policy. Israel annexed East Jerusalem in 1967 and considers it an integral part of its capital and non-negotiable. Israel also opposes the creation of a Palestinian state.

Husseini, who stopped in Ontario to meet with Palestinian Canadians and a Canadian Friends of Peace Now delegation, called for free access between the two halves of Jerusalem in the future. "We don't want walls," said Husseini, the minister in charge of Jerusalem affairs.

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Faisal Husseini (right) met last week in Ottawa with Canadian Jewish Congress President Goldie Hershon and CJC Ontario region chair Moshe Ronen.

Voter intimidation

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Out-of-province referendum voters should not be scared off by a new requirement to specify when they'll return to Quebec, say organizations which have been working hard to get their vote out.

"It is our view that since the date of return is not verifiable, it should not dissuade people from exercising their right to vote," said Jack Jedwab, executive director for Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q).

Jedwab was referring to a recent announcement by Pierre-F. Cote, Quebec's chief electoral officer that out-of province voters will now have to indicate their date of return to Quebec instead of just declaring a general intention to return.

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Letter to a Separatist

By BOB RAE
Special to the CJN

TORONTO — Before you vote Yes to breaking up our country, I ask you to think of those things we have in common. First there is the land we share. Imagine for a moment the first trip up the Saguenay by Europeans, the first view of Lake Ontario, Superior, Niagara. Go north from the cities huddled along the rivers and lakes near the American border. See the Canada we share: in the preamble to your Act of Separation you talk of "winter" as if this belongs only to you. Not so: we are your partners in weather as well as geography. The landscape that inspires you inspires us as well. It is the same.

Referendum Quebec

We are not conquerors. There are none among us now. The battle for domination in North America between two European empires is over. Behind us. You and I were. There is a history to be learned and respected. There is also a mythology from which we must awaken.

Lord Durham, a foreign Imperialist, thought he could force assimilation. He never lived here, and his failure was obvious almost as soon as his report was written. Every successful government in Canada since the 1840s, since Lafontaine and Baldwin, has built on the natural partnership between the peoples that share the land, between English and French.

The year 1867 was another step in the tradition. Quebec achieved an important degree of sovereignty, as did Ontario and the other provinces. We do not live in a unitary state. We live in a federal country in which sovereignty is sometimes shared, sometimes unique to a member of the federation. The French language, which has survived this long in North America, is better protected today within Quebec and Canada than ever before. Its growth and survival is not a matter for walls.

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CANADA

Support for Goldmans

TORONTO — Rabbi Philip Scheim of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation here has offered to forward letters of support to the family of the late Ronald Goldman, following the recent acquittal of O.J. Simpson for the murders of Goldman and Simpson's ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson.

Rabbi Scheim has arranged to forward mail through a colleague in California, with whom he is in contact via the Internet.

Letters may be sent in care of Rabbi Scheim, Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, 55 Yeomans Rd., Downsview, Ont. M3H 3J7.

CJC Supports Muslims

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region (CJC) has come to the support of Sunni Muslims in their fight for a mosque in East York.

The Metro municipality recently rejected plans for a mosque, citing insufficient parking.

In a letter to East York Mayor Michael Prue, Ellen Cole, chair of the region's community relations committee, said CJC was "disheartened" by the decision, which "leaves [the] council open to allegations of discrimination."

Cole called on the council to show "flexibility" on the issue.

Super Sunday Soon

VICTORIA — The Combined Jewish Appeal campaign here gets under way with a Super Sunday telethon Oct. 29.

Campaign chair Chuck Waldman says he's confident that last year's total of $60,000 will be exceeded.

Waldman says he's been promised that United Israel Appeal will make provisions for scholarships for deserving Vancouver Island teens to participate in the Israel Experience program.

CJA Pledges Up

WINNIPEG — Combined Jewish Appeal here reports a four per cent increase in pledges over last year, according to its recent Super Sunday results.

There were almost 2,000 pledges, including 140 new gifts, reports campaign director Gerry Koffman.

The drive so far has raised $750,000 toward its $3.3 million target.

Correction

VANCOUVER — The Vancouver chapter of the Canadian Friends of Hebrew University is sponsoring a performance of *Show Boat* on Dec. 7 at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts. Incorrect information appeared in an Oct. 5 *CJN* brief.

ISRAEL

Aliyah Up Nine Per Cent

JERUSALEM — Some 82,000 new immigrants, including 68,000 from the former Soviet Union, immigrated to Israel in the year just ended, the Jewish Agency announced last week.

The number is a nine per cent increase in aliyah over the previous Jewish year.

Christians Gather

JERUSALEM — Over 5,000 Christian supporters of Israel gathered here last week for the opening of the International Christian Embassy's annual Feast of Tabernacles Assembly, where they heard an address by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The event, which the Tourism Ministry calls the largest single annual event in Israel's tourist calendar, included participants from 90 countries, including over 100 from Papua-New Guinea.

WORLD

Jews Remembered

SPLIT, Croatia — Seven Jewish victims of the war in Bosnia were memorialized here last week in a ceremony and tombstone unveiling at the Jewish cemetery.

The seven died near here after fleeing Bosnia.

About 50 people attended the unveiling, including members of the Split Jewish community and Bosnian refugees.

Lileikis Extradition

VILNIUS — Lithuania announced last week that it will not seek the extradition of Aleksandras Lileikis to stand trial for alleged war crimes.

Lileikis, 88, of Norwood, Mass., is accused of taking part in the sending of as many as 40,000 Lithuanian Jews to Nazi death camps.

The U.S. Department of Justice filed suit last September to have his American citizenship revoked. The Lithuanian government said in a cable filed in U.S. District Court this month that even though an extradition treaty between the United States and Lithuania signed in 1924 is in force, it is not "legally effective" in the Lileikis case.

The decision "makes it improbable" that Lileikis will ever face extradition, said Nathan Lewin, president of the International Association of Jewish Lawyers and Jurists.

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Community urged to protest Ontario cutbacks

'There must be some caring that infuses our civil life'

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Jewish community is being asked to participate in an ongoing vigil outside Queen's Park to protest Ontario government cutbacks.

The daily vigils are scheduled to begin in early November after two protest events organized by Witness for Social Justice and Compassion (WSJC), an ad hoc coalition of faith groups.

The first event — a march and news conference — was held last week as "a clarion call to all faith groups," said Matthew Behrens, a spokesperson for WSJC. It is designed to confront the members of the Progressive Conservative government with a moral call to act justly on behalf of the poor and those in need, Behrens said.

Behrens said that short of bringing down the Tories, the group wants to compel "the government to show respect for the people [and] make delinquent corporations pay their fair share of taxes.

"The basic message is to say 'No' to the violence the [government] is doing to one million people, the violence of poverty, of taking oxygen from people in their homes (a health care cut), of [reducing] day care."

Speaking prior to the rally, Rabbi Wayne Allen, president of the Toronto Board of Rabbis (TBR), said he hoped to send a moral message to the government of Premier Mike Harris. "Hopefully [we will] change the mind of the Harris government, to ensure that those on the brink of poverty and ruin are given the means to sustain themselves."

Rabbi Wayne Allen

Rabbi Allen, who stressed he was participating as an individual and not as a representative of the TBR or the Beth Tikvah Synagogue where he is spiritual leader, said he believed that "to balance the budget on the backs of those who can least afford it is not fair, is not just and is not Jewish."

Those who participated in the rally "believed there must be some caring that infuses our civil life as well as our religious life," he said.

Speaking prior to the rally, Behrens said he expected the participation of representatives from about 20 faith communities: the United Church, the Roman Catholic Church, Quakers, Pantheists, Buddhists, Anglicans, Mennonites, as well as lay people and social activists.

He said WSJC has in the past been involved in "social justice issues, anti-poverty work and advocating prison abolition."

He discounted suggestions that public opinion polls show widespread support for the budgetary cutbacks announced by the Harris government. If people knew that the cutbacks were being implemented while numerous corporations owed billions in unpaid taxes, that support would evaporate, he asserted.

Polls don't reflect on the moral message that it's wrong to deprive people of the necessities of life. "People wouldn't want the extra $500 (from reduced taxes) if it comes at the expense of taking people's food out of their mouths," he added.

Behrens said the next event planned by WSJC is a pre-Remembrance Day gathering on Nov. 9, titled Will they be forgotten? It will be a vigil at Queen's Park for the "victims of the war against the poor."

Prisoners of war are treated better than the poor are in Ontario, he said. At least they get food, water and shelter as of right. In Ontario, these necessities are now considered privileges, he said.

Daily vigils at Queen's Park will begin following the Nov. 9 rally and members of faith communities are invited to participate. He suggested that synagogues might encourage their members to take part in the vigil on a once-a-week basis.

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Survivors honored at feminist Sukkot

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Toronto's fourth annual Succah-by-the-Water, held last week in Harbourfront's large blue and white striped tent, may be this city's last one.

The future of the hugely successful feminist Sukkot celebration, which has inspired similar events in 32 cities in the United States and Israel, depends on finding new volunteers to coordinate the project, said Nora Gold, vice-president of the New Israel Fund of Canada (NIFC), under whose auspices the celebration is held.

Current volunteer organizers, who have worked on Succah since its inception, have decided to pass on the torch, she said.

Over the past four years, the event has raised over $100,000 to support women's projects in Israel, such as rape crisis shelters, which receive NIF grants.

Michele Landsberg, *Toronto Star* columnist and a driving force behind Succah, invited Holocaust survivors being honored at the event 50 years after liberation to stand for the Shechinah blessing by Rabbi Nancy Wechsler.

Survivor Judith Rubinstein, accompanied by her daughter Rochelle Rubinstein Kaplan and granddaughter Aleesha Rubinstein Kaplan, paid tribute to the memory of five heroic young women who were prisoners with her at Auschwitz.

On the second day of Sukkot in 1944, four of them blew up Crematorium Number 4 with smuggled gunpowder. Alla Gartner, Rosa Robota, Regina Sapirstein and Esther Wajcblum were hung in front of their fellow prisoners.

"We were inspired by their heroism," said Rubinstein, who witnessed the crematorium's destruction. "The unfortunate people brought to Auschwitz to be killed were shipped back to Germany, and some of them survived because of the bravery of the four girls."

Rubinstein also spoke of Mala Zimetbaum, the 19-year-old chief translator of the camp, who saved lives by omitting names from selection lists. After escaping from Auschwitz, she was captured and sentenced to hang, but committed suicide by slashing her wrists in front of the crowd forced to witness her murder.

"You are dying too," she cried boldly to a Nazi guard after punching him in the face. "Soon you will be paying for your crimes."

Fela Karmiol of The Terrace Holocaust Survivors' Group read a commemorative poem written by a fellow group member.

Hopes, Dreams for the Future

Adele Reinhartz spoke of her mother's Holocaust experience, including the unexpected granting of extra food portions by a concentration camp kapo (prisoner/guard) who admired the bravery of Reinhartz' aunt. While waiting in line for food, the aunt, in a risky act of defiance, had slapped the kapo in the face.

Although much tribute was paid to the past, the celebration was very much focused on the future.

Rabbi Elyse Goldstein expressed her vision of a future in which "a woman's perspective will be considered absolutely necessary," just as all its component species are considered necessary for a lulav to be kosher.

Special guest Galia Golan, a leading feminist and peace activist in Israel, said most of all, she hoped for peace and freedom from the values engendered by a society at war. Golan was honored in Washington, D.C., last Thursday with the NIF's second annual Alice Shalvi Israel Women's Leadership Award.

With the evening's theme being Hopes and Dreams for the Future, the 500 women present collaborated in small groups on defining their own hopes and dreams. Each group's wish was written on a large organza leaf which was added to the symbolic sukkah gracing the stage. Silk panels made by local artists in previous years were also on display.

Participants in the celebration included the musical group Lilith's Triangle; singer Batsheva; musicians Galia Shaked and Alma Coefman; Deena Mandell; Helen Zukerman, NIFC president; and Marsha Metter. Refreshments appropriate to the harvest festival were donated by Estherelke Kaplan.

Vision TV was on hand to tape a segment of Skylight for broadcast on Oct. 17 at 10 p.m. and Oct. 18 at 1:30 p.m.

Lulav circle leader Lesley Sevitt demonstrates shaking of the lulav and etrog at Succah-by-the-Water. At left are four members of an Ethiopian Jewish family. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

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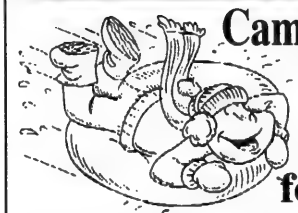

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Congress seeks upgraded role at Somalia inquiry

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canadian Jewish Congress is seeking expanded status at the inquiry into the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF) in Somalia because of a lack of expertise about racism on the part of the inquiry's staff.

The staff doesn't have the background to fully elicit information from witnesses about racism in the military, said Keith Landy, counsel for Congress at the commission of inquiry. And comments by Cmdr. Paul Jenkins, who authored a report on right-wing extremists in the military, have caused concern to Congress' racism experts, Landy added.

Last week, Jenkins told the commission that not all right-wing expremists are racists. "That shows there is not a tremendous understanding in the security branch of the CAF of what a right-wing extremist is," Landy said. "By their very nature, they are racist."

Landy, who was in the midst of cross-examining Jenkins when the inquiry adjourned, said the officer's statement "shows a lack of sophistication in terms of their dealing with right-wing extremist groups."

Turning his attention to other inquiry issues, Landy said "it was evident by the lack of hard questioning or any challenge to the evidence being presented that without our being there, a lot of statements by Jenkins would have gone in unchallenged."

Congress, which obtained limited status in the spring, is seeking to expand its status so it will be able to cross-examine witnesses without having to first seek permission of the inquiry.

In evidence presented last week, a May 1993 security intelligence report said "of the 65 individuals in the Canadian Forces (CF) as having some involvement in right-wing activities, 13 have had some recent connection to CFB Petawawa."

One unnamed corporal was "recently seen at a Heritage Front activity in Toronto in a leadership role. He is also associated with the Church of the Creator, a right wing racist group ... He served in the [CF] from 1982-90," the report stated.

A secret unit called SIROS (Security Intelligence Reporting On Skinheads) was created in 1991 to investigate extremists in the military. It reported in February 1993 that "only two regular force and two reserve force members have been identified as actively recruiting at least one other member."

That report went on to say that "there are some indications that the number of CF members involved in [extremist] activities is increasing, a reflection of the increasing problem in Canadian society as a whole. The total number involved in small ... Recruiting by civilian groups within CF units does not appear to be a significant problem."

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Greater Toronto Area

Foster families honored for their caring, giving

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It takes a special kind of person to parent not only their own children, but someone else's as well.

Especially if those other children are troubled, unhappy, emotionally or physically needy.

This special breed is the foster parent, and this week, Canadian Foster Family Week, has been set aside to honor them.

Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) is responsible for foster parenting in the Jewish community, as it has been the officially designated Jewish children's aid society since 1982.

That means, explains JF&CS executive assistant Florence Weinberger, the service is called at any time of day or night if a child is picked up on the streets, if they are found at home in need of care, if tragedy has struck his or her family.

"More than once we have come in the morning and found a toddler running around in a diaper, clutching a bottle."

Some children are put into care voluntarily, such as when a single mother has to go to the hospital and there is no one to care for her children until she gets better. Others are there by court order, as when the parents are abusive, or alcoholics, or for one reason or another can't provide a safe environment.

Many children are in foster care for only a short time — others may stay for years.

Whatever the case, JF&CS provides a per diem subsidy to the foster family, and pays for extras such as tutoring or orthodontics.

They also provide a bar or bat mitzvah for each child, which includes buying *t'fillin* for every boy in care.

Each family is assessed, both before becoming foster parents, and for each child they take in, to ensure that the match will be successful.

"Many of these kids have been already tossed around from place to place. We don't want them to feel they have blown it again."

The agency also gives continuing education programs for the foster parents every month, dealing with such matters as adolescent psychiatry or behavior modification.

David and Tami Rosen, the parents of five of their own children, have been foster parents for 15 years.

"Our friends had enjoyed being foster parents, and suggested we try it," Tami Rosen told *The CJN*.

The Rosens offer emergency care (they felt long-term care would be too hard on their large family), and have children from one or two nights to three or four months.

"We might get a call at one or two in the morning, that a teenager is on speed and needs care. They might be abused. Or they just might have trouble getting along at home."

Usually, she said, they have a multitude of problems, and the whole family works hard to help them cope and deal with their problems.

"We would like to believe that each child leaves with something they didn't come in with."

Admitting that her own children "sometimes hate it," she feels that the experience has been mostly a positive one for her family.

"My kids don't remember a time when there weren't foster kids here," she said. "They accept it as a way of life. It makes them — and us — feel good."

She admits that sometimes fostering is very difficult for her and David as well. They get support from the agency as well as from other foster parents.

The main requirement to be a foster parent is to be "loving, caring and giving," Weinberger says.

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Israeli group challenges barriers to the disabled

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For people with disabilities, Israel is a land of enormous potential and enormous barriers, says a blind Toronto lawyer who has both personal and professional knowledge of the subject.

David Lepofsky, criminal law counsel with the Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, spoke along with Tzvia Admon, lawyer with *B'Zchut*, the Israeli Centre for Human Rights for Persons with Disabilities, at a recent New Israel Fund (NIF) of Canada program held at Holy Blossom Temple.

Two sign language interpreters were on hand for the program on The Disabled in Israel: Removing Barriers to Equality.

Lepofsky, who volunteered at *B'Zchut* last summer, said that Israel would be expected to offer more to disabled people than a country like Canada for reasons including the number of war wounded, the large number of new buildings, the country's tradition of government support (such as olim receive) and the sophisticated level of technology.

"The reality is that Israel is at least as barrier-prone if not more so than Canada," said Lepofsky, adding that Canada is "considerably worse" than the United States.

In Jerusalem, said Lepofsky, a large number of four-storey buildings do not have elevators. Even the offices of the Department of Justice are not accessible by elevator, he noted.

Other barriers in Israel include:
- A dearth of sidewalk and curb ramps;
- Inaccessible public transit;
- High taxes on imports including speech-synthesizing computers, resulting in a price more than triple that here (about $8,000 to $9,000 in Canada).

The good news, said Lepofsky, is that *B'Zchut*, a three-year-old grass roots organization largely funded by the NIF, is working to challenge these barriers.

Israel has few laws dealing with the disabled, said Admon, one of two lawyers working for the organization. The country's equal opportunity employment laws apply to gender, race, sexual orientation and marital status, but not disability, she added.

Laws that do exist are not necessarily fully implemented, Admon said.

B'Zchut is addressing the problem through litigation of individual cases and law reform efforts. Its clients include people from every sector of Israeli society with any type of disability.

Lepofsky helped *B'Zchut* draft a proposed equal rights act for people with disabilities, influenced by the human rights laws of Canada and other countries.

Admon expects the proposal, which was submitted formally to the Knesset in the summer, to be implemented in some form in about a year.

David Lepofsky

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Principles of debate

The Jewish people has entered yet a new passageway in the corridors of our history. The people in Israel and the people of Israel stand, possibly, and at long last, on the threshold of an historic reconciliation with at least some of the nations with whom they share the Middle East. As with all true reconciliations, the process will take many years.

The view from this new, untested threshold evokes anxieties and fears. As we wrote last week, "divisions and the separations" are occurring in Israel as a result. One "camp" believes that we must proceed with the peace process despite the risks. The other "camp" believes that we must desist from that process precisely because of those risks.

The anxieties and the fears felt in Israel are also felt in the Diaspora. It is only natural that to cope with the anxieties and the fears, we cleave to comfortable, familiar loyalties: our ideologies, our political comrades, our religious beliefs. Thus, "the divisions and the separations" that are occurring in Israel are also occurring in the Diaspora.

It is painfully evident that each side is unable and unwilling to see merit in the other's approach. The chasm appears to be widening, fracturing a little bit more each day as rhetoric becomes more inflamed and behaviors more extreme.

In our view, however, the future of the people depends as much upon how we deal with these divisions and separations – both in Israel and in the Diaspora – as upon the particular passageway which the people travels, or perhaps stumbles along, through the darkened corridor.

To bridge the separations, some intra-community behavioral principles should apply. We humbly offer the following to the Jews of the Diaspora:

1. The beginning point of debate should also be its ending point, namely, inherent, deeply-held respect for the other person. This does not require agreement with the other; it does though, require acceptance of the sincerity of the view held by the other.

2. Debate should never exceed the bounds of simple civility. There is no room for insult or invective. There is no place at all or ever for aspersion and ridicule.

3. Debate must contain honest, consistently applied standards. Gary Rosenblatt, the publisher and editor of *The Jewish Week* of New York aptly illustrated the application of this principle in a recent column:

"If we would call a non-Jew who describes the Israeli government in Nazi terms an anti-Semite, how would we characterize an Orthodox newspaper that compares the Jerusalem government to the Nazis? And if we would castigate a non-Jew who insults rabbis, what do we say of an editor of a liberal Jewish magazine who calls Rabbi Shlomo Riskin of Efrat the embodiment of Jewish immorality and hatred?"

4. Debate must be premised on minimum shared values. In some quarters, this principle itself will be dismissed as an impossibility, indeed the root cause of the chasm separating the sides. Nevertheless, we propose two broad minimum values which should define the parameters of the debate on the peace process.They are two pillars supporting Israel's foundation.

First, there must be loyalty to the rules of Israel's democracy as determined by the citizens of Israel. Second, there must be loyalty to the concept of *klal Yisrael*, the realization that the fate of Jews throughout the world is interrelated, interconnected and interdependent, and that the modern state of Israel is at the physical and metaphysical centre of that fate.

Behavior which reaches beyond the parameters of the minimum values ultimately reaches into Israel's foundation, shaking, destabilizing and possibly harming it. Once destabilized, an unsteady foundation will tremble not only in Israel. It will also reverberate through the corners of the Jewish world. And as our destiny is shared, so too will be the tremors.

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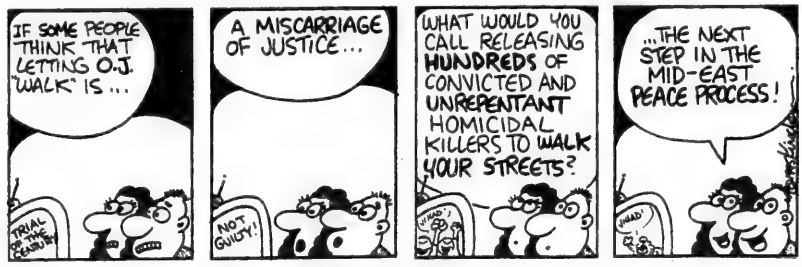
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Yes vote dangerous for non-francophones

Re: Your editorial on the hypothetical remarks made by Marcel Masse regarding the possible outcome of a No vote on the referendum. He speculates about a possible backlash against non-francophones, if they indeed are the cause of the vote swinging unfavorably. Masse is speaking hypothetically, but there is good reason to listen to him seriously. Remember a little while ago, the Royal Bank of Canada had its knuckles rapped by Jacques Parizeau when they made critical remarks about the referendum. Parizeau warned the bank that they should watch what they're saying since they do a lot of business with the province.

Let's move the hypothetical argument along just a notch or two. Supposing Quebec does separate, and suppose great masses of non-francophones leave with their assets. We've already seen that in 1976. Do you think the Parti Quebecois government will sit idly by and watch this hemorrhage? It is very possible they will put severe impediments in the way of such disastrous bloodletting.

Those non-francophones in Quebec who might be contemplating leaving the province should think seriously about this prospect and at least be prepared. Combine a virulent nationalism with xenophobia and you don't have to guess too much who one of the first scapegoats will be. Remember Germany of 1932.

Marvin Fremes
Toronto

Wants new status for non-Orthodox in Israel

The report on an interview with Prof. Shlomo Eckstein, president of Bar-Ilan University, (*CJN*, Sept. 28), contained a reference which may be interpreted ambiguously. Specifically, in discussing the efforts of Bar-Ilan to bridge the gap between Orthodox and secular Jews in Israel, where the gap, he avers, is greater than in the Diaspora, Eckstein notes that in North America "even Reform Jews are connected to the Jewish community through their synagogues and their rabbis. In Israel either you belong to the observant or you don't."

I have been assured by the president of the Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan that no slur to the Reform community was intended, and I accept that interpretation. However, it occurs to me that Eckstein and Bar-Ilan should be working to extend official recognition to the non-Orthodox in Israel, so that the Conservative and Reform movements, benefiting by the legitimacy and support bestowed through official recognition, might make inroads into the majority secular segment which the good professor wishes to connect to Judaism.

Austin C. Beutel
Toronto

Has negative view of peace process

Sheldon Kirshner is correct in his conclusion that "as a result of ... the ongoing debate on peace ... a deep rift (has emerged) in the community." (*CJN*, Sept. 14)

The rift is not unlike the Pharisaic-Hebrew Christian schism during the second Temple era. Then as now the primary "fault line" was regarding the former's attempts at Judaic continuity and the latter's wholesale misinterpretation of Judaism's raison d'etre. Throughout Jewish history select Jews, like Shabbtai Tzvi, as well as gentile detractors, have failed to recognize the implications of Judaism revolutionary covenantial basis.

This biblical teaching (Genesis 18:15-17) that the idea of the "just and right" must be actualized in corresponding actions was the precursor of Aristotle's Law of Causality, which states that specific actions have specific consequences. The present rift, documented by the recent AJC poll, identifies two Judaisms. The first, following Pharisaic logic, relies on the integration of textual and experimental knowledge as the basis for its rejection of the "peace process." The other, following the Hebrew-Christian model, focuses on universal concepts divorced from facts, as the basis for their support of the Oslo accords.

Thus, rather than separating from mainstream Judaism, the Jewish descendants of the Hebrew-Christian position in the Israeli government and the Diaspora, are working to universalize Judaism from within. The first step to preventing Israel's self-destruction via the dilution of our Talmudic legacy is identifying this subversive element within Judaism and confronting it as inconsistant with Jewish theology and history.

Marc Baker
Windsor

Says escapees did not save Hungarian Jews

Re: interview with C. Mordowicz, by Ben Rose, *CJN*, Sept. 21, Mordowicz' testimony on June 20, 1944, at Svety Jury Monastery was not decisive, as it reached the Vatican in mid-October! Admiral Horthy stopped deportations on July 7 and Sonderkommando smashed crematorium No. 4.

The pre-eminent authority on the subject, Prof. R. Branam, in *Anatomy of the Auschwitz Death Camp* (Indiana Press, 1994, p. 465) states that Horthy's decision was motivated by domestic and international factors.

Elsa Silber
Auschwitz Survivor
Toronto

Radio commentator did us favor

Thank you to Brian Henderson for reiterating the same centuries-old claims that blame the Jews for the ills of the world. It's nice to know that not much has changed in the last few hundred years. It's nice to know that no matter how much we may try to forget our past, forsake our heritage and assimilate into our surroundings, we will always remain Jews because of people like you who will always be there to remind us who we are. Thank you once again. You did us a great service!

Adela Gertner
Toronto

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Perspectives

Childhood memories of a Hebron massacre

By MIRIAM SCHNEID-OFSEYER

It was Friday. My father's last Friday, the 17th day of the month of Av 1929, in the city of Hebron.

We were in front of the house, Tatte and I. The week before, he had been in Jerusalem with his Lubavicher Rebbe. But he returned home when he heard the rumors about a pogrom that Arabs were planning in Hebron. His wife and three children were there and they might be in danger.

I could see him in the distance. He was tall, like a giant and so handsome. Red beard and blue eyes. I watched and I was screaming: "Look at my father!"

Suddenly there was a noise on the quiet street.

Screams in Arabic. A riot.

Tatte grabbed me in his arms. I was already a big girl, 5 years old. Was I not too heavy for him? Probably not, because he skipped stairs, when he brought me to the second floor, to the safety of our apartment. Home. Behind the locked door. Our apartment had a strong door.

Momma recited the blessings over the Sabbath candles. Her face was soft, smooth, pale. It had been a difficult week without dad, but she did not complain. She knew that he enjoyed the week. He loved the world of the Chassidim. They were his friends and his Rebbe, and he loved every minute.

He told her he had sung a new nigun, one that he had composed.

Now we sang the Sabbath songs, Tatte's voice leading our thin voices, Mother joining in. The candles shone with a special Sabbath glow. There were fresh challot that Momma baked in the morning and there was wine. I sipped a drop. The wine was sharp and sweet, but I liked the taste of the challah better. Then I soaked my challah in the wine. This was the taste I loved best. I was sorry I finished it so fast, as I would have to wait till next Sabbath for more. It was a pleasure I waited for eagerly the whole week.

Father was telling us about the Rebbe. He was telling us about Jerusalem. Mother listened, looking into his eyes. I thought she loved him very much. She was quiet most of the time, but this time she started to speak about her father and mother, my grandparents, whom she had left behind in Lahoysk in the province of Minsk in Russia, when she went with her husband to the Holy Land.

And father quoted: "That is why a man would leave his father and mother and would cling to his wife, and they will become one flesh."

Mother suddenly said, trying not to sound as if she were complaining: "But here I don't have a soul. Not one close friend. Not even one girlfriend."

And dad answered: "But this is the land of Israel, the land of our forefathers. The Holy Land. And I am with you, and the children. Don't be sad."

Mom pretended to be happy. She smiled, so that dad would not be upset.

On Saturday, father started to pray at home. His prayer shawl was long and wide and covered him. He put it over his head and prayed, singing in a loud, clear voice. I wished to be able to sing the way he sang ... But my voice was so thin and sounded frightened. Let me just grow up, I promised myself, and I will sing like him.

There was noise outside and dad stopped his prayer.

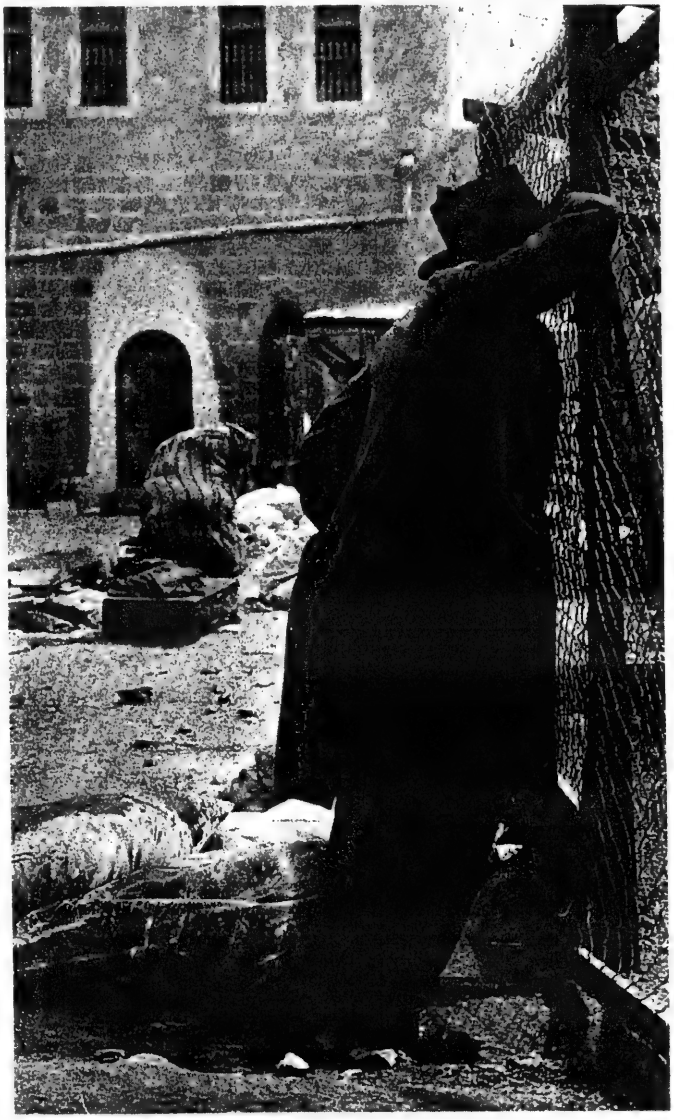
"What is the noise there?" I asked. "I want to open the door and see."

But dad warned me in a stern voice: "Don't go to the door, I forbid you to touch the door!"

They were knocking firmly and dad went to the door.

"Iftah, iftah, el yahud! Itbah el yahud!" (Open! Open you Jew! Slaughter the Jews!)

Momma embraced us and I felt that she was trembling. She was afraid. Dad was holding the door, but the pressure from outside continued. They were trying to break down the door. They pressed and tried to break the hinges of the door, but daddy was strong. He was standing against the whole mob, he on one side and all of them on the other.



In the aftermath of the massacre, shock, grief and mourning. Photo from *The Jews in their Land*, ed. D. Ben-Gurion, Doubleday & Co. Inc., 1966.

Daddy was going to win.

But then a sword pierced the door and cut his hand. His blood was dripping on the door, but he did not let go.

They succeeded in breaking the door. What a shout there was! They were already inside, crowds. They dragged my dad to the balcony. He was making them angry, fighting, trying not to die.

I was after him. I held on to him, embracing him, trying to shield him, trying to chase away the murderers.

I don't remember the axe that hit my head and I don't remember what happened right afterwards.

I didn't see how they killed my tatte. They probably left me lying there in a puddle of blood, sure that I was dead.

Sometime later, when the murderers had left the house, when dad was lying dead on the balcony and mother was in a puddle of blood inside the house, I went to see her.

The blood that came from my head had dripped onto my blue Sabbath dress. It was dry now and made the dress feel as if it had been starched. This was my prettiest dress.

But I was able to get up. I could walk. It was quiet. They had already gone away to kill in the next houses. On the balcony, close to the stairs was one of my blue socks. It probably fell from the heap of clothing that they carried away from the closets.

Suddenly I saw dad.

"Tatte! Tattenue!" I screamed. "Tatte, get up! Why do you lie like this? Look, I also have blood from my wound and I am speaking to you. Please, speak to me too, Tatte. Get up! Get up!"

"Tatte!" I pulled his hand, but the hand was heavy and slipped out of mine.

Then I ran to Momma. She was lying in the middle of the room on the floor. Blood kept dripping into the puddle near her from her slashed belly and from her slashed nose.

"Momma, Momma, Tatte does not want to get up. Tatte is lying in blood and does not want to get up. Tell him!"

"Perhaps Tatte cannot get up, *mein kind*. He might be sleeping. Give him some water. He might get up then."

"He is not sleeping. His eyes are open."

"Give him some water. Can you?"

I took the brass *natla* (a special container designed for washing hands before meals). It had two handles. I filled it up with water and it felt cold and heavy. I carried it like one carries a holy treasure.

"Tatte, drink a little water. Mother says so. Just a little. Why don't you move, Tatte? You are not sleeping. Can you hear me?"

I brought the water to his mouth and tried to put a few drops in it, but the *natla* was too heavy. The water poured all over and came out of his open mouth. He didn't drink, not even a drop.

Perhaps, I thought, if I wash the blood, he will be stronger and will be able to get up.

I took the white kerchief that was in the pocket of my Sabbath dress and dipped it in the water, but I did not succeed in cleaning the blood. New blood kept on coming.

I poured all the water on his face and the water flowed and became like a small reddish lake.

There were footsteps outside again. I ran and hid under the bed. My brother and sister had been hiding there the whole morning. They were clinging to one another, trembling.

When Sholi (Shalom Ber), my 4-year old brother, heard the noise in the morning, he did not know what to do and clung to my father who was holding the door. Then dad commanded him: "Hide under the bed!"

He did so, and Hasi (Hasida), my one-year- old sister, followed him.

"Sh ... sh ..." I said to them. "They are coming again. Don't move."

But they didn't need my warning. They were lying so quietly, almost not breathing.

I heard voices of people speaking Yiddish and moved closer to the edge of the bed to take a peak.

"What are you doing to my mother?" I screamed. "Where are you taking her?"

Somebody stretched out a hand to take me, but I moved farther under the bed.

Afterwards they lifted up the bed and found me and my brother and sister who kept holding on to one another.

They put Momma on a stretcher, then into a bus that drove her to Hadassah House. I sat near her on the bench. Other wounded people were sitting or lying.

"Water," my mother whispered.

"She is alive," somebody said, and gave her some water.

"But where is my tatte? Why didn't you take him along too?" I asked.

"They will bring him later. Sit quietly, poor orphan," said a woman dressed in white, who held my hand.

"What do you say? What is an orphan?" I asked.

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When I was a young girl, my girlfriends used to ask me, "Why don't you want to kill all the Arabs?"

I am proud even today of the answer I gave them. I do not want to take revenge from the Arabs. The Arabs are not at fault for the murderers who killed my father ... If I were to know who killed my father, I would have the right to ask for revenge, but killing all the Arabs means to kill innocent victims who are not at fault, innocent victims, exactly as I was.

(Please see the author's poem on page 13.)

Opinions

Families of the shtetl

By Jean M. Gerber

My father-in-law recently celebrated his 89th birthday. In 1920, at the age of 14, he left Yaltushkiev, a shtetl near Kiev and made his way to Antwerp with his mother and youngest siblings, Hymie and Max. There, a suspicious spot on his face detained him. His family sailed to America, leaving him in the care of strangers. A few weeks later he was allowed to board ship and so became the last of his family to escape Europe. The rest perished without trace.

My late mother-in-law also arrived after World War I, at the age of six. She had been left with relatives in Poland, while Annie and Fannie, her older siblings, and her father sailed to the New World.

Why am I recounting what to many readers seems a familiar story, conjuring up images of Tevye, Goldie, their five daughters, and lots of singing and dancing? Partly because I have long suspected that what we heard about shtetl days was a myth which obscured the real intensity of experiences like those of my in-laws, and partly because those stories confirm that the myth of the shtetl was suitable for Broadway melodies but distorts our ability to see the past clearly and prevents us from understanding the present truly.

I recommend reading *Daughters of the Shtetl: Life and Labor in the Immigrant Generation*, by Susan Anita Glenn (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 1990), in order to understand what I am describing.

First, the book. Gentlemen should not be put off by its title. In reality, it is a saga of the family of the shtetl and the New World of tenements, crowded streets, sewing machines and unions.

This shtetl was not the home of Tevye and Goldie. It was hard-scrabble poverty, dirt, danger and often violent death. Poverty, caused by legal disabilities imposed on the Jews of the Czarist empire by decree, pushed Jews inexorably into smaller and poorer sections of the empire, the Pale of Settlement, a place of dwindling resources, pre-industrial economy and incredible population explosion among both Jews and non-Jews.

The numbers of children in the family portraits in our front hall — five surviving children in one, eight in another — were one of the factors that increased the pressure on Jews to emigrate. The other was the danger of pogroms, fomented by the regime, executed enthusiastically by local populations. Life was hard, families exhausted, the table (when not used to barricade the door) empty.

David Zelig ben Meshullam, my father-in-law, recalls how after the war three armies swept through — Reds, Whites and Cossacks — vying to hoist Jewish heads on their pikes and parade them through the town.

He also recalls the determined secularism of his mother. One day he was hustled into the synagogue, put in front of the Torah, and told to read. Fluent in Hebrew (he apparently was attending a Hebrew school run by Zionists), untutored in any religious practice, he read. He was congratulated and sent out to play. He had just become a man.

He also recalls the day a young couple was caught out in that same synagogue, consummating their relationship.

Back to the book. The author documents how poverty as much as persecution, drove the Jews westward. (We should remember that when we try vainly to distinguish between political and economic refugees.) Poverty meant everyone worked, thus twisting our romantic view of gender roles out of recognition. Did the father study? Only if he was rich or had a hard-working wife who ran the business, sold the eggs, washed other people's laundry, sewed other peoples' clothes. More often all worked, even the precious son. In fact, daughters might have had a chance at secular learning, meaning they could read and write in the language of the country! This kind of education was frowned upon for men, but tolerated for empty-headed women.

And who came to America and what happened then? Well, often the daughters came, either to relatives or as boarders. They went to work in places like the Triangle Shirtwaist factory of the infamous fire that killed over 300 of them. If the father came, he too had to find a place in the immigrant industry.

My father-in-law's family did it a bit differently. The poppa came, along with Mollie and Sam before World War I. My mother-in-law came with her older sisters Annie and Fannie. By all accounts it was the daughters and sons who sustained them all.

But what really changed was the momma. She of the market place in Russia was now tacitly or explicitly restricted to the home. No rubbing shoulders with strangers for her. She could sew at home or take in boarders, but to work outside was a shame.

And as many letters to the *Forward* attest (read *Bintel Brief* if you don't believe me) the poppa might desert the momma.

So the book says two things. The shtetl was already a place of change for good or evil, since circumstances forced the changes. The New World was another place of change. Jews coming off the boat brought with them a wide range of experiences, few of them those we see in *Fiddler on the Roof*. When they hit the mean streets of large eastern cities, they changed even more, opening up their families to another set of experiences with which their children had to cope. These included not only the (often) mythical glow of Shabbat candles, but more likely the late night lamps while all labored to finish their piece-work.

And as far as David Zelig goes, he left school at 15 to work in the clothing business, first as a cutter, then a designer and finally into business for himself. His brothers also went into business. His sister married and stayed home. There was not much singing and dancing except at weddings, but lots of gruelling work. Naturally the New World-born offspring all went to university, which, after all, was part of the plan.

And what does this have to do with us as Jews today? Next column, please.

The potency of language

By Arnold Ages

George Steiner, the eminent British scholar and writer, has remarked that words have the remarkable capacity to bless, construct and inspire — and to condemn, curse and destroy. Ancient Hebraic wisdom put it somewhat more dramatically: "*Hachayim vehamavet b'yad halashon*," (life and death hang on what is said).

Beyond its capacity to promote life and its opposite, language can also become victimized itself. The Nazis took the beautiful German of Goethe, Schiller and Heine and damaged it (one hopes not permanently) through the use of euphemisms such as "final solution" (*Enloesung*), "concentration camp" (*Konzentrationslager*), "insertion groups" (*Einsatgruppen*), and "special squads" (*Sonderkommando*) to mask the most hideous murders in history. During the trial in 1985 of a notorious Holocaust denier in Toronto, the defence lawyer referred to these "neutral" expressions as proof that the Nazis had not carried out any systematic extermination of Jews.

In today's world, the restraint of euphemism has disappeared and the use of words to promote hate seems to be growing by leaps and bounds. To paraphrase the well-known dictum about religion: Some people seem to have only enough words to hate and not enough to love. Sometimes the expression of hate is simply misguided. A Toronto TV personality confessed that he mistakenly used the word disproportionate in referring to the number of Jewish lawyers listed in the Toronto telephone book. He hadn't intended, he said in a public apology, to convey a negative connotation in his use of that word. Case closed.

Internet surfers have discovered, however, that no apologies are forthcoming from the purveryors of Holocaust denial and anti-Semitica. They have now discovered that hateful speech, thanks to the metastasizing effect of modem transmission, can reach across oceans and continents and engulf millions with its pollution.

Besides, this unfortunate degradation of words by the haters should not obscure the glory that resides in language itself. Steiner has also noted that one question which has never been answered by linguists, including Chomsky, is why there are so many languages in the world and why some populations living a few miles from each other, speak languages that are totally unrelated.

And what of the incredible complexity of some languages? The Mexican-Indian language Quechua, Eugene Nida reports, "begins with a root and may be followed by a number of different suffixes and clitics in as many as eight positions in some dialects, with the result that many verbs have more than 10,000 forms!"

The staggering variety and multiplicity of languages remains one of the great unsolved mysteries of our world, but one school of thought suggests that this very profusion of languages is emblematic of humankind's desire for freedom and individual expression. The gift of language separates us from the animal world and from other human beings who do not share our speech, our conceptual environment.

It was the Hebrew Bible, of course, which showed the world the creative power of words. The first verses of Genesis show how the Eternal wills the universe into existence through the majesty of words. The key phrase in the creation pattern is "And the Lord said." Thus words become the agency for the greatest adventure of humankind. That adventure, moreover, is repeated every Friday evening in the *Magen Avot* prayer which reads, in part: "He restores life through His word."

The potency of words to construct and reconstruct our world is a heritage which the Hebrew Bible and Jewish civilization have passed on to the modern world. It's a lesson which is sorely needed at a time when words are continually used to desecrate and destroy.

My bar mitzvah

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

I would never have thought of writing an article about celebrating my own bar mitzvah. After all, it was an event that — come next November — happened 70 years ago and is really not of historical importance.

But a few weeks ago, a letter arrived on my desk which stirred old memories. It was written by a physician in Massachusetts, who said that he was the grandson of Rabbi Martin Solomonski, who indeed was the rabbi on the day I celebrated my rite of passage.

The writer and I have corresponded since, and I look forward to meeting him, sharing what memories I have of the gentle person who, back in 1925, gave me his blessing after I had done my modest share.

Sifrei Torah

I really don't recall him very clearly, but one of his gestures has stayed clearly in my mind. Whenever he reached the moment of giving his sermon, he first turned to the Ark and stood there silently. Then he turned around, faced the congregation and delivered his message.

His gesture had a strange effect on me, for while I knew full well that the Ark contained the sifrei Torah, his meditations or prayer before the closed Ark conveyed a sense of mystery. Somehow, when he turned to the Ark, his spiritual persona seemed to detach itself from the rest of the congregation and became intensely solitary. I never imitated his posture during the many years of my rabbinate, but whenever I turn to the Ark, his image flashes before my eyes and the sense of mystery grabs hold of my soul and I thank him for that sense.

The text of my Haftorah was a great puzzlement to me. It was taken from the opening of the First Book of Kings, where we read that King David was old and "could not get heat." His counsellors decided that a beautiful young maiden might help.

Alas, the text reports, nothing happened. Later on, I understand this cryptic passage to mean that the aged king had lost his potency, but the Midrash has a different reading and tells us that the king purposely did not enter into any relations with the young woman, because his quota of wives was already filled. I asked my Dad what all of this meant, but he brushed me off and simply said, "Never mind the meaning, just learn it." I don't remember whether I discussed it with Rabbi Solomonski when we met prior to my public appearance, but most likely I did not ask the question again.

Quota of wives

After the service was over, our friends came for a kiddush to our abode and bought their customary gifts. It is my pleasure to tell you that I still have a good many of them. No, they were neither fountain pens nor the equivalent of 1925 Power Rangers. It was customary in those days in Berlin to give books to the celebrant, and I became the fortunate recipient of a basic library, Jewish and general. Many of the books — which did not pretend to be for children but for later life — still grace my shelves.

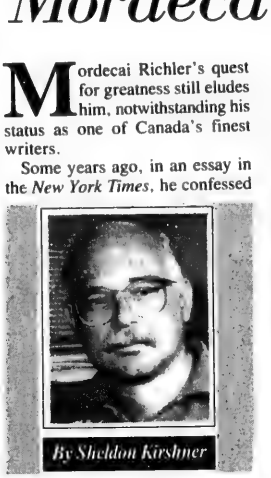
It was a modest reception, but it lasted me a lifetime.

The Kirshner File

Mordecai Richler looks back in retrospection

Mordecai Richler's quest for greatness still eludes him, notwithstanding his status as one of Canada's finest writers.

Some years ago, in an essay in the *New York Times*, he confessed



By Sheldon Kirshner

that his overriding ambition was "to write at least one novel that will last, that will make me remembered after my death."

At 64, Richler admits that he has not achieved this objective. "If I thought I had, I'd have quit," he said in an interview the other afternoon in a midtown Toronto bar. "You start off with the dream of perfection, but it never quite turns out like that."

Perhaps, as he suggested, it's a question of age. "Novels become harder to write as you get older. You become more self-critical."

Be that as it may, Richler is hardly dissatisfied with the body of his work, which includes collections of acerbic essays and journalism, film scripts and three children's books, the latest of which is *Jacob Two-Two's First Spy Case* (McClelland & Stewart).

Looking back at a career which spans some four decades, Richler describes his best novels as *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz* (1959) and *Solomon Gursky Was Here* (1989).

Not surprisingly, Richler produces many drafts of a novel before he finally submits the manuscript to the publisher. "You get to the point where you have to let go," he said, puffing on a cigarillo. "What's difficult to accept is that passages that came easy are better than those you rewrote 12 times."

As a rule, Richler, who puts pen to paper virtually every day, doesn't "plan out" a novel in any elaborate fashion. As he put it, "I don't start with a map. Sometimes, it's with a situation or a character."

He dashed off *The Apprenticeship of Duddy Kravitz*, a comic classic, but struggled with *Solomon Gursky Was Here*, a satire which flits between the 19th and 20th centuries and took five years to finish.

By personal choice, Richler's first published novel, *The Acrobats* (1954) remains out of print. Richler, born on Montreal's Jeanne Mance Street and raised on St. Urbain Street, considers it far too derivative. "It's not written in a voice I can call my own. It hits a lot of false notes. I was writing about things I didn't really know about."

Rejected by eight publishers, *The Acrobats* was published several years after he had moved to Paris and then London after having dropped out of college.

Having devoured Malraux, Hemingway and Camus as a youth, Richler modelled himself after these literary giants, and wrongly believed that his own natural material, hewn from the rock of Montreal Jewry, was too commonplace for fiction. "I did't find my own voice until Duddy Kravitz," said Richler.

However, with his second novel, *Son Of A Smaller Hero* (1955), he began to delve into the world of his childhood, to which he has repeatedly returned.

Richler's father and grandfather were junk dealers, though one of his uncles in New York City wrote for the popular Yiddish theatre. His mother was a housewife whose father had been a rabbi. The Richlers were Orthodox Jews, and although Richler attended a Jewish parochial school, he turned away from traditional Judaism at an early age, an act of rebellion which alienated him from his family.

Irretrievably shaped by his background, Richler drew on its richness in a series of acclaimed novels from *St. Urbain's Horseman*, which won the 1972 Governor General's Award for literature, to *Joshua Then And Now* (1980).

In books such as these, Richler sought "to illuminate certain Jewish conundrums and moral contradictions." Mercilessly satirizing the habits, mores and conventions of Montreal's Jewish community, Richler poked fun at the rush to join the mainstream, the anglicization of names, the transformation of synagogues into community centres and the decline of scholarship.

Not all his readers, of course, were amused. Some attacked him harshly as a self-hating Jew. Of his detractors, Richler is philosophic. "I never set out to offend or to ingratiate myself," he explained.

In recent years, particularly since his article on the dark undercurrents of Quebec nationalism appeared in the *New Yorker*, Richler's generally adversarial relationship with Montreal Jewry has improved. He takes the transformation in his stride. "It was very amusing that I was suddenly in favor, yet there are still elements in the community who are offended."

He singles out "functionaries in the Canadian Jewish Congress" who distanced themselves from *Oh Canada! Oh Quebec!* (1992). "I think of a lot of them as court Jews," he said dismissively.

Based upon his controversial *New Yorker* essay, *Oh Canada! Oh Quebec!* ferreted out the anti-Semitic dimensions of French Canadian nationalism and characterized Quebec as a tribal society.

"French Canadian nationalism is not nearly what it was in the 1930s and 1940s," he noted, "but they [French Canadians] still revere Abbe Groulx," whose writings are marred by anti-Jewish animus.

Planning to vote No in the Oct. 30 referendum, Richler predicts that the Yes side will lose by a 52-48 margin. He expects a further erosion of Quebec's Jewish population should the separatists triumph. "We'll be left with the poor and the old."

Jews, he said, would feel uncomfortable in a sovereign Quebec. "Jews don't like any kind of nationalism — unless it's in Israel."

In his view, an independent Quebec would evolve into a "narrow, tribal state" in which "there wouldn't be room for the rest of us."

Richler, who divides his time between the Eastern Townships, Montreal and London, feels unthreatened by the spectre of separatism. "The impact would be negligible on me. I'm a free man. I'm not tied down to a corner shop."

Turning to another topic, the Middle East, which he explored in a book of reminiscence and reportage entitled *This Year In Jerusalem* (1994), Richler said he sees no alternative to the peace agreements signed by Israel and the PLO since 1993. Nevertheless, he regards the Oslo process as "very risky and fraught with difficulties."

A liberal who tends to support the Peace Now movement, Richler is of the opinion that the establishment of a Palestinian state on the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip may well defuse the Arab-Israeli conflict.

Screenplays

The politics of Quebec and the Middle East aside, Richler is busy these days promoting *Jacob Two-Two's First Spy Case*, a fast-moving yarn replete with exotic characters and resounding to a happy ending.

He wrote his first kids' book, *Jacob Two-Two Meets The Hooded Fang*, 20 years ago upon the request of his son, Noah, one of Richler's five children. It was widely praised, and in 1987, he churned out *Jacob Two-Two And The Dinosaur*, the second in what is now a beloved series.

Richler, who composes his stories on an electric typewriter, his concession to modern technology, no longer accepts film script commissions. "I'm not a great fan of group activities," he said.

He produced his last screenplays, *The Apprenticeship Of Duddy Kravitz* and *Joshua Then And Now*, in the 1970s and 1980s.

Currently, Richler is laboring on another novel, but, being superstitious, he is loath to divulge details.

Reflecting on his success, he considers himself amazingly fortunate. In a field littered with numerous casualties, Richler has reached dizzying literary and financial heights.

"I'm paid for doing the things I like," he mused as he sipped on a drink. "I'm very blessed. It's a pretty good life if it works out."

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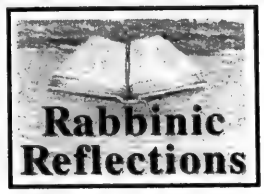

Knowledge, life must complement each other

By RABBI PERETZ WEIZMAN

This Shabbat we start the Torah reading with the beginning of G-ds' creation of the world. It opens with the statement, "In the beginning G-d created the heaven and the earth." The order of creation is meticulously outlined. The creation of mankind is the conclusion of the history of creation.

"The world" means mankind, you and I. Without mankind there is no awareness of G-d and His creation. Therefore, the Torah elaborates extensively about the appearance of human beings in the world. It states that G-d created man, named him Adam and placed him in the Garden of Eden. One of the first commandments to this first human being was, even though there were two trees in the garden, mankind might eat from the Tree of Life, but was not permitted to eat from the Tree of Knowledge. If he ate of it, he would die.

We know that humanity is elevated above all creatures because of the G-d given gift of knowledge, of reason and intellect. Here G-d admonished man against eating from the Tree of Knowledge.

Three times a day we thank G-d for being the gracious giver of knowledge, *"Atah chonen l'adam da'as."*

We are considered the pearl of G-ds' creation. As the psalmist said, "Mankind is a little lower than angels" — because of the ability to think, to create. Yet in the account of the creation, man is deprived of this faculty.

What is the meaning of this story? Certainly G-d doesn't want mankind to live in darkness without knowledge and without intelligent perceptions.

Every student of Torah knows the difference between Torah and theology. Theology is the study of man about G-d. Torah is the study of G-d about mankind; in other words, Torah is interested that we should know ourselves. Torah is geared to defining ourselves. *Da et atzmecha* is the motto and purpose of Torah!

The story mentioned above illustrates human nature and human weakness and teaches how to curb and control our base inclinations.

The story of the Tree of Knowledge contains a profound moral lesson for humanity. Although knowledge is vitally important, knowledge without a Tree of Life is most destructive. Knowledge has to be applied for life, not for destruction. The Tree of Life and The Tree of Knowledge must complement each other. The Torah pleads with mankind: Do not use your knowledge to create death, misery and suffering. Do not use it to create atom bombs or to enslave people. Use it constructively, not destructively. Use it for life!

Gas chambers were built by learned engineers. Jewish children were poisoned by educated physicians. Jewish infants were killed by trained nurses. Women and children were shot and killed by high school and college graduates. The Germans had knowledge but lacked heart and compassion. The Torah admonishes mankind to not separate the Tree of Life from the Tree of Knowledge — by doing so you will create blind fanatics. You will produce learned monsters, skilled psychopaths or educated Eichmanns.

This is why our Torah is called *Torat chaim* — a Torah for life, dedicated to life. Not to destroy life! Progress and technology produce machines, Torah moulds and shapes humanity to be humane. Heart and mind must go together. Reason and compassion constitute the assurance of human existence.

Fine arts alone cannot protect humanity from evil and bestiality. Knowledge and information by themselves will create hell. The combination of knowledge and life will create a paradise for humanity. Man will be restored by knowledge and compassion to his place in the Garden of Eden.

Rabbi Peretz Weizman is the spiritual leader of Bnay Abraham Synagogue in Winnipeg.

Defining myself as a Jew

By AVRUM NADIGEL

GUEST VOICES

For two years I have been struggling within the Conservative movement to define myself as a Jew. While this task is weighty enough for most, I have the added burden of attempting this feat in Montreal, sometimes called "the home of Orthodoxy" (which some consider the "true" Judaism).

However, this setting has been more of a blessing than a curse. The volatile environment a liberal Montreal Jew has to contend with encourages him to fight for legitimacy and acceptance for his denominational beliefs and rituals. Those who subscribe to non-Orthodox ideologies will be called to task by many Jewish Montrealers who ask why they've strayed from "normative Judaism."

I can remember one particular Shabbat night when I attended a *tish* organized by a local Orthodox synagogue. The president of the shul wasted no time in questioning my allegiance to Conservative Judaism. "You mean to tell me you agree with how they treat women's issues? I personally feel you should spend more time in our congregation to experience Judaism the way it is supposed to be practised." Needless to say, I was quite happy to be davening in a Conservative shul the next day.

My continuous struggle for Jewish self-definition motivated me to read, argue and practise Judaism. This is why I believe federations and congregational rabbis have to start challenging Jews to be Jewish. This approach is not novel, since our Torah is replete with stories of personal struggles leading to self-actualization and religious fulfilment.

Yet somehow we have forgotten this important message. I no longer dwell on the negative sides of being a liberal Jew in Montreal. Instead I channel this energy into study and prayer.

What two years of studying and discussing Jewish ideas has revealed to me is that to retain any sense of intellectual honesty with respect to my Judaic practice, I cannot subscribe to an Orthodox ideology. For all of their religious zeal, warmth and low *mechitzas*, I am not a literalist. As a result, I have begun to accept my fate and no longer resent my marginal place in the Montreal Jewish community.

This realization has allowed me to befriend followers of both Orthodox and non-Orthodox Judaism. However, I will not be coy when discussing the merits of Conservative Judaism. I strongly support the movement's ability to confront modernity without apologies or regrets. Additionally, I feel that all the movements have contributed to the creativeness and richness of our traditions.

I would like to clarify one issue. I am not discussing the merits of big synagogue Conservative Judaism. To assess any of the movements based on their congregants' lifestyle or that of their executive board would be erroneous.

Could you imagine basing the merits of Orthodoxy on the practices of their congregants here. Ninety-eight per cent of my family and friends who are members of Orthodox shuls are practising a Judaism which is anything but "Orthodox." So please, spare me the "Big synagogues are for fashion shows" speech.

I have attained great spiritual moments at the Shaare Zion Congregation, where I work and daven. Yes it takes some work to reach high levels of *kavannah* (intending and feeling our prayers). But it also takes work to reach the top of Mount Tremblant on a Saturday morning.

Avrum Nadigel is regional director for United Synagogue Youth (Montreal region).

Jewish Life

Sarah's relationship to God explored

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

This month's Torah readings deal with the development of the relationship between God and Abraham. The reader experiences their discovery of each other, and ultimately their mutual pledge as expressed in the covenant. Abraham is told that the fulfilment of this pledge will occur through the offspring he will share with his wife Sarah, but we do not see a relationship developing between God and Sarah. She is mentioned in many of the scenes that occur between the two primary figures, but she is usually at the sidelines or passively acted upon.

Is there truly no independent relationship between Sarah and God, or does this relationship emerge from between the lines of the text?

During the course of the covenant, Abraham undergoes a name change. God introduces the Hebrew letter *hey* into the name Abram, thus forming Abraham. The letter *hey* is understood to be used because it appears in God's Name. The Bible states that the letter was included because Abraham is now destined to be the "father of many nations" (*hey* begins the world in Hebrew for "many"). Interestingly, if you translate Abraham's name before the name change, you arrive at the same meaning. Abram already means "the father of many." Therefore, the letter from God's name has not altered Abraham's destiny in the least. The inclusion of this letter states that although his destiny may remain unchanged, the presence of God is now part of that destiny.

Sarah likewise undergoes a name change. Sarai (ending in the Hebrew letter *yod*) is now changed to Sarah (ending with the Hebrew letter *hey*). One notices that Sarah's name already ended with a letter from God's Name (*yod*), and it is now being replaced with another letter from God's Name.

Following the model above, one concludes that God was already present in the life of Sarai — a relationship between Sarai and God already existed. This relationship was altered in order to have Sarah and Abraham pursue a common relationship with God which will pass to their children.

And yet the situations detailed in the Bible treat Abraham and Sarah differently. Abraham undergoes tests orchestrated by God — Sarah does not. Abraham bears a physical sign of the covenant — Sarah need not. Yet these changes do not necessarily speak less of Sarah; perhaps they speak of a relationship already formed that does not need testing and physical reminders.

An ancient midrash hints at this different relationship. Abraham and Sarah are entering Egypt where Abraham is afraid he will be killed so his wife can be taken by another man. He tells Sarah to identify herself as his sister and not his wife. She is taken by Pharoah and remains a captive in the castle, awaiting the outcome of Abraham's lie.

The midrash recounts Sarah's confrontation with God on that night. "All that night, Sarah ... was saying 'God, Abraham needed your promise and I have functioned by belief. Abraham remains free and I am in captivity?' God answered: 'Sarah, everything I do, I do for you.' "

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I am the mother. He is my child.

How can I hold my peace always
Whilst cries of horror tear my heart
When he is torn from me to war
And homeward he will come no more?

An end to silence and to tears!
I'll save him whilst my life endures;
I'll cry aloud to every nation,
To every mother of every man:

Lift up your hands!
Man's blood is one,
Do not despair -
We'll save him yet!

A living wall of all man's mothers,
Brown and white and black;
A towering wall which does not lack
the yellow and the red.

Over every clash ascends
What is in common and transcends.

Millions, differing in all, yet share
The same great happiness - to bear
A living child, to be a mother,
And call a living son by name.

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From coast to coast

Palestinian Authority's status in Ottawa upgraded

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — Diplomatic relations between Canada and the Palestinian Authority warmed last week when Ottawa agreed to recognize Palestinian-issued travel documents and to raise the status of the PLO representative to Canada.

The changes were confirmed when Faisal Husseini, the minister in Yasser Arafat's Palestinian National Authority responsible for Jerusalem, met with Foreign Affairs Minister Andre Ouellet.

"This is a gesture of recognition of the political choices made by the PLO in favor of peace," said Rodney Moore, a spokesperson for Foreign Affairs.

For the first time, Palestinians will be able to visit Canada using three-year travel documents issued by the Palestinian National Authority. While not an official passport, which can only be issued by states, the documents will be recognized by Canadian immigration authorities.

Previously, Palestinians from the West Bank and Gaza had to travel under one-year Israeli papers.

The Palestinian documents are already recognized by France, Britain and the United States.

Baker Abdel Munem, the PLO representative to Canada, also learned last week that his status has been raised to that of "Delegate General."

The new title does not confer full diplomatic privileges or immunity, but is a diplomatic gesture towards the Palestinians.

Most European countries, the United States and Britain also give the PLO delegate general status.

Munem can begin flying the Palestinian flag from the Ottawa mission at any time, Moore added.

In August, the PLO reopened its office in Ottawa after a two year closure. Munem said at the time that one of his goals was to establish relations with diplomats and parliamentarians.

The return of a PLO representative to Canada was welcomed by the Israeli Embassy.

Munem could not be reached for comment about the changes to the official standing of his office.

Bonds, BB to honor Hamilton JCC president

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

Harvey Waxman

HAMILTON — Hamilton State of Israel Bonds, in conjunction with B'nai Brith of Hamilton, will honor Harvey Waxman at its annual Very Special Breakfast Oct. 22 at 9:30 a.m. at Beth Jacob Synagogue.

Currently president of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) for the second time, Waxman has been involved in the community since boyhood.

The son of Rochelle and the late "Yuke" Waxman, he took part in JCC childrens' and youth programs, became a board member in the mid-70s and has served on numerous committees.

Following a round robin baseball tournament in 1978, Waxman began organizing the Hamilton Jewish Men's Baseball League, which now boasts 200 players on the field every Sunday morning from May through September, and which earned him the title of Commissioner of Baseball.

In 1985, Waxman also organized the JCC Men's Basketball League.

He is a member of B'nai Brith and is involved in Jewish National Fund and United Jewish Appeal Campaigns.

Waxman's wife Shelley is manager of community resources at Shalom Village.

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Community celebrates newly acquired Torah

By REGINA ROSEN
Special to The CJN

KINGSTON, Ont. — There was joyous singing and dancing here earlier this month as the Jewish community took possession of a 90-year-old Russian Torah that was spirited out of the Soviet Union.

Beth Israel Congregation purchased the Torah from Rabbi Avraham Kubayov of Toronto, in a fundraising campaign led by Phil and Merle Koven.

The Torah fund campaign was initiated by synagogue board president Richard Kizell, in order to create an endowment fund for the perpetual care and conservation of all the synagogue's Torahs.

The recent Sunday ceremony brought the "new" Torah home and served to rededicate the congregation's existing six Torahs.

Outside the synagogue, Rabbi Steve Golden carried the Russian Torah as over 200 people followed, singing and dancing around the building.

Inside, the other Torahs were taken out, chassidic music was played by Amiel Bender of Montreal and the gathering danced with all seven Torahs, each passed from person to person.

Rabbi Golden read selected portions from Deuteronomy and Cantor Steve Chaiet of Ottawa performed, accompanied by Alfred Fisher, dean of the music department at Queen's University. The evening concluded with dinner and a musical presentation by Kingston's Talmud Torah.

Sylvia and Harvey Rosen (left) and Alex Newman carry Torahs in the celebratory parade. [Dmitri Frid photo]

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-"חסרה לכם האווירה הישראלית, השירים היפים ברדיו"- ניסיתי לנחש,

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"הפריע לכם שכולם מסביב ממשיכים ביום חול רגיל למרות ראש השנה"

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-"לא, זה הרבה יותר גרוע," הוא אמר ולקח אוויר, "זה עניין כרטיסי הכניסה....אתה רואה שאני לא שומר מצוות מי יודע מה, אבל פעם בשנה, בימים הנוראים, אנחנו הולכים עם הילדים לבית הכנסת, שידעו לאן הם שייכים ומה זה ספר תורה ושופר, וכל הדברים האלה. אז הלכנו בדחילו ורחימו לבית הכנסת בשכונה שלנו. איך שאנחנו נכנסים לבית הכנסת ניגש אלינו איש ושואל אם יש לנו כרטיסי כניסה. ממש חטפתי שוק - כרטיסי כניסה לבית הכנסת?!"

הקשבתי לישראלי וניסיתי להסביר לו את הצד השני של הדברים: בארץ נתמכים שרותי הדת על ידי משלם המסים, ואילו פה - בתי הכנסת, החינוך היהודי, בתי הזקנים - הכל חייב להיות ממומן על ידי היהודים עצמם, ולכן חייבים לגבות כסף עבור שירותים אלה. "את זה אני יכול להבין - הוא ענה - ואחרי השוק הראשון אפילו לא התנגדתי לשלם.אבל מי סוחב איתנו כסף לבית הכנסת בראש השנה?! או הגבאי ההוא היה מוכן שאכתוב לו צ'ק? הבנת את זה? לעמוד בראש השנה בבית הכנסת ולכתוב צ'ק! אני באמת לא שומר מצוות, אבל נעלבתי בשביל אלה שבאמת דתיים והלכו משם הביתה"

תעשיית איברים בסין:

לפני שבועיים דיווחתי לכם שבכל שנה מרעיבים הסינים למוות כמליון תינוקות מהמין הנקבי , כדי "לשמור" על הזכות שהילד היחיד שמותר להם על פי החוק יהיה בן. אבל זו איננה הדוגמא היחידה לזלזול הבוטח בזכויות האדם במדינה הגדולה ביותר בעולם. הנה סיפור באותה רמה של זוועה: הסינים מאד פוחדים מלתרום איברים אחרי מותם, ועל כן יש בהונג-קונג העשירה מחסור חמור ביותר באברים להשתלה. מה עושים סינים עשירים בהונג -קונג? בעזרת סוכנים מיוחדים לעניין זה הם משיגים כליה או כבד או לב בדרום סין. איך "משיגים" איברי מברירם עם הממשלה הסינית מי מועמד להיות מוצא להורג על פשעים פוליטיים או אמיתיים, ובזמן הוצאתם להורג כורתים במהירות את האיברים המתאימים. מאחר ו"תעשיה" זו נשאת עימה ממון רב, לא אחת קורה ששופטים מקומיים גוזרים עונש מוות על נאשם בגין עבירות שבדרך כלל היו זוכות לעונש קל יותר. כמובן שלפני ההוצאה להורג עושים ל"מועמד" בדיקות דם ורקמות כדי להיות בטוחים שה"סחורה" מתאימה. לא, לא אל דאגה ! זה לא גידי קורן שהמציא עבורכם סיפור זוועה! עובדות אלה מופיעות בדו"חות של האו"ם!

סרט חובה :

מפעם לפעם אני משתף אתכם בסרט או אירוע שראיתי ושאני בטוח מהיכרותי את אופיינו הישראלי, שתיהנו ממנו מאוד! אז הינה: הסרט "עשן" ("Smoke") החזיר בי את האמון בסרטים אמריקניים. הסיפור הנפלא, שהוא בעצם הרבה סיפורים שמתרחשים סביב חנות שכונתית ממכר סיגריות בניו-יורק, נכתב במקור על ידי פול אוסטר. ניו-יורק היתה רקע לכל כך הרבה סרטים שמדגישים את הרע שבאדם ואת המרושע שבחוויה האנושית. והינה בא סרט כל כך אנושי, כל כך נוגע ללב, על אנשים קטנים שהם בעצם גדולים. מעבר לסיפור עצמו שיעשה לכם עור של ברווז, נפלא בעיני שרובו מסופר על ידי הגיבורים ולא על ידי המצלמה. מה שאומר שמשאירים הרבה לדמיון. יותר מזה לא אספר לכם כדי לא להרוס. רוצו לפני שהסרט ירד מהמסכים! ואם תתאכזבו - אני לוקח את האחריות (אבל מה- במקרה כזה אהיה מאוד מאוכזב מיכם!).

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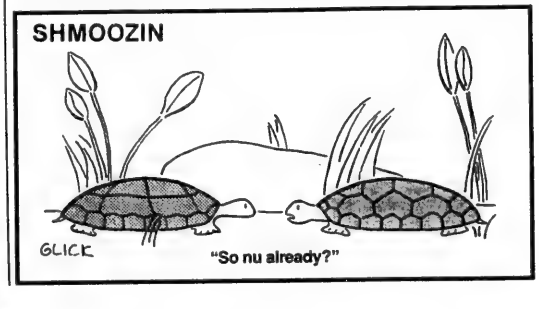

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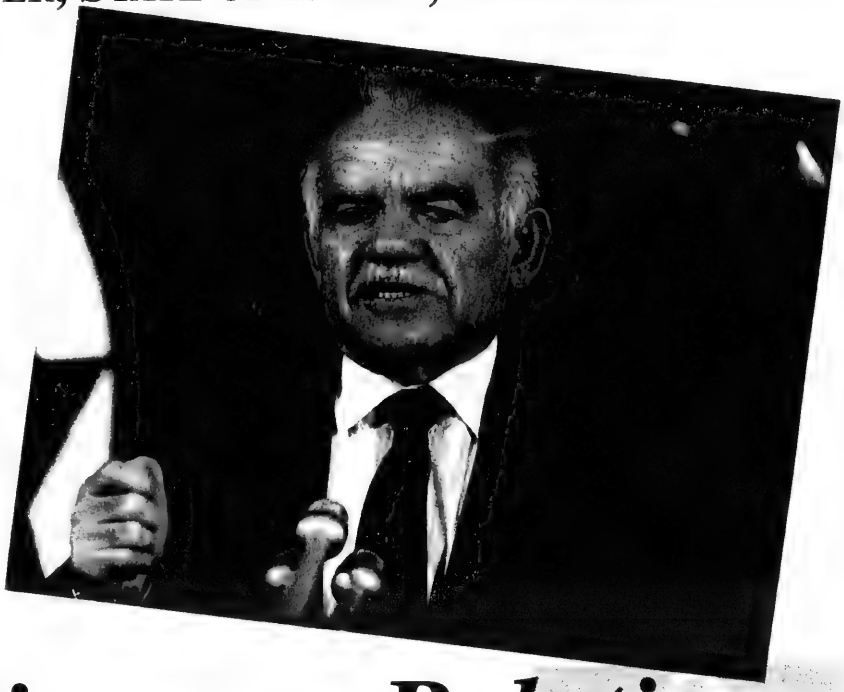

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What's New

By Miriam Herman

Thursday, Oct. 19

PUBLIC HEALTH FORUM

Baycrest Centre presents Four Keys to Better Health Later in Life, 7:30 p.m., with Baycrest staffers **Dr. Michael Gordon**, head of geriatrics; **Dr. David Conn**, geriatric psychiatrist; **Margaret MacAdam**, gerontologist; **Linda Kremer**, health promotion; **Carol Robertson**, dietician, Moderator is journalist/author **Evelyne Michaels**.

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In memory of the child victims of the Holocaust, Brown School and Deer Park Public School students will plant 800 tulip bulbs, 10:30 a.m. Amsterdam Park (Avenue Road and St. Clair Avenue). Assisting is consul general of the Netherlands **Paul W.A. Schellekens**. Sponsored by Holocaust remembrance committee of Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and individuals of the Dutch/Canadian community. **Robert Engel** 490-6364, ext. 246, or **Pnina Zilberman** 635-2883, ext. 144.

Saturday, Oct. 21

YIDDISH HUMOR & SONG

Evening of Yiddish Humor and Song with **Allen Farkas, Michael Lebovic** in skits and **Stella Walker** in song accompanied by **Sageev Oore** 8 p.m., Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Co-sponsors Workmen's Circle and committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Advance tickets $10, at the door $12, students $8. **Frances** 635-1145 or Lasting Impressions (**Sol**) 635-0720.

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Sunday, Oct. 22

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POETRY READINGS

Toronto poets **Donia Blumenfeld Clenman** and **Malca Litovitz** read at The Idler Pub, 255 Davenport Rd., 8 p.m.

RAISE CHILDREN JEWISH

Temple Sinai features **Dru Greenwood**, UAHC Outreach Commisssion, discussing How to Raise Children Jewishly in Contemporary Society. Services 9:30 a.m., breakfast following, program 10 a.m. $3.

Monday, Oct. 23

JEWISH CONTINUITY

Opening meeting of Association for Jewish Continuity, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. Hear future plans concerning assimilation and intermarriage. **Rene Wortzman** 462-4288.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League North Bathurst-Vaughan focuses on There's a New Baby in Your Life, 7:30 p.m., 199 Glenmanor Way, Thornhill. **Laura** 905-886-1577 or **Vivian** 905-883-9520.

SUPPORT GROUP

Support Group for Parents, Friends and Lovers of Gays and Lesbians meets 7 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple. For information, call in confidence, **Ruth** 763-9111.

WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH

Women's Rosh Chodesh celebration, 7:45 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, for women's Maariv and shiur by **Dr. Rena Zedman**, Touching the Moon — Rosh Chodesh as a Women's Holiday.

CHAPTER SOLEIL

Chapter Soleil, Jewish Women International, meets 9 p.m., Barbara Frum Library. Speaker sculptor **Ernest Rabb** leads discussion in French. Guests $3. **Edith** 654-0938 or **Rachel** 781-1218.

If you are French speaking and would like to join Chapter Soleil, call **Edith** 654-0938 or 222-4650.

Tuesday, Oct. 24

WORLD HOT SPOTS

Beth Tikvah Sisterhood presents **Erika Biro** discussing Hot Spots in the World, 8 p.m. at the synagogue. Everyone welcome. members $5, non-members $7.

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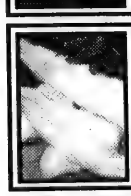

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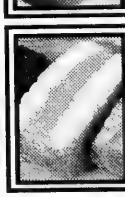

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JEWISH SURVIVAL
Are We Winning or Losing the Battle for Jewish Survival? with **Rabbi Irwin Brandwein** and **Julius Ciss**, Jews for Judaism, 8 p.m., Beth Sholom Synagogue.

SISTERHOOD LUNCHEON
Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood luncheon meeting, 12:30 p.m. features singer **Marvin Rosenshein** accompanied by pianist **Michael Khinkis**. Reserve, **Ruth Fruitman** 905-731-6660 or **Kay Burger** 787-8463 or **Rose Mintz** 633-7190.

SHIRA CHAPTER
Look into joining Shira chapter, Jewish Women International's chapter for professional women, at the movie and coffee evening. For details, **Shari** 787-2691.

Wednesday, Oct. 25

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY
Jewish Genealogical Society presents a lecture by Hebrew University professor **Yitzhak Kerem** on The Sephardic Legacy: Wanderings from Spain to the Four Corners of the Globe,7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue.

HADASSAH BAZAAR
The 71st annual Toronto Hadassah-WIZO Bazaar, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Automotive Building, Exhibition Place.

THE JEWISH FAMILY
Pride of Israel's series on The Jewish Family begins with **Terri Kay**, Jewish Family & Child Service, speaking on issues facing the Jewish family in the '90s, 8 p.m., at the synagogue, 59 Lissom Cres. 226-0111.

THE MAYOR OF SARAJEVO
The mayor of Sarajevo, **Dr. Tarik Kupusovic**, speaks about life in his war-torn city and the situation in the region, 8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple. Sponsored by Canadian Council of Reform Judaism and Bosnia-Canada Relief Association.

WELLNESS EDUCATION
Baycrest Centre's Wellness Education Group sponsors Nutrition in Later Years, with nutritionist **Anne Birks**, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Wagman Centre, 55 Ameer Ave. Register by Oct. 24, 785-2500, ext. 2267. For information, **Judy Chu**, ext. 2340.

JOINT CUSTODY
A lawyer and mediator discuss Joint Custody: Making It Work, 7:30 p.m., Jewish Family & Child Service, 4600 Bathurst St. $10. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

Thursday, Oct. 26

DATING AGAIN
Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue's Single Parents' lecture series presents Dating Again with **Debbie Cowitz**, JF&CS; **Rob Singer**, Jewish Singles Registry; and **Ann Campbell**, Era/Banner Newspapers; 8 p.m. at the synagogue. $5. 633-5500.

And What Else Is New...

ABOUT MEMORY LOSS
When Someone You Know Has a Memory Problem, information and discussion sessions for people caring for a person with memory loss, is sponsored by Baycrest Centre, Tuesdays, Oct. 24, 31, and Nov. 7, 7-9 p.m., at Baycrest Jewish Home for the Aged. $25 per person, $50 per family. Registration/information 785-2500, ext. 2308.

STUDY LUNCHEON
At Beth Tzedec Congregation Shabbat Study Luncheon, Saturday, Oct. 28, at noon following services, lawyer **Howard Black** speaks on Powers of Attorney: Don't Leave Home Without Them — A Canadian Jewish Perspective. Reserve by Oct. 24, 781-3511.

COMING OUT JEWISH
A correction — Starting date of the Coalition of Jewish Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual Students weekly peer support group meetings is Tuesday, Oct. 24, 6-8 p.m., Bloor JCC, Room 212. All teens to 20s welcome. **Pearl**, Jewish Student Federation, 736-5179 or 925-9872, ext. 2114.

MEMBERSHIP BRUNCH
Sha'aron chapter, Jewish Women International (formerly B'nai Brith Women) annual Membership Brunch is Sunday, Oct. 29. Reservations/information, **Bonnie Boltman** 445-7911 or **Evelyn Brager** 449-2642.

UJPO EVENTS
United Jewish Peoples Order, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. 789-5502.

Thursday, Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m., New Year, New Government, What Are We Going To Do? with **John Clarke**, Ontario Coalition Against Poverty; **Judie Goldie**, co-op housing activist; **Howard Moscoe**, Metro councillor; **Linda Torney**, Labor Council of Metro Toronto and York Region; **David Hermolin**, York University; **Hank Goldberg**, Ontario Coalition of Senior Citizens' Organizations. Members $2, non-members $5.

Sunday, Oct. 22, 2-5 p.m., annual Israel Peace Tea. Proceeds go to progressive Israeli organizations including those working for peace in the Middle East. 789-5502.

ART IN MODERN ISRAEL
Secular Jewish Association Adult Education Lecture Series on Humanism in the Jewish Arts focuses on Art in Turmoil in Modern Israel featuring a slide show by art historian **Maxine Blendis** Sunday, Oct. 29, 9:45 a.m., Children's School, 131 Fenn Ave. Reservations. 364-7002.

HEBREW ULPAN
Israel Youth Centre conversational Hebrew courses with **Yael Lev**, intermediate/advanced levels, start the week of Oct. 23 at Bathurst Jewish Centre. All ages welcome. 398-6931.

BROTHERHOODS COUNCIL
Charles Harnick, Ontario attorney-general, is guest speaker at the Council of Jewish Brotherhoods breakfast meeting, Sunday, Oct. 29, 9:45 a.m., Holy Blossom Temple. Tickets $6. **Joe Grossman** 633-0479.

JF&CS GROUPS
Single Parent Challenge begins Monday, Oct. 23, 7:30 p.m. at Bloor JCC. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215.

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For Seniors

Baycrest Centre's eight-week nutrition counselling and weight reductions program begins Wednesday, Oct. 25, 10-11:30 a.m., **Wagman Centre**. $30 Wagman Centre members, $40 non-members. **Dolores Green** 785-2500, ext. 2267.

Senior Adult Services, Bathurst Jewish Centre courses co-sponsored with North York Board of Education, start the week of Oct. 19: Ballroom, Mondays; Needle Crafts, Tuesdays; Bridge — Beginners, Tuesdays; Bridge — Intermediate, Wednesdays; Tai Chi — Beginners, Thursdays; Yoga, Thursdays; Line Dancing, Fridays; Tai Chi — Intermediate/Advanced, Fridays. Register at first class. **Yvonne** 636-1880, ext. 259.

A Time For Me, an eight-week personal growth workshop, begins Oct. 19. **Ann Gleberzon**, JF&CS, 638-7800, ext. 799.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Oct. 26 **Chaim Cohen** discusses Income Tax, CPP and Old Age Security. 661-4689.

Cranbrooke Friendship Club official senior drop-in lounge opening ceremony, noon, Thursday, Oct. 26., 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Lounge hours Mondays to Thursdays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

LZA Seniors Club continues Miami trip registration Wednesdays 10 a.m. to noon, Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. **Libby** 782-2059. Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m.; Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1;30 p.m.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club plans kosher trips to Arizona, Ottawa, Western Canada and the Catskills. Monday, Nov. 6, 1 p.m., **Dr. Julie Righter**, physiotherapist, talks on Holistic Medicine. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club trips: Washington and Atlantic City including Holocaust Museum, Oct. 22-27; Israel Oct. 25-Nov. 8.; Atlantic City casino, Nov. 13-16. Annual bazaar Sunday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. 395-7881.

Young at Heart Seniors Florida trip package deal, one, two or three months (partners wanted), Sassoon Hotel or Sherry Frontenac. Sidewalk sale, Magen David Congregation, 10 McAllister Rd., Sunday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Helen** 635-6343.

North York Board of Education Creative Writing classes, Mondays, Wagman Centre. **Sylvia Warsh**, 789-5131, ext. 2275.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE
Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre health lecture, Medicine Cabinet Clean-Up and Brown Bag Day, with pharmacists **Jack Donsky** and **Peter Lu** Thursday, Oct. 26, 1:30 p.m. Bring outdated medication and current medication.

Lifelong Learning Institute courses in partnership with North York Board of Education Continuing Education: Music Appreciation with **Mildred Bennett**, Mondays to Nov. 27; Creative Writing with **Sylvia Warsh**, Fridays starting Oct. 27.

LLI George Brown College courses: Book Club with **Mike Kilpatrick**, Tuesdays; Contemporary Social Issues with **Kathryn Allen**, Tuesdays to January.

The movie, *A Star is Born*, Sunday, Oct. 22, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday social Oct. 25, **Margarita Maslov**, 1:30 p.m.

at the JCC/BJC

Bloor JCC Books and Bagels features TV producer/journalist **Allen Abel** reading from *Flatbush Odyssey — A Journey Through the Heart of Brooklyn*, 11 a.m. Sunday, Oct. 29.

At Good Age Club of Bloor JCC, meet portrait artist **David Nemtzov**, enjoy slides of his work and learn about Jewish art, Thursday, Oct. 26, 2-4 p.m.

RECEPTION HELD FOR HONOREE

Over 100 business and political leaders attended a special reception for General Motors of Canada Limited president and general manager Maureen Kempston Darkes. Hosted by Royal Bank of Canada chair John Cleghorn and vice-chair Bruce Galloway, the reception was in recognition of the Maureen Kempston Darkes Tribute Dinner to be held Sunday, Nov. 5, at the Sheraton Centre, when Kempston Darkes will be honored by Toronto Hadassah-WIZO in support of the Women for Women Project. From left, William Davis, dinner master of ceremonies; Maureen Kempston Darkes; Karen Miller, dinner chair; and Bruce Galloway.

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From coast to coast

Free Loans association plans Vancouver meeting

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — More than 40 U.S. and Canadian cities will be represented by 75 delegates at the 14th annual convention of the Association of Hebrew Free Loans (AHFL) in North America to be held in Vancouver Oct. 22 to 24.

The aim of the AHFL, according to its bylaws, is to provide for the exchange of ideas, procedures and other information to assist member organizations "in furthering the Judaic concept of *gemilut chessed* — to aid worthy persons in becoming or remaining self-supporting, self-respecting members of their communities by aid of interest-free loans or services the individual may require."

Irving Levine of Pittsburgh, president of the AHFL, said in a phone interview that the 40 member-organizations in the United States have loans outstanding totalling $40 million. Losses average half of one per cent.

"The big banks come to us to find out how we keep our losses so low," Levine said, adding that the Pittsburgh organization is pretty well "the lender of last resort."

Shirley Barnett of Vancouver, chair of the convention and one of the founders of the Vancouver Hebrew Assistance Association (HAA), said 103 applications for loans were received last year in Vancouver, of which 68 were granted, for a total of $187,000.

In the 15 years of its operation, the HAA has received 771 applications and made 475 loans, ranging from $500 to $4,000. Bad debts during the past year totalled $1,200.

While the Vancouver HAA is marking its 15th anniversary it actually grew out of the Hebrew Free Loan Society and Achduth, founded 80 years ago.

Barnett, a former president of the Jewish Family Service (JFS) noted the increasing demand for help from the JFS from a growing population and decided to reinvigorate the old society. Enlisting the support of a number of community leaders, she helped reorganize the Hebrew Free Loan to become the HAA and sold $25 memberships to raise a substantial amount. The funds enabled the HAA to offer an improved free loan service.

Having started with 74 members, HAA now has about 175. In addition to memberships, the HAA has 22 "named loans" which for a minimum of $3,600 can be named for the donors. All named loans go into one treasury.

Barnett said the HAA's administrative costs total only $9,000 per year.

The society advised the VanCity credit union, one of the largest in Canada, Barnett said, on how to set up a community lending program for people who can't qualify for a loan from conventional sources. VanCity then modelled a new brochure on the subject on HAA material.

(One of the speakers at the convention, David Driscoll, is the executive director of the VanCity Community Foundation.)

Pittsburgh's Irving Levine said his city's organization makes loans of up to $10,000 and asks for repayment within two years. As in Vancouver, most loan applicants are immigrants, although some loans are granted for educational purposes. Pittsburgh raises funds mainly through mail campaigns. Its loan operation is secular.

Neither Vancouver nor Pittsburgh receives federation funding.

Levine said that although there are only about 40 U.S. members in AHFL, a number of smaller centres have not yet joined. There are 200 free loan groups in Brooklyn, he said.

A community dinner will launch the gathering on Oct. 22 with guest speaker author and lecturer Danny Siegel.

The convention gets down to business the next morning, following welcoming addresses from Vancouver mayor Philip Owen and HAA president Mannie Druker.

The convention will be held at the Wall Centre Garden Hotel.

In addition to Vancouver, Canadian delegates are expected to report on their activities from Toronto, Victoria, Calgary and possibly Montreal, Ottawa and Hamilton.

Other speakers scheduled are Julie Blackman, of London, England; Prof. Eliezer Jaffe and Alvin Feldman, from Israel; and Dr. John Serry, from Australia.

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Mayfair West Racquet and Fitness Club (Chesswood & Sheppard) is having a Singles Party **Saturday, Oct. 28.** The action begins at 7:00 p.m. with a Tennis Round Robin, and Dance following at 10:00 p.m. Cost for tennis & dance is $20, for dance only $10. **Reservations are a must for tennis, Call Marcia at 416-638-1010.**

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New York shul inspires artist

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

Angel Orensanz

TORONTO — An old synagogue on New York's Lower East Side, which he bought for $500,000 in 1984, has inspired a Spanish Jewish sculptor to achieve new heights in his art.

And since Angel Orensanz, 49, has filled the vaulted Gothic interior of the synagogue with totem pole sculptures and is interested in primitive hieroglyphics, he is in Canada visiting sites with Indian writings and carvings.

Born in the village of Larves in Aragon, Spain, Orensanz says his life has changed since he and his brother, Al, bought the Anshei Chesed Synagogue on Norfolk Street, a four-storey wooden structure built in 1849 by German Reform Jews.

"My art has changed, it is more creative," he says.

The Torah from Anshei Chesed is now in the Hadassah Museum in Washington. Though it does not have regular services, the synagogue, said to be the third oldest in the United States, is still used for weddings, with a visiting rabbi performing the ceremony. It has also been the scene of theatrical performances and video shoots.

Many of Orensanz' sculptures are now in the synagogue balconies. Both Angel and his brother have apartments in the tower.

In Toronto one afternoon, Orensanz created an imposing sculpture at the Bata Shoe Museum, incorporating unusual footwear.

He was so struck by the beauty of the surroundings at Petroglyph Park near Peterborough that he created a large totemic sculpture of driftwood just outside the park, his work drawing a large crowd of tourists.

Totem poles

Orensanz has had exhibitions in many of the largest cities in the world and it was an important and remunerative commission to sculpt totem poles at the Marriott Hotel in Atlanta, Ga., that enabled him to purchase the synagogue with a huge mortgage.

The mortgage will be paid off in three years and though some developers may covet the site for residences, the sculptor himself wants it to be kept as an art showplace.

To that end, the Angel Orensanz Foundation was established in 1992. Anyone visiting New York is welcome to arrange to see the synagogue and its art by calling 212-529-7194.

Anshei Chesed merged with Temple Emanu-El uptown in the late 1880s and became a birthplace of the Reform movement. However, by 1975, after a succession of dwindling congregations, the synagogue on Norfolk Street, like many others in on the Lower East Side, was abandoned.

During the building boom of the following decade, the synagogue's deed passed through a series of owners, while its majestic interior suffered the ravages of vandals and decay.

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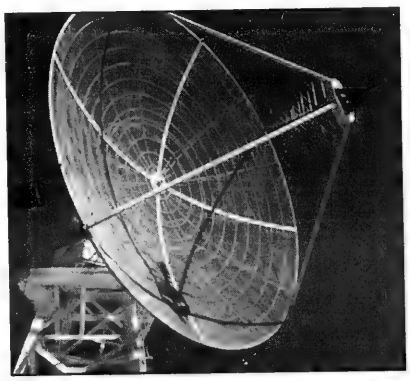

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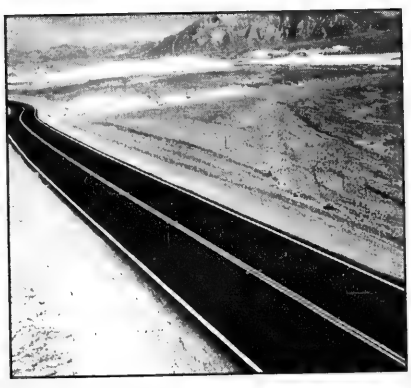

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Shaar Shalom shags shul championship

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The king is dead; long live the king.

After two championships and three consecutive title game appearances, the boys from Beth Tikvah have finally relinquished their grip on the league crown of the Inter-Synagogue Baseball League.

A new champion, Shaar Shalom, came out of left field to claim the title. In the topsy-turvey season that was recenty concluded, Beth Tikvah racked up a 10-1 record before being eliminated in an early playoff round by a "B" team from Adath Israel. (An "A" team had a better record.)

Loaded for bear

It was the fourth year in a row the two synagogues squared off in the playoffs, but in previous years the league title was on the line.

This time, Adath Israel "B" advanced to the final against Shaar Shalom, which had amassed a 9-2 regular season record, its best in years, said Stephen Baird, Shaar Shalom co-captain.

Playing a nine-inning, three-pitch game in which the pitcher throws to members of his own team, Shaar Shalom jumped into a 4-3 first inning lead in a one-game final at Grandview Park.

But in a game which puts a premium on hitting and fielding, and in which double figure scores are not unusual, a one-run lead can evaporate as quickly as the Boston Red Sox' playoff hopes.

Shaar Shalom, which never trailed, added to its lead with a couple of five-run innings and were leading 17-12 going into the eighth frame.

That's when Adath Israel's fielding fell apart and allowed numerous infield singles, triggering a nine-run Shaar Shalom barrage. The ninth inning was blanked and Shaar Shalom went on to win 26-12.

Shaar Shalom was confident going into the final, having beaten the same Adath Israel squad during the regular season, Baird said.

"We went into the final loaded for bear. We weren't going to take survivors. It wasn't relaxed," he said.

In fact, Shaar Shalom was expecting it would have to confront Beth Tikvah, which was aiming for a championship three-peat, in the final. But last year's champs were eliminated by Adath Israel "B" in an early playoff game, and the "B" squad went on to register another upset when it beat the synagogue's "A" team to get to the final.

"I was looking forward to playing Beth Tikvah," said Baird. "They were our nemesis."

Nevertheless, Shaar Shalom is the new champion of the 14-team circuit.

The Inter-Synagogue Baseball League was founded in 1987 to provide competitive baseball to the members of the city's synagogues and temples. The league includes teams from Conservative and Reform synagogues. Shaar Shalom also fielded two teams.

Members of Shaar Shalom's championship team include: Les Lauer, David Sankar, Elton Satusky, David Kleiner, Allen Frysh, Barry Krugel, Zeev Laszlo, Baird, Frank Giblon, Darryl Hennick and Jerry Keller.

Shaar Shalom fielded two teams in the Inter-Synagogue Baseball League. Seen here are members of both squads. Back row (from left): Art Chippen, Howard Abraham, Eric Lerner, Darryl Hennick, Sol Maker, Sheldon Buchalter, Barry Ganz, Les Lauer, Marvin Cohen, Barry Krugel and Stephen Baird. Front row (from left): Gerry Keller, Barry Tennenhouse, Elton Satusky, Louis Karlzowitz, David Sankar, Zeev Laszlo and Mendy Adler (co-captain). Missing are: Allen Frysh, Frank Giblon, David Katz, David Kleiner, Barry Mendelzys and Richard Schaefer.

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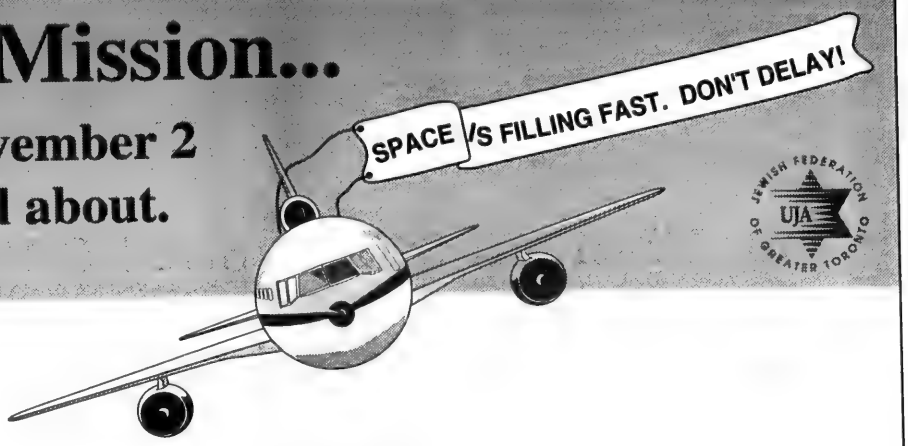

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Israel begins implementing Interim Agreement

CJN News Services

JERUSALEM — Israel began implementing its latest accord with the Palestinians last week, freeing close to 900 Palestinian prisoners.

But the first steps toward expanding Palestinian autonomy in the West Bank were not without dispute.

The Interim Agreement, which calls for the phased release of most Palestinians in Israeli jails and for the immediate release of all female prisoners, ran into a snag last week when President Ezer Weizman refused to shorten the sentences of two of the 27 female prisoners scheduled for release.

Weizman said he would stick to an earlier pledge not to let any prisoner with Israeli blood on his or her hands go free.

Two other female prisoners were refused release last week by Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran, the commander in charge of an area that includes the West Bank.

Israel's refusal to release the four women prompted Ahmed Tibi, an adviser to PLO leader Yasser Arafat, to petition Israel's High Court of Justice.

Tibi argued that since the release of all female prisoners was part of the Interim Agreement, Weizman had acted beyond his authority in refusing to pardon the female inmates.

As a result of the dispute, only one of the 27 female prisoners was released last Sunday. She had been sentenced to seven years in jail for attempting to stab an Israeli soldier.

The remaining 22 female prisoners eligible for release vowed to stay in jail until the four who were denied their freedom were also released.

Nevertheless, despite the threat not to accept their release from prison unless Israel freed all female inmates, the vast majority of male prisoners defied the Palestinian leadership and left, rather than comply with what their leaders thought would be an effective political tool.

Of the 900 Palestinian prisoners released last week, some 500 had been convicted of committing security offenses against Israel.

The security prisoners were set free after signing statements pledging that they would refrain from terrorist activities.

Those prisoners who had been jailed for criminal offenses were also freed, after they signed pledges that they would not take part in any further criminal activities.

The releases were delayed by several hours, after Palestinian officials demanded that some of the prisoners be handed over directly to the Palestinian Authority.

Hisham Abdel Razek, a Palestinian negotiator on the prisoner issue, said Palestinian officials had wanted to review their files to decide whether they should be set free or be put in PLO-run jails.

Though they were free to go, some 84 of the criminal inmates remained in jail after no one from the PA came to pick them up, Army Radio reported.

Under the Oslo 2 agreement, Israel must release prisoners in three stages: one week following the signing of the accord; a second wave before elections to the Palestinian Council (expected in either January or April 1996); and a third during final-status talks, due to begin in May.

Sudan's Muslim Brotherhood won't rein in Hamas

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

KHARTOUM — The leadership of the Muslim Brotherhood in this Sudanese capital says it will not order the military wing of Hamas to halt acts of terrorism against Israel.

But leaders of the Brotherhood say they will consider a truce with the Palestinian Authority, according to PA sources in Gaza.

The Brotherhood is also allowing Hamas in Gaza to continue its dialogue with the PA on matters of common interest, but not to pursue a political agreement.

It has ordered Hamas not to issue any public statement suggesting it has changed its stand towards jihad (holy war) in any way.

Two Gaza Hamas delegates to Khartoum told the Brotherhood leadership that Hamas activities are endangering the organization, including its educational and social welfare infrastructure.

Among other topics raised was the possibility that Hamas could become a political party — a question that also applies to Jordan but about which there is no apparent consensus.

PA sources said they do not expect the Muslim Brotherhood to allow Hamas to reach an agreement with the authority. In fact, the sources say, the PA is working to heighten differences between the Hamas leadership within the territories and abroad.

Mahmoud Zahar, a Hamas leader who was freed from prison on Sunday, told the Associated Press last Wednesday that Hamas and the PA have never been closer to an agreement.

"We are looking forward to a new era in the relationship between Hamas and the PA," he added.

Col. Jibril Rajoub, head of the PLO's Preventive Security, said he expects an agreement to be finalized before Palestinian troops begin deploying in the West Bank later this month.

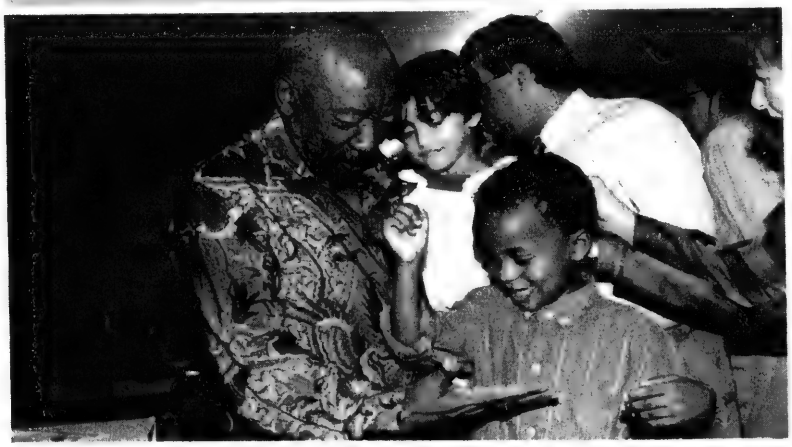
"These people [Hamas] are patriots and I don't expect them to carry out any acts, including military acts, that will hurt Palestinian interests," Rajoub said.

"We will have to weigh the benefits and drawbacks," said Zahar. "If we are able to achieve our aims without violence, we will do it.

"Violence is a method, it's not an aim."

Zahar, who advocates creating a Hamas political party, stressed that a decision to use restraint would not conflict with the goals of the movement.

"We will not recognize Israel, but we can have a cease-fire with Israel for days, months, years. We can use weapons against Israel and we can stop using weapons."



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Enormous obstacles block Syria peace

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

At a ceremony in Washington last month marking the signing of the second phase of the Oslo agreement on Palestinian autonomy, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin urged Syria to join Israel and the PLO in moving the peace process forward.

But Syria, which condemned the accord as a Palestinian "capitulation" to Israel, did not respond to Israel's offer.

As if to underline Rabin's message, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres subsequently called on Syria (and Lebanon, its cowed protectorate) to "stop hesitating" and to "work day and night" for peace.

Once again, Syria remained silent. But several days later, at the United Nations, the Syrian foreign minister told U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher that negotiations with Israel would not resume unless Israel agrees to a complete withdrawal from the Golan Heights.

If nothing else, these episodes illustrate the enormous obstacles that still lie in the path of an accommodation between Syria and Israel. Indeed, Israel's fitful negotiations with Syria over the fate of the Golan are bogged down in a welter of major disagreements.

Such is the impasse that Rabin has expressed pessimism over the possibility of reaching an agreement before next year's Israeli election, while Peres has accused Syria of creating a crisis and voiced the lament that the two sides simply do not understand each other.

By all accounts, Syria is not optimistic either that a peace treaty is in the offing. Emerging from a recent meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Cairo, Syrian President Hafez al-Assad said he doubted whether any progress would be made in the near future.

Israel and Syria last met in June, when their respective chiefs of staff, Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak and Gen. Hikmat Shihabi, conferred in Washington over security arrangements on the Golan.

Lipkin-Shahak claimed that the discussions had been "fruitful," but admitted that the gaps "are still wide and deep." One of the chief sticking points at this juncture is Syria's refusal to countenance Israel's demand for early warning stations on the Golan following an Israeli withdrawal. Syria steadfastly maintains that aerial surveillance is sufficient.

Worse still, Syria angered Israel — and the United States — by reneging on a promise to hold follow-up discussions in Washington in July. Syria's obstreperous position was reminiscent of its unilateral decision last December to suspend talks with Israel after the first round of military negotiations failed.

Security issues are not the sole impediment to a treaty between Israel and Syria. The depth and timing of an Israeli pullout is in dispute, as is the degree of normalization.

Clearly, the Syrians are exceedingly stubborn negotiators. At a minimum, Assad expects a *full* Israeli withdrawal — not to the 1949 armistice lines but to the more topographically advantageous lines which it obtained on the eve of the Six Day War in 1967.

Furthermore, Syria has turned a deaf ear to Israel's demand that normal relations be established before the Israeli army vacates the Golan and abandons the settlements there.

In addition, Syria is balking at allowing Israel access to the Golan's water resources.

Even from a simple procedural point of view, the Syrians are obdurate. Assad has rejected face-to-face talks with Rabin, cryptically claiming that high-level negotiations are "a disease, not a cure."

Moreover, Syria has not acceded to Israel's repeated requests for confidence-building measures, nor has Syria reined in Palestinian groups, based in Damascus, which oppose the peace process and try to undermine it by means of terrorism and tension along Israel's Lebanese border.

Yet minor cracks have appeared in Syria's hard-line policy, prompting some observers to suggest that Syria may be rethinking its strategy toward Israel. Last month, a Syrian representative showed up at a trade fair in Tel Aviv, the first-ever such visit. Within days, the head of Syria's Jewish community, much depleted by emigration since 1992, was allowed to travel to Brussels for a World Jewish Congress meeting.

It is difficult to draw sweeping conclusions about Syrian intentions from these blips on the screen. But virtually all analysts in Israel believe that the Syrians — Israel's strongest military adversary — are theoretically ready to make peace with Israel.

As Assad ponders his next move, Rabin is painfully aware that the Knesset and the Israeli public remain seriously divided over the Golan question. That is why he has promised a referendum to clear the air. But before Rabin can do that, Israel and Syria must agree on the terms of a final settlement. For now, they are a long way from this objective.

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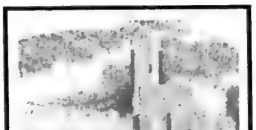

The Week in Israel

Oct. 9

• *Ha'aretz* reported that 200 Israeli companies will participate in this year's international exhibition of media, office equipment and office mechanization, scheduled for the end of the month in Tel Aviv. This year's exhibition will place special emphasis on the Internet. Approximately 40,000 Israelis are connected to the Internet.

Oct. 10

• According to Peace Now, the government has begun construction on 1400 new housing units in the West Bank since the beginning of 1995. Most of the units are part of the greater Jerusalem area.

Oct. 11

• The world's first kosher McDonald's restaurant opened in the Harel shopping mall in Mevasseret Zion, outside Jerusalem. Additional kosher franchises are planned for Rehovot and Ra'anana.

Oct. 12

• The lead stories in the newspapers reported on the growing alarm in the security services about the possibility of an attack on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres or another member of the government, by right-wing extremists who object violently to the peace process. The newspapers reported the special security detail charged with protecting government ministers has been beefed up.

Oct. 13

• Three IDF soldiers of the Golani Brigade killed in south Lebanon yesterday were buried. The three were Dror Brashi of Jerusalem, Reuven Ebgi of Ashdod and Aran Azoulai of Netanya. Six other soldiers were injured in the attack. The condition of one of them is described as very serious.

• Foreign Minister Peres criticized Syria for failing to curb terrorist activities in south Lebanon. Peace talks with the Syrians are frozen, he said.

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Palestinian state predicted by the year 2000

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A Palestinian state, he claimed, will not damage Israel's vital interests. He said that some Israeli ministers already support the concept and that it is gaining ground in Israel.

"This taboo is no more there. People are ready to discuss this matter."

Born in Baghdad in 1940, Husseini is the scion of a prominent Palestinian family. His father, Abdel Qader, a military commander, was killed in the 1948 Arab-Israeli war. His son joined Fatah, the largest faction in the PLO, when it was founded in 1965.

In 1979, Husseini established the Arab Studies Society in East Jerusalem, which Israel closed from 1987 to 1991. Detained and/or arrested by Israel several times in the late 1980s and early 1990s, Husseini was one of the chief members of the Palestinian delegation at the Madrid peace talks in 1991.

Currently the highest-ranking Fatah official in East Jerusalem, Husseini makes his headquarters in Orient House, the centre of Palestinian political, social and civic activities on the West Bank.

Husseini said Israelis and Palestinians have embarked on the path of reconciliation. He estimated that the process will take less than 30 years, a figure recently cited by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Husseini professed not to be concerned by the possibility that Benjamin Netanyahu — who opposes the Oslo process — may not recognize it should the Likud party win the 1996 Israeli election.

"This pact was signed with the Israeli government — not the Labor party, so they [Likud] must honor it. In the end, this agreement will be implemented."

Husseini said he completely concurs with Rabin's assessment that the peace process has reached "the point of no return. We cannot go back to the status quo ante."

Within its limited powers, the Palestine National Authority is doing its best to contain terrorism, he said.

"We want to build our state in an atmosphere of stability, but without security for both sides, there is no stability."

Husseini suggested that the Palestine National Authority can provide "full security" against terrorism if it is granted "full security control" by Israel.

"Give us full authority and I can give you full security."

Husseini urged Israel not to expropriate more land in and around Jerusalem. "This will have a very negative effect on the whole [peace] process."

Recently, Israel's housing minister hinted that more housing units may be built in Har Homa this year or next.

Speaking of Jewish settlers in the territories, Husseini said he had no problem with those who want to live there under Palestinian rule. "But no extra-territoriality for them! I don't want to see ghettos or [Palestinian] refugee camps on our land."

In a reference to Palestinian refugees displaced by wars, Husseini said he doesn't realistically expect all of them to return to their former homes in Israel. In the main, this problem can be solved through compensation payments, he noted.

In Ottawa, Husseini conferred with Foreign Minister Andre Ouellet and with officials of the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

During his visit, Canada upgraded the status of the PLO's new representative here, Baker Abdel Munem, to that of Delegate General, and agreed to recognize Palestinian travel documents.

CIDA, Munem told *The CJN*, will give the Palestine National Authority $100 million in aid over five years through the World Bank.

While in Ottawa, Husseini met privately with a Canadian Jewish Congress delegation headed by President Goldie Hershon and Ontario region chair Moshe Ronen.

Also attending the meeting were Ontario region Israel affairs chair Rabbi Dow Marmur, Ontario region executive director Manuel Prutschi, national executive director Jack Silverstone and director of communications Mike Cohen.

Quebecers' voting procedures explained

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Forms asking for a specific return date are being enclosed with referendum ballots being mailed out since Oct. 4 to the approximately 14,000 out-of-province Quebecers worldwide who have registered to vote in the referendum, about half of whom are residing in other parts of Canada.

According to one press report, they also included 89 Quebecers who have registered from Israel.

Cote's announcement triggered charges that he was caving in to pressure from Pequistes growing increasingly worried about how many out-of-province Quebecers — thought to be mainly No voters — registered for the referendum.

Cote, however, insisted he made an honest mistake in not initially requiring an exact return date as Quebec law stipulates.

Both Jedwab and Casper Bloom, a Montreal lawyer presiding over a committee trying to make sure eligible out-of-province Quebecers vote in the referendum, said they should not be scared off by the last-minute requirement even if they do not know their exact return date.

Bloom advised such Quebecers to "put down their best estimate" since the return-date form should not be mailed back blank. Out-of-province referendum ballots (accompanied by return-date forms) must reach Cote's office by the time polls close in Quebec on referendum day, Oct. 30 at 8 p.m.

Jedwab suggested that in cases where the return date is not known, any date will probably do since the information is not verifiable. In fact, he said, the new requirement "invites people [who do not know their exact return date] to give an arbitrary date."

Jedwab declined to speculate on whether Cote's motive was to "deter" potential No voters, although he said that could be the unwarranted result.

Bloom, however, who has accused Cote of being a government "patsy" and of half-hearted efforts in notifying out-of-province Quebecers of their voting rights, refused to believe that Cote tightened the eligibility rules to correct an "oversight."

"It is clearly not an oversight," he said. "The pamphlet [issued by Cote's office] clearly says you do not have to fill in the date."

Both Jedwab and Bloom said including a planned date of return would never have sparked a controversy had the requirement been spelled out from the start of the process.

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Hands-on approach key to fitness club's success

By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

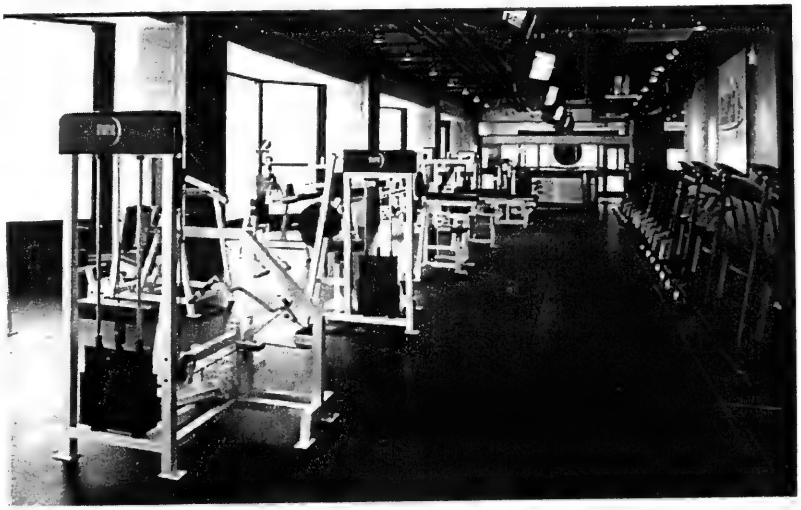
TORONTO — A student at the Community Academy of Toronto (CHAT) turned into a fitness buff when he lost 40 pounds in Grade 12.

After graduating from CHAT in 1986, Jason Kaiman went on to study economics and physical education at the University of Western Ontario. Once he got his BA, he became a fitness instructor at various Toronto clubs.

Kaiman, 28, along with a half dozen other investors, opened the Eclipse fitness club in the Yonge-Eglinton Centre last November.

They looked at fitness trends in the United States and "took the best" ideas from the clubs they visited in New York, Los Angeles, Boston and Chicago before they opened the business, he said.

The club offers its members the latest in exercise equipment, 40 different types of fitness classes and a fitness program adapted from a regimen that has reshaped the bodies of Demi Moore, Jane Fonda, Meg Ryan, Tom Hanks and Richard Gere.



The workout-room at the Eclipse fitness club at the Yonge-Eglinton Centre.

The program, created by the Sony Studios' athletic club, includes aerobic exercises, regular monitoring of one's heart rate and nutritional counselling.

"We were a test market to see if this program would really work on a commercial basis," Kaiman said. "And certainly it has."

The benefits of the regimen include increased muscle definition, cardiovascular endurance, flexibility and higher energy levels. However, most people join a fitness club to lose weight. One Eclipse member, Kaiman said, lost 20 pounds after 20 workouts in a four week period.

Club members can put on headphones and watch television while they are working out on the treadmills and a cafe is scheduled to open this fall.

The club's owners kept mirrors to a minimum so that members can concentrate on fitness rather than their looks.

"Mirrors in fitness clubs are used to analyze form," Kaiman explained. "In a free weight room you need to have a mirror, you need to see that you're using the proper form. In other clubs, the treadmills may be in front of the mirror. Well, why in heaven's name would you want to go running on a treadmill and look at yourself in the mirror or look at someone else who is maybe thinner than you?"

The club has so far attracted 800 members through word of mouth, "the best advertising in the fitness industry," said Kaiman. A seniors' program to draw the over 60 crowd starts in mid-September.

Eclipse is putting a cap on membership once it reaches 2,000 as the club does not want to jeopardize its status as an owner-operated company. Kaiman is a fitness instructor there, while other investors also have roles in the business.

This hands-on approach has been crucial to the club's success. "More than 2,000 people and we lose that hands-on, customer ideology."

Unlike other fitness clubs, Eclipse does not offer specials or discounts. A basic membership costs $75 a month, which is good value, he said.

The fitness industry in Canada got a bad name during the '70s and '80s because a number of fly-by-night operators went out of business, fleeing with their members' money, said Kaiman.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Yiddish Laughter and Melodies: A wonderful evening of Yiddish entertainment is promised by three talented performers, Allen Farkas, Michael Lebovic and Stella Walker at the Workmen's Circle Auditorium, 471 Lawrence Ave. W., Toronto, Oct. 21, 8 p.m.

Farkas, a native of Montreal, and Lebovic, a transplanted New Yorker from Williamsburg, are well-known for their spirited presentations of Yiddish humor, drama, satire and song. Walker, a brilliant soprano, was highlighted at last summer's outdoor concert of Yiddish folk music in Toronto.

Presented by the Committee for Yiddish of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Workmen's Circle. For tickets ($10 in advance), visit Lasting Impressions in Bathurst Manor Plaza or call 416-635-1145 or 416-633-4212.

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Jewish Storytelling: Toronto's fourth annual festival of traditional and contemporary Jewish stories opens at the Leah Posluns Theatre, Oct. 28, 8 p.m., with Roslyn Bresnick-Perry, Alec Gelcer and Leslie Robbins.

A Sunday morning workshop (Oct. 29, 10 a.m.) at the North York Central Library, 5120 Yonge St., features Aubrey Davis telling A Basket for Baby Moses and Roslyn-Bresnick-Perry sharing Memories and Melodies, an examination of taped Yiddish songs, with sing-along. There is also a simultaneous children's concert.

Various tellers take the stage Sunday afternoon and evening, including Mayer Kirshenblatt, Judith Cohen, Leslie Robbins — and Michael Wex, who nearly caused this reporter to split a gut with laughter last year. A festival pass is $40; separate tickets available for individual events. 416-440-1330.

Bresnick-Perry performs Memories and Melodies in Yiddish at the Barbara Frum Library, North York, Oct. 26, 7.30 p.m. Tickets $15.

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The Celluloid Jew: As in past seasons, the Toronto Jewish Film Foundation is offering an entertaining and informative course on Jewish film, featuring York film professor John Stuart Katz. In six sessions, participants examine such themes as the depiction of sons and daughters, assimilation, the family, Yiddishkeit, the Holocaust and humor. The films include Hollywood and foreign narratives, documentaries, personal films and experimental pieces.

The afternoon series begins Oct. 24, 2.30 to 5.30 p.m. and the evening series begins Oct. 25, 6.30 to 9.30 p.m. Bloor St. Y, 750 Spadina Rd., Toronto. Fee $65. 416-324-8600.

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Building Bridges: Having recently concluded a two-year U.S. tour, this exhibition of some 45 works by six Israeli and six Palestinian artists comes to Toronto Oct.25 to Nov. 26. It highlights the theme of peace and the importance of culture and art in building bridges of understanding between people.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Consulate General of Israel in Toronto, the Zukerman Foundation and the Canadian Friends of Peace Now. Carrier Gallery, Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Ave. W., North York. Opening reception, Oct. 25, 6.30 p.m.

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A lecture on Picasso

Norman Mailer & Picasso: Norman Mailer achieved instant fame in the late forties with his WWII novel *The Naked and the Dead*, and with many subsequent best-sellers. Having made a formidable mark on the modern American literary scene, he has retained his celebrity to this day. He is a Jewish man of letters, but not necessarily a man of Jewish letters. He's in town next week, lecturing on Picasso, the subject of his most recent book. Art Gallery of Ontario, Tanenbaum Centre of European Art, Oct. 24, 7 p.m.

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Parisian Lunch: The Arts & Entertainment chapter of ORT presents celebrated author Erna Paris at a literary luncheon, speaking on her just-released book, *The End of Days: A Story of Tolerance, Tyranny, and the Expulsion of the Jews from Spain*. The $25 cost includes a $10 credit towards purchase of the book. Oct. 31, noon. Reservations, 416-787-0297.

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In Brief: Buffalo's 11th annual Jewish Film Festival, Oct. 21 to 26, features the wonderful film *Mina Tannenbaum*, which highlighted Toronto's festival last spring. Other films include *Journey to the South*, *Hidden Children*, *Genghis Cohn*, *Little Odessa* and *Bye Bye America*. Screenings at Amherst Theatre, University Plaza. Information, 716-688-4033.

Rhonda Silver, a one-woman band known for her "fat, high-class" sound and her renditions of contemporary standards such as *Night Moves*, appears at Le Saint Tropez, 315 King St. W., Toronto, on Oct. 17, 18, 24 & 25. Reservations recommended. 416-591-3600.

Two instrumental klezmer music workshops, by Martin van de Ven, formally of the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band, are offered for beginners and intermediates. 416-588-5486 or 416-538-1831.

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Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

The Jews of Finland: If you're Jewish, there are special religious questions associated with living in the Land of the Midnight Sun.

Evening services in Helsinki's Adath Israel Synagogue are conducted at a fixed time throughout the summer, when the sun doesn't set until very late, if at all. The havdalah ceremony that ends the Sabbath in religious homes, however, is sometimes conducted as late as 1:30 a.m. on Sunday, according to Dan Kantor, executive secretary of the Finnish Jewish community.

"In the north, a religious Jew would have a problem observing Shabbat, because there the sun doesn't set at all," he explains. "The important thing is to celebrate the Sabbath, not to watch the clock. If you keep the Sabbath for 26 or 27 hours, I think it's enough."

Ancestors of Finland's present 1,500-strong Jewish community understood the religious ramifications of keeping the Sabbath in northern latitudes. The first Jews to reach Finland arrived from the equally hyperborean country of Russia about 1809.

In that year, Finland became part of the Russian Empire after 700 years of Swedish domination. To protect their new territory, the Russians sent over some army troops. Included in the ranks were cantonists, Jewish boys of 12 and 13 years of age, forced to serve up to 25 years in the Russian army. By the time they were through, many had lost all contact with family in Russia and chose to stay in Finland. Some returned to Russia to find Jewish wives, then returned to settle permanently.

Each year, thousands of visitors admire the stylish sanctuary of Helsinki's only synagogue, which dates from 1906. Many also inspect the glass display case containing the historic wreath that Finnish president Marshall E.G. Mannerheim gave the Jewish community in 1944 in commemoration of the many Jewish soldiers in the Finnish army killed in battle.

"This is how Mannerheim showed the outside world the attitude of the Finnish government towards the Jewish question," Kantor says. "By coming to the synagogue and giving this wreath, he really declared that the Jews were equal citizens. In a way, it was a bold thing to do."

In the early part of WWII, Finland joined with Nazi Germany in fighting Russia. Many Jewish soldiers in the Finnish army found themselves in the unenviable position of fighting side by side with the Germans.

"The Germans wanted the Finns to hand over the Jews, but the Finns wouldn't," Kantor recounts. "The only Jews deported from Finland to the camps were eight Austrian refugees, and even that was without the permission of the government."

The Adath Israel synagogue is located at Malminkatu 26, Helsinki. Finland boasts one other synagogue. It's in the former capital of Turku, which boasts a Jewish community of several hundred.

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Fashion in Philadelphia: From now until March 3, 1996, the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia features the exhibition, Becoming American Women: Clothing and the Jewish Immigrant Experience, 1880 to 1920. The exhibition focuses on dress and its power to transform immigrant Jewish women from "greenhorns" to Americans. 215-923-3811.

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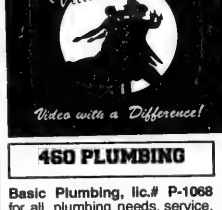

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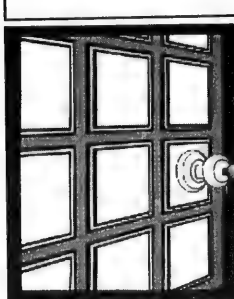

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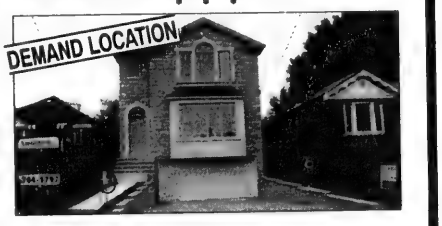

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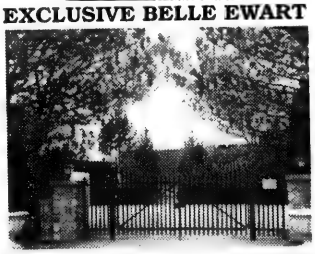

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Tic Toc

Dear Tic Toc,

Jeffrey is feeling comfortable and secure in your relationship. He may not realize the urgency that you are feeling. You say you have discussed marriage and Jeffrey realizes that you want to have a family. Go ahead and ask Jeffrey to marry you. Your future is on the line. This is not a time to stand on formalities. If Jeffrey is not interested in getting married, you should find out sooner rather than later. If the two of you have love, trust and friendship going for you, it really doesn't matter who does the asking.

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN. *But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

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No avoiding it; Yes vote means 'goodbye' Canada

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It is true that at one time, an English-speaking business class, some from Quebec, some from Ontario, some from the United States, dominated the Quebec economy, but this too is less true today than ever before. Quebec is stronger today than ever. Its business leadership is leading the way for Canada.

The challenges we face are common challenges. Together we face a global economy that requires teamwork and partnership for us to succeed. A shared challenge of creating good jobs for a new generation, of dealing with deficits and debts that are too large. A need to maintain a decent social order and to keep the sense of our having common obligations for "peace, order, and good government," despite the pressures of the world upon us.

You will hear now from your political leaders Lucien Bouchard and Jacques Parizeau that they have a plan for a new partnership with the rest of Canada after a Yes vote. I have not seen this plan, and we are not interested in breaking up the country first and then trying to figure out a way to put it back together again later.

It is always easier to negotiate with yourself in front of a mirror. There is no interest in the rest of the country to negotiate "on all fours" as one of your leaders has suggested. On the contrary, you are now holding the knife to your own throat. Take it away, and we can keep talking, as we always have.

There will be no shared passport, no common currency, with an independent Quebec. Quebec will become a foreign country, with no elected Members of Parliament in Ottawa. That is what Yes means. This has gone on long enough: Yes means "good-bye." It does not mean "see you again" in another deal which will only serve one party.

A short while ago, Parizeau came to Toronto and told us that if you voted Yes, Quebec would go away and stop bothering the rest of us. "The trips to the dentist" would end. I'm surprised he didn't offer us an all-day sucker at the same time. If you don't go to the dentist once in a while, you get cavities and your teeth will fall out.

Trips to the dentist

Negotiating is not a bother if it is done with mutual respect. It is a part of life, part of being Canadian. To try and escape it with one-sided moves is an illusion that will end up hurting us both. I do not want to see my country hurt by forces that sensible people can stop. I do not want to see Ontario hurt, nor Quebec. None of this is necessary or wise.

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Former premier Bob Rae is the leader of the New Democratic Party of Ontario.

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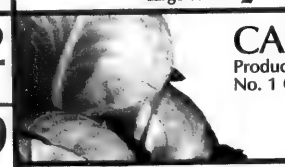

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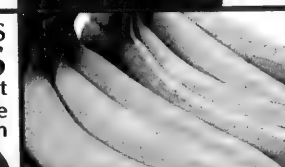

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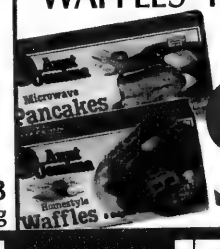

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ANNIVERSARY OF PEACE

Israeli and Jordanian helicopters stage a joint flypast over Tel Aviv earlier this week to mark the first anniversary of the peace treaty between the two countries. The helicopters are en route to Amman. They carry the nations' flags and a banner with the word "shalom." *[RNS photo]*

Agony without ecstasy

By HAROLD M. WALLER
Special to The CJN

MONTREAL — Once again Quebec – and for that matter all of Canada – is experiencing the agony of a referendum on independence. It is painful to see a society dividing itself along so many lines of cleavage in pursuit of the chimerical notion that sovereignty, as its proponents insist on labelling it, can resolve the problems that Quebec faces.

Even more troubling is the extent to which Quebec society is dissipating its energies in a renewed struggle for independence, diverting scarce material and human resources away from the economic and social challenges that cry out for attention.

Perhaps the most disturbing aspect of the entire matter is the widely held view that a straightforward and direct question would stand no chance of receiving a majority of the votes. Why not ask the people whether Quebec should secede from Canada, thereby becoming an independent country? Surely that is precisely what this referendum is about.

But instead of honestly confronting the voters with the choice they must make, those responsible for planning this exercise have insisted on a convoluted question that obfuscates the issue rather than clarifies it. The resultant confusion leaves substantial portions of the electorate unsure as to what the consequences of a Yes vote would be in terms of Quebec's place within Canada, retention of Canadian passports and use of the currency.

Referendum Quebec

Of course the sowing of confusion is a deliberate strategy designed to make possible a Yes majority that would be beyond reach if an honest question were posed. In that sense, the leaders of the separatist camp show disdain for the voters, whom they apparently believe are incapable of seeing through this smokescreen.

On the other hand, if this is not a referendum on secession but only an attempt to establish a new relationship between Quebec and the rest of Canada, as some leaders of the *camp de changement* contend, then why not propose the terms of such a partnership, ask a question about that and leave the secession issue out of the campaign? Such an approach would demonstrate respect for the voters. Some might argue that such intellectual honesty is too much to expect of politicians, but that would be an exceedingly cynical view.

Any attempt to dissolve the political bonds that have connected one people to another successfully for a lengthy period of time represents a very serious undertaking. Moreover, as the representatives of the American people declared in 1776, "Prudence, indeed, will dictate that governments long established should not be changed for light and transient causes." This is sound advice. If independence is sought, then the supporters of that cause carry a heavy burden of demonstrating that the maintenance of existing arrangements is intolerable, that those arrangements are so abusive as to

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For Canada and Quebec

In four quickly passing days the people of Quebec will be answering either Yes or No to the following question:

"Do you agree that Quebec should become sovereign, after having made a formal offer to Canada for a new Economic and Political Partnership, within the scope of the Bill respecting the future of Quebec and of the agreement signed on June 12, 1995?"

In the pages of this newspaper we have criticized the language of the question and its drafters. The question is deliberately complicated and confusing, designed by its drafters to hide the bitter truth of a majority Yes vote: the break-up of Canada.

Editorial

What then, is there left to say that has not already been said? Who is left to be convinced who is not already convinced? Whose heart is left to be stirred by the conviction and the hope that Canada is worth preserving? For without Quebec, Canada ends. Is this the result that the majority of Quebecers intend?

A separated Quebec would shatter the geographic and political symmetry of the country. Once shattered, the remaining fragments would be reshaped ultimately according to the play of overwhelming, continental, north-south, economic forces.

Moreover, without the policy protection of the internationally-respected federal government of one of the largest countries on earth, the fragment that was the province of Quebec would find itself, eventually, less capable of asserting its linguistic, cultural uniqueness in an economically and politically reconfigured North America. How ironic, then! Time, life's great but occasionally cruel leveller, would cast the last and determining vote in the referendum.

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INSIDE

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We're having a Chanukah Poetry Contest. Look for all the rules and regulations on page 28.

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Everywhere

CANADA

Search for 'Campers'

WINNIPEG — A Manitoba man is seeking people who grew up in Camper or those with family stories and photos that would illustrate the plight of the town's early Jewish settlers.

Camper, about 160 kilometres north of Winnipeg, was a Jewish farm colony from 1909 to the mid-1920s.

John Plantz was raised there and his parents still live in what is left of the town. Plantz reports that he's located over 100 names of Jewish families who applied for land up to 1915.

Material may be sent to John Plantz, Box 1, Group 1, RR 1, Dugald, Man., R0E 0K0.

Seeking Jewish Writing

WINNIPEG — *Prairie Fire*, Manitoba's magazine of new writing, has announced a special issue of Jewish writing to be published in autumn, 1996.

The magazine will consider unsolicited submissions of short and (excerpted) long fiction, poetry, scenes from plays and personal essays.

Mail entries to: Prairie Fire, 423-100 Arthur St., Winnipeg, Man., R3B 1H1, along with an SASE and a brief biography. Deadline is Dec. 4, 1995.

Going to Disney World

WINNIPEG — The Chai Folk Ensemble is one of four Winnipeg folk arts groups scheduled to perform at Disney World during the week of Feb. 28 to March 6.

"This is another feather in our cap," said Casey Chisik, Chai's artistic director. The troupe performed in Mexico last spring.

The ensemble was invited to Disney World by a talent scout who saw a performance in August at Winnipeg's annual Folkorama festival. The group is slated for three performances a day.

ISRAEL

Israel's Headcount...

JERUSALEM — Israel's fifth census began last Thursday, as some 7,000 Central Bureau of Statistics workers began distributing questionnaires to some 1.5 million households and thousands of institutions throughout the country.

Chief statistician Prof. Yosef Yahav said the census would show a population that has increased by more than 1.5 million since the previous count in 1983.

...But Calls for Boycott

JERUSALEM — A coalition of right-wing groups has called for a boycott of the national census as an anti-government protest.

"Don't fill out the questionnaire until a government is elected that rules without PLO votes in the Knesset," read a letter sent out by the groups last Tuesday. "Remember, the future of our people in our land is not over as long as the people have not signed."

Medals Awarded

JERUSALEM — Diodoros I, the Greek Orthodox patriarch of Jerusalem, awarded the Golden Peace Prize to Prime Minister Rabin and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at a ceremony last Tuesday on the Mount of Olives, despite pressure from Palestinians to cancel it.

Palestinians had insisted the ceremony not take place in eastern Jerusalem.

Earlier this month, Diodoros bestowed similar medals on Jordan's King Hussein and Crown Prince Hassan. He also intends to award the medal to PLO leader Yasser Arafat in Gaza later this year.

WORLD

Tributes to Gorbachev

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev was honored here recently by local Jewish community leaders and emigres from the former Soviet Union.

They gathered to thank Gorbachev for the policies he initiated in the late 1980s, allowing for mass Jewish emigration.

Gorbachev was in Louisville on Oct. 5 to accept a Grawemeyer Award for Ideas Improving World Order from the University of Louisville. The prize is $100,000.

Charges From Mufti

MOSCOW — The leader of Moscow's Muslim community has charged that the Russian Orthodox Church is riddled with anti-Semitism.

Mufti Ravil Gainutdin said the church is "infected with anti-Semitism" in an interview with *Evreyskaya Gazeta*, Moscow's biweekly Jewish newspaper.

Wurzweiler Rep Here

NEW YORK — A representative of Yeshiva University's Wurzweiler School of Social Work will be in Canada next month to meet students interested in enroling in the summer Block Education Plan and other programs.

Dr. Anita Rotman will be at Toronto's Park Plaza Hotel Nov. 5 to 15; at the Hotel du Fort in Montreal Nov. 16 to 19; at Calgary's Palisser Hotel on Nov. 20; and at the Chateau Laurier in Ottawa Nov. 21 and 22.

Anyone interested in setting up an appointment should contact the hotels.

Correction

In the heartfelt, moving *Letter to a Separatist* written by Bob Rae which appeared on the front page last week, we botched up the author's second paragraph. It should have read:

"We are not conquerors. There are none among us now. The battle for domination in North America is over. Behind us. You and I were not there among the foreign troops. Let's stop pretending we were. There is a history to be learned and respected. There is also a mythology from which we must awaken."

We apologize for the error.

The Editor

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Community watching referendum with concern

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Other than being overwhelmingly in support of the No vote, the mood of the Jewish community on the eve of the referendum is quite different from that in 1980.

"I don't see panic, but there is concern," said Frank Schlesinger, a lawyer who was Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec chair in 1980.

He said he does not foresee an exodus of Jews from Quebec should sovereignty pass. "It's economics, not politics, on which people's decision to stay or leave will be hinged."

Robert Libman, former Equality Party leader and MNA, feels that if the Yes wins a "large number of Jews will give up on Quebec." However, he remains "cautiously optimistic" the No will win with 57 or 58 per cent.

But Libman, 35, admits the role of Bloc Quebecois leader Lucien Bouchard in the last few weeks has made him nervous.

"I hope the Quebec government will realize that to get the province back on track, separation has to be a thing of the past," he said.

"I can't conceive of or absorb a Yes vote," said Monty Berger, 77, a longtime community leader and public relations man, who recently published — in French and English — the book *Lament for a Province: The Tragic Costs of Quebec's Flirtation with Separatism*.

Jews, like most Quebecers, are "fed up" with the seemingly neverending discussion on the province's future, but no one should interpret that as apathy, he said.

The Liberal MNA for predominantly Jewish D'Arcy McGee riding, Lawrence Bergman, has used aggressive language in attacking sovereignty. Speaking in the National Assembly, he called separation "an irresponsible, sly, hare-brained project."

He fears that "the separation of Quebec from Canada will provoke responses we cannot today imagine but that tomorrow we may well live to regret."

Sheldon Hershon, a co-chair of the No committee in D'Arcy McGee, said Bouchard's greater role in the campaign has been a "wake-up call" to the community to not be complacent.

One community member excitedly looking forward to a Yes win is Ghila Sroka, a member of the national Yes committee.

She says she has been a sovereigntist for over 20 years because she is a Zionist. "My whole life I have believed in the right of the Jews to their own state and of the Palestinians to their state, so why should I not support the Quebecois in wanting to take their destiny in their own hands?"

Federalist Jews, she insists, have nothing to fear from sovereignty. "Their life is not going to change. They are free to stay here, if they want to build a country ... But I would ask them to stay at least a couple of years, just to see how capable we are of building it."

The argument that the Jewish community should have remained neutral on sovereignty makes some sense to Schlesinger. In 1980, Congress was firmly neutral and more narrowly defined "Jewish" issues.

By taking a position, Congress has compromised its apolitical, nonpartisan tradition and thereby risks losing credibility when it goes to government on other issues, he believes.

Current Congress Quebec chair Reisa Teitelbaum said Congress' policy is logical to her. "Over 90 per cent of our community is federalist; our position should be a loud and clear No."

One thing Quebec nationalists should not forget, as Berger writes in his book, is that "whatever the complaints of yesteryear, the current population of non-francophones want with all their might to work together with the French-speaking majority ... No matter whence and when they came, these Montrealers are as fiercely proud of their city and their province as any *pure laine* Quebecer."

'I was worried in 1980, too'

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — A decidedly unscientific straw poll of Jews about to say No to Quebec sovereignty for the second time in 15 years revealed an undivided view that Canada would still be around on Oct. 31.

But about half voiced concern that even if federalist forces win the battle, they could lose the war if the "Bouchard factor" makes the margin of victory less than decisive.

It was the "Bouchard factor," in fact, that prompted several of those asked to say they were more anxious about the sovereignty vote this time out.

"I wasn't concerned at all in 1980," recalled Eleanor Sevack, a 49-year-old homemaker.

"I'm less confident now because Mr. Parizeau had Mr. Bouchard take the lead."

Both Bouchard's charisma and the sympathy he gained during his near-fatal illness could appeal to Quebecers, "who are sentimental people," she said.

Joe Cohen, shopping in a neighborhood mall with his wife Rhea, also shared concerns over the influence Bouchard might wield, even if the No forces prevailed.

Joe, who is retired, felt "a little less sure" than in 1980. "Why don't the federalists speak up more?," he asked. "There was a better chance before Bouchard came in. I'm very nervous this time."

Although businessman Ben Freidman, 59, also thought Bouchard might "gain some points" for the sovereigntists by effectively taking over leadership of the Yes campaign, it won't be enough to take him over the top, he predicted.

"I'm not nervous. What's gonna be, will be. I live here and I'm staying here, even though I think the economy would suffer."

Imre Ban, 85, isn't more worried this year. "I was worried in 1980, too," he said. "It's the same thing this year. I don't like this Bouchard. I hope he does not win."

Gloria Jennings, a Quebec resident for 30 years, was one of the few interviewed who sounded a more optimistic note than 15 years ago.

"I know it's going to be a No," she said. "I'm less nervous now. If Rene Levesque didn't do it then, I can see no reason today why it will happen.

"Fifteen years ago, I could see why people wanted [separation]. But if you ask people now, they're better off than their fathers were."

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Rally set for Oct. 29 to protest Branson closing

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An outdoor rally on the hospital's parking lot to protest the closing of North York Branson Hospital is taking place Oct. 29, 2:30 p.m.

A total of 3,000 are expected to attend the rally. In case of inclement weather, marquees will provide shelter and free parking is available on four staff parking lots on the perimeter. The hospital is providing buses at certain pick-up points. Call 416-635-2525.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto will make a submission to the District Health Council (DHC) Oct. 27 at Memorial Hall, North York City Hall, objecting to the closure. The hearing, open to the public, is scheduled from noon to 7 p.m.

For information on making a presentation call 416-222-6522, ext. 264. The council will allow five minute presentations and another five minutes for questions from council memmbers.

"Branson is too important to the Jewish community to lose," said Alan Sandler, chair, of federation's Community Planning and Allocations department. "Branson not only serves the highest patient case load of any Metro hospital, but serves more than 25,000 people over the age of 65, most of them Jewish.

"They're vulnerable and they neeed a neighborhood hospital within quick reach. For them, the extra time it takes to reach another hospital during an emergency could mean the difference between life and death."

Signs proclaiming "Save the Hospital" have sprouted on lawns in the area.

A federation press release said Jewish patients receive 70 per cent of the hospital's critical care for heart attacks and strokes and 60 per cent of x-ray, ultrasound, CT scans and nuclear medicine examinations. In addition, 80 per cent of patients treated for abdominal bleeding and respiratory problems are Jewish as are 65 per cent of the doctors on staff.

A report to the DHC by an NDP-appointed committee recommended that Branson be closed and merged with York-Finch Hospital, except for an ambulatory care facility and day surgery. The report called for $50 million to be spent on York-Finch to make the merger feasible and its timetable proposed that the final merger, and closing of Branson, take place in 1999. Sandler noted Branson's easy access, compared to York-Finch, for Sabbath observant hospital visitors and Branson's special services to meet Jewish religious requirements. The hospital, for example, provides a separate room for someone to keep watch over a patient who has died and a sleeping area for religious physicians on call who want to avoid Sabbath travel.

The report said the closing of seven hospitals in the Metro area would save the provincial government $5 billion over five years.

Gallop expects the DHC's decision on the report will be delivered to the government by Nov. 15 and that the government will act on it by the end of the year.

Monte Kwinter, the Liberal member for Wilson Heights, has promised his support to the hospital which is in his riding, Gallop said. Hospital board members have met with Charles Harnick, attorney general in the Conservative government, who represents the adjoining riding of Willowdale, who gave them a sympathetic hearing, expressed real concern, but made no commitments.

A fundraising night to help Branson fight the proposed closing is being organized at Ford Centre for the Performing Arts Nov. 30 by Ken Bodenstein.

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Rumors fly at Cummer Lodge

TORONTO — "It's like taking your mother and putting her out on the street," said Margaret Bryce, coordinator of the Toronto Mayor's Committee on Aging, refering to a proposal by Metro to close four homes for the aged including Cummer Lodge, in the wake of provincial government cuts.

"The residents of Cummer are up and down, the place is flying with rumors and some people are in tears," said Carl Rees, a volunteer, whose mother is in Cummer. About one-third of the 420 residents of Cummer Lodge are Jewish.

The Mayor's Committee told the Metro financial priorities committee Oct. 20 that it makes no sense to evict about 1,300 residents from homes for the aged, when there is only a one per cent vacancy rate in chronic care hospitals which have a waiting list of 6,048.

"As far as these elderly people coming back to their own homes, many have no homes to go to, and what are you going to do with a 95-year-old?" asked Bryce.

North York Mayor Mel Lastman said he suspects Metro is plotting to sell off Cummer Lodge and renege on a $45-million project to renovate it.

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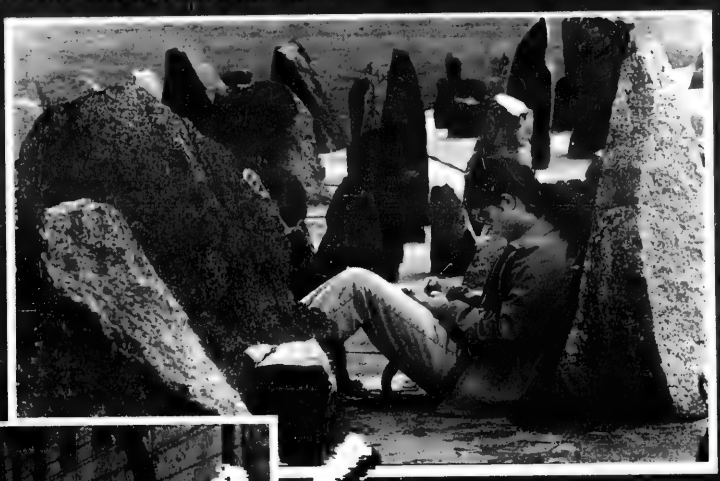

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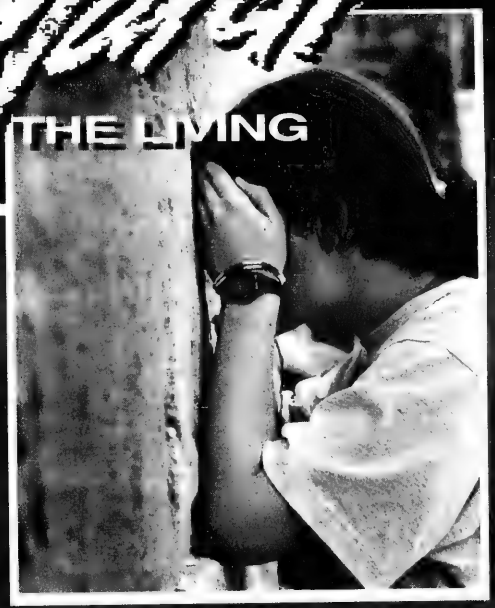

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Hasidic Saying

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Jay Feinberg's doctors 'cautiously optimistic'

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Doctors at the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Centre are "cautiously optimistic" about the condition of bone marrow transplant recipient Jay Feinberg, reports Jay's mother Arlene.

While Jay received his transplant on July 28, and was allowed to return to the family's rented apartment in Seattle, last week he was re-hospitalized for the third time.

An exhausted Arlene Feinberg said that although the transplant has been accepted by her son's body, he appears to have developed chronic graft-vs-host disease, a not uncommon reaction to the transplant.

Doctors are working hard to adjust his medication, a process which is not only medically complex, but is very difficult for the body to contend with.

"Bone marrow transplants are the most difficult kind of transplant," Arlene Feinberg said. "It's a long, slow process."

Jay receives red blood cells and platelets regularly, as well as physiotherapy to build up his strength, mainly as an outpatient.

He has been able to go out for walks around the city, she said.

Although the setbacks are discouraging for him, she said that he is generally in pretty good spirits.

"He is determined to get through this, as we are," she said.

He is still getting a good deal of mail, including from Canada, which, she said, "lights up his face."

In a chilling postscript, she said that she has heard suggestions that the increasing incidences of cancer have been blamed partly on environmental causes, citing cases of seven cancer patients who had lived in one apartment building in New York City.

The family had hoped to be home for Thanksgiving, towards the end of November, and they are still fairly hopeful that this will be possible.

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Tanenbaum donates $10M

TORONTO — The University of Toronto and four affiliated hospitals will benefit from a $10 million private gift earmarked for biomedical research.

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Tanenbaum's decision to fund the program resulted from personal experience. After her late husband Max suffered a stroke, Anne found herself sitting in a lounge in the intensive care unit of Mount Sinai Hospital.

A stranger, not knowing that Tanenbaum and her philanthropist husband had funded the lounge, commented on the wonderful effect their gift had had on her personally. It was then that Tanenbaum, the matriarch of a family that now includes 11 great-grandchildren, began contemplating contributing more to medical research so that others would also benefit.

Anne Tanenbaum

At the Hospital for Sick Children, research at the Centre for Genome Studies, now under development, will focus on seeking genes for use in gene therapy treatments and gaining a better understanding of how these genes function or cause disease when they fail to function properly.

The eventual result will be more effective treatment for children's diseases, said Dr. Manuel Buchwald, acting director of the hospital's Research Institute.

At the other end of the age spectrum, researchers at Baycrest's Rotman Research Institute will concentrate on studying diseases of the brain, such as Alzheimer's disease.

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'Daughter of Zion' to launch Hadassah bazaar

99-year-old attended first event as a teen

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — At 99, Minn Sandler is likely the oldest living Hadassah-WIZO member and certainly the only one to have worked at the first Toronto bazaar held by the Zionist organization some eight decades ago.

On Wednesday of this week, she cuts the ribbon to the 71st Hadassah-WIZO bazaar along with Toronto mayor Barbara Hall.

When Sandler (then Levine) was a teenager and the bazaar was in its infancy, her father and uncle, both cabinetmakers, prepared the booths for the event held at Central Palace Hall on Elm Street.

Minn Sandler

Back then, she belonged to the Nordau Girls chapter, a group of teenagers who met in each other's homes. The group known as Daughters of Zion pre-dated Hadassah in Toronto.

A life member for many years, Sandler is a native of Birmingham, England who moved to Toronto with her parents and four younger siblings at age 10. A clever student, she reluctantly left school at age 14 to supplement the family income.

After a week on the job at Dominion Feather and Flower (manufacturers of trim for women's hats), she was promoted to forelady and her weekly salary was doubled to six dollars, she recalled during a recent interview at her Baycrest Terrace apartment.

Before her marriage to Samuel (Chick) Sandler in 1919, she also worked at Owens and Elms, an exclusive shoe store where she was the only female salesperson.

"Even Lady Eaton came to buy her shoes there, but I didn't wait on her. The owners did. A good pair of shoes at that time probably cost nine or ten dollars."

Sandler's quick mind is not preoccupied with the past, however. Picking through boxes in the apartment into which she moved only a week before, Sandler finds the supplies she needs for intricate French beadwork. "Those are seed pearls," she says, indicating a sample floral spray of her own design.

A self-taught artist and needlework expert, she has created hand-crocheted afghans and embroidered samplers for her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Her latest project is a gift for a great-granddaughter who was married recently. She has just finished embroidering eight napkins and is working on a matching tablecloth with a detailed floral design.

"Busy hands all the time. I never get bored," Sandler says, adding that she has to use a good, bright light for close work now. A touch of arthritis "doesn't seem to interfere."

The matriarch of a close family, Sandler and her husband operated Minn Sandler Antiques on Eglinton Avenue for 20 years. She closed the store shortly after his death in the late 1960s.

Sandler's daughter, Mildred Ulster, is a member of Hadassah's Degania chapter. A son, Eddie, died of multiple sclerosis in 1960.

Sandler credits her own longevity to her sense of humor and the love of her family, with whom she will celebrate her 100th birthday on December 29.

Her diet is probably a longevity factor too. "I have regular meals. I squeeze fresh orange juice. I cooked oatmeal this morning. I have a banana every morning, and I eat a lot of fruit. I really don't feel 99. I think I've always had a lot of energy."

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50th Anniversary

After World War II, the victorious nations attempted to create a form of order out of the unimaginably evil chaos that Germany and Japan had wrought upon the world. Thus, on Oct. 24, 1945, the governments of 50 different countries agreed to the provisions of a multilateral treaty dealing with a broad range of reciprocal duties and obligations on matters of security, economic and social development. They revived the underlying principle, if not the structural organization, of the failed League of Nations, that a mechanism of collective security among peace-loving states was vital for the maintenance of international peace and security. The result was the United Nations.

We hold no brief for the UN. For more than 20 years, starting after the Six Day War in 1967, it was nothing more than a dark, sinister forum for the vilest, basest anti-Semitism orchestrated by the Soviets and joined in by the Arab states. Its lowest point was surely during the period when Kurt Waldheim, bearer of a secret Nazi past, held the post of Secretary-General. Nor has it distinguished itself, even after the collapse of the Iron Curtain Empire during the ongoing crisis in the Balkans.

However, we must not forget the substantial good that was achieved for the Jewish people and for the world on Nov. 29, 1947, at a time when "Palestinian" meant Jew, to partition the already-partitioned Palestine into a Jewish and Arab state.

Thus, as a reminder of all the good that was intended, though so little subsequently achieved, we reproduce the aims of the organization as expressed in the preamble of its Charter.

"We the peoples of the United Nations determined:

To save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and

To reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and

To establish conditions under which justice and respect to the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and

To promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom."

In an ideal world, they would be more than part of a preamble; they would be a way of life.

Your neighbor's honor

People who have, should be neither smug nor self-righteous with people who have not. But last week in the Ontario Legislature, in a bewildering example of behavior to the contrary, the Minister of Community and Social Services suggested to welfare recipients how and what they might eat to literally survive the reductions in their monthly allowances. He made available his shopping guide for the poor and needy of low budget food items costing under $100 per month. In doing so he was being smug, self-righteous and insulting.

The accuracy of the minister's list was irrelevant, as was its substantive, nutritional merit. What was relevant was the sight of the minister suggesting to thousands and thousands of Ontarians the detailed items for their monthly menu. Although he meant no offense, offense was the result. He demonstrated insensitivity to the feelings and sensibilities of the unfortunate people whose needs he is sworn to assist. Poverty is suffering enough. To its pain we should not add embarrassment or indignity.

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'No' supporters are not zealots

I have read your Page 1 articles on the Quebec referendum now for the last few weeks and must respond to their general thrust. Irving Abella on Oct. 5 says that "Canada is a large nation. Our task is to make it a great one." Any country that is repeatedly rated as one of the top five best countries in the world is a great country in my estimation.

Linda Adams on Oct. 12 mentions the language police and the lack of freedom of expression in Quebec, indicating the lack of one very important right that was removed. I object to her calling persons who wish to see a positive result zealots. If you have been paying a blackmailer more than 50 years and he says he wishes to go away and stop requiring the annual payments and you say "G-d speed," I would call that pragmatism not zealotry.

We have had the neverendum for about 200 years. Why should it stop if there is a Yes or No? Why not let the neverendum continue in the new country of Quebec? On the other hand, she says that Canada is decent, civil, equal, fair and tolerant. I have found most of Canada just that, but not to any equal extent in Quebec.

Marvin Jason
Ottawa

Thoughtful vote needed in Quebec

As the referendum campaign progresses, I find myself increasingly embarrassed by the views and news reported in *The CJN*.

It is a foregone conclusion that most Quebec Jews will vote No, but there surely is a distinction between a thoughtful vote and the vote of a blind and anxious herd.

It is interesting to compare our behavior to that of the Quebec francophone community. They have their own share of stereotypes, but they at least seem willing to debate the issues, and their community is very divided on an issue which is really quite complex, even if it has become a little tiresome.

Were there more contact with the Quebec community, most Jews would be shocked to learn that Quebec nationalists want much the same things out of life that they do (the vehicles are indeed different) and they might be less certain and righteous in their voting intentions.

Robert Raphael
Montreal

Keep Branson Hospital open

I recently completed my chairmanship of the North York Branson Hospital Partners In Health Campaign where with the support of the community, we reached and surpassed our $2-million goal. Through the support of donors, North York Branson Hospital now has a state of the art CT scanner, a new four-bed critical care step down unit, a two-bed unit for chronically ventilated patients and another half a million dollars worth of new equipment.

I join Branson Hospital chair, Karnike Doukmetzian in protesting the suggestion that emergency and in-patient services be removed from Branson. A large number of elderly members of the Jewish community require the convenience of Branson Hospital and it is incumbent upon all of us to write to our MPPs immediately and to urge that none of Branson's facilities be closed. This way we can insure that we will not read in the near future of a member of our community dying en route to some distant hospital.

Bert Raphael
Toronto

Needs information about partisans

For a book about Jewish partisans and family camps during World War II, I am seeking survivors who would be willing to be interviewed. I am particularly interested in speaking to individuals who were involved with Tuvia Bielski and Simcha Zorin and who could put me in touch with other former partisans in the United States and Israel. Please either write me at 274 Queenston St., Winnipeg, Man. R3N 0W8 or phone 204-477-2401, ext. 514.

Allan Levine
Winnipeg

To add to Dr. May Cohen story

I appreciated reading the report on the honor bestowed upon Dr. May Cohen of McMaster Centre in your edition of Oct. 12. However, is it not also of interest to readers that her father, Sam Lipshitz, is a *CJN* news colleague, being editor of the weekly Yiddish column, and her mother Manya, an author and teacher?

Ben Kayfetz
Toronto

Seeking Bergen-Belsen survivors

I am a research assistant at Concordia University in Montreal. I am assisting a professor who is documenting the experiences of Holocaust survivors who lived in the DP camp at Bergen-Belsen. We are looking for people who live in Toronto who are willing to be interviewed (on radio).

Interested parties are asked to call Sandra Fishlinsky (collect) evenings from Sunday through Thursday at 514-487-2905 or to write me at: The Montreal Institute for Genocide and Human Rights Studies, Room 611, Concordia University, 1455 De Maisonneuve Blvd. W., Montreal, Que., H3G 1M8.

Sandra Fishlinsky
Montreal

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Perspectives

Every vote is important

By MANNY BATSHAW

"To be or not to be" a Canadian. That indeed is the question for many Quebecers, come Oct. 30. Even the thought of a negative response is distressing and seems almost unthinkable.

Leaving aside the important political and economic arguments against separation, one might approach the upcoming referendum from an emotional perspective, as such considerations will undoubtedly influence the decision of many Quebecers. It is important for federalists to stress what being a citizen of Canada means for all Quebecers. It is, in effect, a passport to achievement and success, as well as a gateway to the world.

My observation is that Quebecers and all Canadians have derived great benefit from the Canadian nation we have constructed together. Quebec francophones have not only made major contributions to Canadian history, culture, politics and the economy, but have inpacted significantly worldwide in various sectors and disciplines. All this, it should be borne in mind, has occurred within the Canadian context. In turn, they have achieved significant prominence socially, economically and politically. Moreover, the French language, which is a source of enrichment for all of Canada, has made much progress in recent decades among the population at large.

All the while, non-francophone Quebecers have also benefited from their attachment to Canada and the province of Quebec. As a pluralistic society, Canada has offered Jews as well as diverse other communities, unique opportunities to enrich their cultural and religious lives. The cultural communities have emerged as an integral part of Quebec society and that of the rest of Canada.

Amidst the heated political debates, we often overlook the extraordinary advantages Canada offers its citizens and lose sight of our common achievements and interests as Canadians. Both our francophone and non-francophone youth will be facing new economic challenges in a society which will continue to be entrepreneur-driven and expected to adapt quickly to the technological changes that will increase in the next century. In this context of increasing globalization, the multiplication of borders will only create greater obstacles for future generations.

On several occasions, I have taken the opportunity to ask a number of those who advocate separation what motivates them. While many admit that they stand to lose economically if Quebec separates from Canada, a number of separatists indicate that they are influenced primarily by a desire to be masters in their own house. Some feel that they have experienced a sense of rejection or a lack of recognition of their uniqueness within the Canadian family. Others believe that independence will enhance the position of the French language and culture.

It is essential that French Canadians reflect upon the reality of their power and influence in determining their own destiny within the Canadian family. They can take extraordinary pride in being Canadian, Quebecers and francophone in much the same way as we Jews are proud of our similar attachments to Canada and to Quebec.

Nationalist movements have generally been a source of discomfort for Jews. While historically Quebec nationalism has included an anti-Semitic component, its contemporary expression is, for the most part, not driven by feelings of hostility toward Jews. While Quebecers are troubled by the consequences of nationalist movements which they view through the media, most recently and notably in Bosnia, many Quebec nationalists maintain that the Quebec expression of nationalism is different. Fortunately, Quebec nationalism is more diverse in its self-expression. The potentially negative effects of nationalism are a source of continued debate in Quebec. This is certainly a healthy sign.

It is still true, however, that many French Quebecers are motivated in their desire for separation by a sense of perceived injury at the hands of and grievance toward their English Canadian counterparts. This persists despite general acknowledgement that many grievances have been addressed. In seeking resolution to this highly emotional and visceral issue, French Quebecers will continue to challenge all Canadians in the future. The misconception of a homogenous English Canada, which is held by too many French Quebecers, is a notion which will have to be corrected in the future.

In presenting a federalist perspective, we must continue to stress that separation is not the best answer for French Quebecers, who can ultimately realize their goals in a country where a strong Quebec and a strong Canada are not incompatible. Rather than resolving perceived tensions between French and non-French Canadians, separation is more likely to exacerbate them. The fracturing of Canada through the loss of Quebec, will precipitate a complicated unravelling process which will impact negatively on both new entities.

I am confident that the Quebec referendum will produce a majority decision in favor of a united Canada. In stating this, I do not suggest that Canadians should become either complacent or overconfident about the outcome. Every vote is important and everything must be done to get the vote out. Beyond casting one's own ballot, friends, one should encourage neighbors and relatives to do likewise. Also those who can volunteer to serve as drivers or workers ought to go to their riding headquarters and offer to help.

I recall the story of the boxer who made the sign of the crucifix in the ring before the starting bell. A spectator turned to a priest and asked him if it would help the boxer. The priest replied, "If he can fight." We must pray, but we also must work hard to achieve the desired result — one Canada.

In the aftermath of a victory for the federalist forces in the referendum, Canadians must look to the future with a renewed sense of optimism. We must commit ourselves to continuing to seek changes to improve our country so that Canadians of all origins can feel increasingly comfortable within our uniquely Canadian mosaic. For many Canadians, this common goal will permit us to continue to grow from "strength to strength."

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Referendum affects all citizens

By GOLDIE HERSHON AND MAX R. BERNARD
Special to The CJN

MONTREAL — As we approach the final days of the Quebec referendum campaign, people across the country await the results with much anticipation, tinged perhaps for some with a degree of anxiety. Canada's Jewish community will be among those carefully watching the outcome to know what effect it will have on our common future.

If the widely predicted victory of the federalist forces occurs, there will still remain a number of important challenges confronting Canadians in the months and years ahead. The issue of national unity has been traditionally viewed as a Quebec problem by many observers who approached the debate with questions like: "What does Quebec want?" However, the stark reality of this referendum has served for many as a clear reminder that the issue of national unity involves and affects all Canadians, wherever they may reside.

The course of the debate engendered by the campaign has made it apparent that the real question facing Canadians as we move towards the next century is "How do Canadians envisage the future?" Interestingly enough, when the Quebec government established regional commissions to consult Quebecers earlier this year about their political future, many groups and individuals chose instead to talk about economic and social change.

Rarely have Quebec separatist leaders drawn the rest of Canada so directly into what they have often described as a "Quebec-only issue." This reluctant invitation to participate in the unity debate is primarily related to the expressed intention of a separate Quebec to negotiate a new partnership with the rest of Canada. Although it may defy the logic of a breakup, the partnership notion as advanced by the separatists has created confusion for a significant group of Quebec electors. On the opposite side, federalist forces are continuing to warn Quebecers of the risks entailed in buying into this idea.

Another major aspect of the current debate is the degree to which the national unity issue is indistinguishable from the economic, cultural and social preoccupations that influence our daily lives. Moving to the forefront in the campaign have been matters of fundamental importance, such as the relationship between the government and its citizens, the issues of identity and belonging, relations between communities and the reinforcement of the democratic character of our society.

As a Jewish community, we can take pride in the role we have played and will continue to play in the process of nation-building. Participation in this debate and, for those of us residing in Quebec, the referendum vote itself, is therefore crucial if we are to have an impact on so many of these vital issues.

Our credibility as a Jewish community and the weight given to our voice by decision-makers and by society as a whole, depends upon our ability to thoughtfully and freely express our needs, our views and our concerns, as is our right and our duty. For that reason, Canadian Jewish Congress has made it abundantly clear that the vast majority of the Jewish population believe that Quebec should remain within Canada.

While politicians have generally taken the lead in attempting to resolve our national crises, there is undoubtedly an important role for individuals and organizations in facilitating discussion and exchange. Throughout this referendum year Quebecers have frequently called for a *projet de société*, a societal project which puts forward a vision of the future. In effect, this is a concern that Canadians share and something which we should offer to examine with our fellow citizens in Quebec. We must work on an ongoing basis to avoid national conflict, by building good will, trust and confidence between all Canadians, whatever their origin or political perspective.

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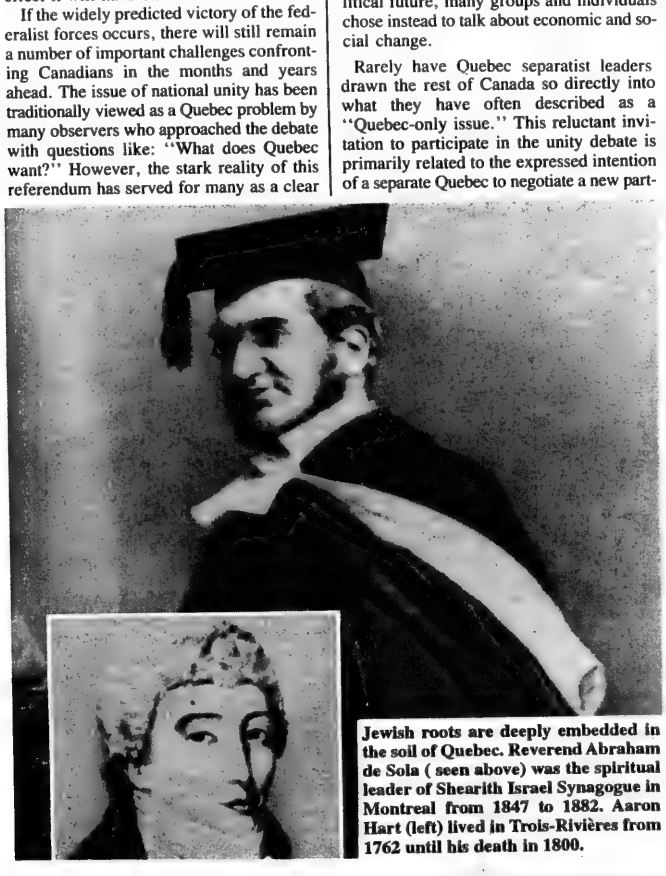

Jewish roots are deeply embedded in the soil of Quebec. Reverend Abraham de Sola (seen above) was the spiritual leader of Shearith Israel Synagogue in Montreal from 1847 to 1882. Aaron Hart (left) lived in Trois-Rivières from 1762 until his death in 1800.

Opinions

'Unconventional' career choice

When I grow up I'm going to be a doctor ... a lawyer ... an accountant ... a journalist ...

A journalist?

By Viva Press

"Journalism? Ha, that's not a *real* profession," one of my former science teachers said, after I told him what I was studying. He couldn't comprehend that I went to university to study journalism.

Then he turned to my friend and asked her what she was studying. When she said accounting, his reply was "now that's a *real* job."

I was hurt that he didn't take my field of study seriously. He seemed to typify a view that many people still have, one which I often run into — that Jews who are serious scholars are supposed to be lawyers or doctors, accountants or engineers, teachers or dentists.

It's only in recent years that my generation's perspective has begun to gain ground. One's credibility in the work world is no longer bound up with fulfilling conventional expectations about what constitutes a meaningful career for a Jewish student. Now there tends to be a much more accepting attitude to Jewish women who are *full-time* journalists.

After I had been accepted at all of the universities to which I had applied, I knew I had a tough decision ahead of me.

I weighed the pros and cons of a bachelor of arts degree versus a bachelor of journalism honors degree. Both degrees have the potential of leading to an indeterminate place in the job market — that is, most likely, no work!

What was it that led me to choose a university that I had never seen, in a place that I had never visited and where I knew nothing about the Jewish presence on campus? The program at the University of King's College (UKC) in Halifax was the incentive.

The journalism program here obligates students to meet the requirements for a bachelor of arts degree, in addition to offering a rigorous immersion in journalism-related courses. In order to remain in this four year program, one has to maintain the honors average set by Canadian universities in all credits.

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The first-year program, a study of Western civilization through literature, a prerequisite for all journalism students, is considered the best of its kind by many universities. This program is worth four credits at King's and is ranked as equivalent to five credits at the University of Toronto.

Unlike a general BA degree, the honors journalism degree here will guarantee that I receive a solid education *and* journalistic expertise. The combination should make it easier for me when I am looking for a job.

But a *Jewish* journalist?

I am the only Jewish student of the 31 students in my second-year class, and among the 150 journalism students attending King's, there are only seven Jewish students. But the low number of Jews at my university does not represent the steadily increasing number of high-profile female Jewish journalists in the media today. After all, Michele Landsberg, Susan Kastner, Lila Sarick ...

Until a few months ago, I felt that I was justifying my choice of career to the Jewish community, instead of being commended for it. It was constantly being pointed out to me that journalism is synonymous with high stress, bad hours, an unusual burnout rate and poor pay. My big break came this past summer when I interned at *The Jerusalem Post* in Israel.

Working in Israel was a whole new experience. Nobody at work asked me *why* I had chosen a profession that can be so volatile. Sure, I was asked what intrigued me about journalism, but there were no inferences that I was headed toward an insecure future. There were no insinuations that journalism is a trade rather than a professional career. There was an atmosphere that couldn't be felt anywhere else: everybody there was like me, *Jewish journalists*, perfectly matter-of-fact and comfortable about their chosen work.

When I returned to Canada, I came back with a new sense of confidence. I now know that I am not studying what is often referred to as a "bird" course, but rather that I am entering a profession that demands ongoing learning.

I am trying to spread the word that journalism, like other non-traditionally perceived "Jewish" professions, is and can be a Jewish career.

I'm not studying to be a doctor or accountant, an engineer or dentist, a lawyer or ...

I'm studying to be a journalist because I want to.

I am Jewish and I'm proud to say that I aspire to be a journalist. Yes, a Jewish journalist.

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'As is his name so is he'

By JACK CHISVIN

"And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, who Sarah bore to him, Isaac" — Gen. 21:2-3.

By Jack Chisvin

"And after that came forth his brother, and his hand held on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob" — Gen. 25:24-26.

And on the 15th day of Av in the year 5755 a son was born unto Karen and David, brother to Deborah and he was named Isaac Jacob — *CJN* 26:10:95.

In biblical narratives children were named the moment they were born, by the mothers and the attending midwives, as the fathers were not present. They usually chose names appropriate to the mother's experience or conditions of the birth itself. Sarah laughed with delight and astonishment when she became pregnant at the age of 90, so she not unexpectedly named her son Isaac, which means laughter. Jacob is a play on the Hebrew word for heel, depicting his entry into the world. In later years he was called Israel, signifying a captain or prince of God.

In the Ashkenazi tradition children are named after deceased loved ones.

Reacting to an instinct to bring back old names, my grandson, Isaac Jacob, is named after his paternal grandfather and great grandfather, perpetuating memory and assuring a Jewish future.

Isaac and Jacob, what nobility and heroism are in those names. Yet, I have been asked several times what my grandson is called in English. I wonder if Isaac Newton's grandfather or Isaac Brock's grandfather was ever asked that question. Jewish parents seem to have gone through several generations of bestowing gentilic names on their children, names without a history, names that rob children of that which would enrich them.

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet." Not so Mr. Shakespeare. We read in the scriptures that "As is his name so is he." There is a further Talmudic comment: "One's name has influence on one's life."

I had a classmate in high school whose name was Hope and she had a sister named Faith. What were the circumstances of those births and were these names of cause or effect? Names reflecting human aspirations often appear in literature. "Charity and Mercy — not unholy names," wrote Charles Dickens.

Some names are so inappropriate that people either change them or revert to nicknames. In our family, everyone is known by their proper given names. When our son, who was just a little guy at the time, was called Howie, as in a famous hockey player of that day, he would assert himself: "My name is Howard" and would proceed to ignore the caller. Today no one would think of calling this strapping six-foot-tall young man, Howie.

"This is My covenant, which you shall keep between Me and you and thy seed after thee: every male among you shall be circumcised." — Gen. 17:10.

"And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old as God had commanded him." — Gen. 21:4.

And on the eighth day after his birth, Isaac Jacob was circumcised as God had commanded unto all generations. *CJN* 26:10:95.

Since the time of the biblical Isaac's circumcision, the ritual has become ceremonial and formalized. There are certain honors confirmed on those attending the ceremony, the highest being that of *sandek* — from the Greek for godfather. The *sandek* holds the child as the *mohel* does his thing and is consequently recognized as the godfather. Isaac Jacob's godfather is his Uncle Howard. In the intimacy of the occasion and in that miraculous communication which only they who share a holy experience can comprehend, the two entered into a covenant of their own. "This is my covenant which you shall keep between me and you and it shall be our bond; I will call you Jake and you will call me Uncle Howie."

Kohelet tells us that every person has three names: one his/her father and mother gave him/her, one others call him/her and one acquired himself/herself. In echoing every grandparent's prayer, I wish that Isaac Jacob may grow up in a life of laughter and may he truly be a prince of God inspired by his patriarchic names.

Seniors are not parasites

I happen to be a senior and a member of the Canadian Association for Retired Persons (CARP), even though the term "retired" doesn't fit me. I retired almost 18 years ago as senior rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple, in order to devote myself to writing and lecturing — but that meant changing careers and not retirement in the usual sense.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

But I am a senior citizen and have come to resent the social obloquy heaped on our age group. In the climate of cost-cutting, everyone who gets money from the government is deemed a likely candidate for being dubbed a parasite. Elders are increasing in number while the work force decreases proportionally. Thus the conclusion suggests itself that we are takers rather than givers.

That view is faulty on two counts.

One, many of us continue to be taxpayers; and if we earn more than $52,000 we have to return our Old Age cheques to the government. As for Canada Pension payments, we paid into the system and considered it a kind of social insurance, and now there is talk that this too will be "adjusted."

Two, some of us are poor and some are not, just as younger people are. The percentage may differ, but the principle is the same.

What the latest issue of CARP's magazine points out forcefully is this: Seniors may not all earn money in the workplace, but they often contribute to the public weal through their voluntary activities. To give just once small illustration: If someone in your family ever was a patient at Mount Sinai Hospital in Toronto, you sat in the surgery or intensive care waiting room and received coffee, advice and emotional support from a senior volunteer. Waiting for crucial news is enormously stressful, and the volunteer was the right person at the right time. Every reader of this column can cite other examples, and CARP lists many of them.

The trouble is that at a difficult and uncertain time, the public is looking for convenient scapegoats. The elderly make a good target and they have few defences to set the record straight. Whenever TV deals with our category, we are almost inevitably shown in a nursing home, confined to a wheelchair and starting blankly at the viewer. The latest statistics show that only eight per cent of all seniors are institutionalized — but the nursing home image persists.

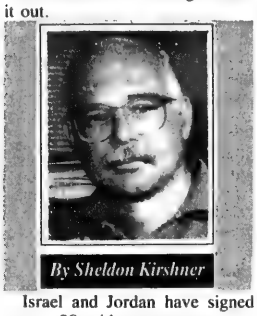
Even the advertising industry, which is usually aware of market opportunities, has fallen into the trap of considering seniors as non-buyers and blandly overlooks them as a potent portion of the consumers. Only the occasional ad is directed at them, and even then it may be demeaning. I don't know whether a certain car manufacturer still runs this blip, but it ran as follows: a senior woman comes into the show room and the first thing the salesperson asks her is not, "What kind of a car do you have in mind?" but "What color car are you thinking of?" Needless to add that the customer fit the proverbial stereotype of the slightly ludicrous: she was of course wearing tennis shoes, and at the end kicked the tire to make sure that the car she had bought was in good shape. The ad managed to demean women and the elderly together as obviously brainless.

Jewish tradition asks us to respect the elderly. The Torah says, "Rise before the gray head and honor the old." I can't remember when someone got up in the subway or bus to give me a seat.

The Kirshner File

Peace with Jordan — one year later

A year after Israel and Jordan formally entered into a peace treaty, the two former adversaries are striving to flesh it out.



By Sheldon Kirshner

Israel and Jordan have signed some 20 side agreements on tourism, aviation, agriculture, energy and the environment since Oct. 26, 1994, the day the treaty was officially promulgated in an elaborate ceremony in the Arava desert.

The treaty — Israel's second with an Arab country since 1979 — has gone down well in Israel, even among right-wing politicians who once imagined that they could solve the Palestinian problem at Jordan's expense ("Jordan-is-Palestine").

But in Jordan, which has a large Palestinian population, it has been denounced by Islamic fundamentalists, secular Arab nationalists and heads of professional associations, all of whom vehemently oppose the incremental process of normalization.

The treaty has been cautiously embraced by the Jordanian elite and the chief pillar of the regime, the armed forces. Jordan's supreme ruler, King Hussein, is one of its warmest advocates, having glowingly described it as "a peace with commitment" and "an honorable peace."

Yet for now, the treaty is more like a pragmatic arrangement between states rather than people. In this sense, it resembles Israel's historic accord with Egypt, where anti-Israel feelings on the grassroots level are still rather common, even after 16 years.

Observers are not surprised by the less than rapturous reception the treaty has received in Jordan. Old animosities, misconceptions and stereotypes die hard, and assuming that a measure of stability and continuity prevail in Jordan, several generations may pass before real normalization sets in.

Certainly, both sides have a vested interest in the treaty.

Israel wants peace and quiet on its once volatile eastern front, as well as Arab recognition of its existence and its place in the region. And of course, Israel hopes that its budding relationship with Jordan will encourage other Arab nations to follow suit.

Jordan — which has been sucked into several wars with Israel and wracked by periods of domestic instability — believes that its rapprochement with Israel will pay political and economic dividends in the form of foreign investment, development projects, Western assistance and debt write-offs, and military support by the United States and other Western powers.

In addition, Israel and Jordan share similar strategic objectives. Both are wary of Islamic fundamentalism and radical Arab nationalism and both desire a realistic solution of the long-simmering Palestinian question. The Jordanian ambassador to Israel, Marwan Muasher, warned recently that bilateral relations would suffer unless the Palestinian issue is satisfactorily resolved.

Jordan has already reaped the benefits of peace. By the terms of the treaty, Israel has returned more than 300 square kilometres of disputed territory and promised to divert 50 million cubic metres of water per annum, to Jordan. Furthermore, some 80,000 Israeli tourists have poured across the frontier, enhancing Jordan's foreign currency reserve. (So far, few Jordanians have visited Israel).

But open borders have yet to yield a boom in trade. Indeed, a trade pact has yet to be signed. Dan Gillerman, president of the Israel Federation of Chambers of Commerce, has said that while Israeli entrepreneurs are interested in the Jordanian market, Jordan's business community is dragging its feet.

The problem may be more complicated than he suggests. Alexander Bligh, an Israeli scholar, claims that Israel and Jordan do not have complementary economies. As he put it: "Jordan can't pay for the things we produce and doesn't produce anything we want."

True or not, the fact of the matter is that Jordanians fear the spectre of Israeli economic domination, one of the reasons why 40 per cent of Jordan's urban dwellers are against the treaty, according to a University of Jordan poll.

No less a personage than Jordan's envoy to Israel acknowledges that the majority of Jordanians have a "lukewarm and guarded" attitude toward the treaty. Jordanians, he said, are reserving judgment until the outcome of Israel's final status talks with the PLO, due to begin in May 1996. These negotiations will deal with complex issues to which Jordanians attach great importance. They include the fate of Palestinian refugees and the status of Jewish settlements in the territories.

The opposition to the treaty is spearheaded by the Islamic bloc, which holds 16 of 80 seats in Jordan's parliament. The Islamists can count on the support of Arab nationalists. When the treaty was submitted for approval last November, it passed by a margin of 55 to 23, with two abstentions.

But King Hussein realizes that even diehard monarchists, who comprise the bedrock of his loyalists, are hesitant. Recently, the minister of state for prime ministerial affairs resigned, citing irreconcilable reservations. And last spring, many Jordanians, ostensibly close to King Hussein, boycotted an Independence Day reception at the Israeli embassy in Amman.

Fearing a massive crackdown, the Islamists have invariably vented their anti-Israel wrath through non-violent means. But five months ago, the police arrested 40 Islamists after two armed men wounded a French diplomat, mistaking him for an Israeli.

For all their efforts, the anti-Israel diehards have basically failed to stop the gradual march toward normalization. Last July, parliament repealed three basic laws which had prohibited the sale of land to, and trade with, Israelis. Then the authorities banned a conference called to denounce normalization.

But professional associations have definitely exerted a chilling effect on normalization.

Examples abound:

The journalists' association expelled a writer who granted an interview to an Israeli newspaper. A lawyer who visited Israel was disbarred. A dentist who treated an Israeli was warned not to do so again.

A visit to Jordan by Israeli school children, designed to reciprocate a Jordanian trip, was blocked. The Istanbul Restaurant, supposedly the sole kosher establishment in Jordan, was forced to close after receiving threats.

Israel, apparently unable to buy or to rent quarters for its permanent embassy, temporarily housed in a hotel, has been forced to build an embassy from scratch.

King Hussein is cognizant of the mood in his country. When he decided to take the plunge and establish diplomatic ties with Israel, he proceeded cautiously, knowing that he had no altervative but to prepare the ground carefully.

Secret meetings

On Sept. 14, 1993, just a day after Israel and the PLO crowned their secret talks with a Declaration of Principles, Israel and Jordan unveiled an agenda for peaceful relations.

A month later, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres went to Amman and initialled an agreement outlining plans for regional development projects and a commitment to sign a peace pact.

In July 1994, King Hussein declared publicly that he would be willing to meet with Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. (King Hussein had numerous meetings with Israeli leaders, but in secret.) Soon afterward, Israeli and Jordanian officials held talks on the border.

On July 25, Jordan and Israel ended their state of belligerency. In August, they announced plans for cooperation in various fields and direct telephone links.

On Oct. 17, Israel and Jordan signed a draft peace treaty, and soon afterward, the treaty was ratified.

Since then, the buds of peaceful coexistence have sprouted in what was once arid soil. And now, Israel and Jordan are moving forward despite resistance.

There are plans to build a joint airport in the Eilat-Aqaba area and a port facility linking the Israeli and Jordanian shores of the Dead Sea; to erect a jointly-managed dam on the Jordan River; and to construct a rail line from Irbid to Haifa.

In short, the treaty is changing the face of Israel's relationship with Jordan, notwithstanding dissident Jordanian voices.

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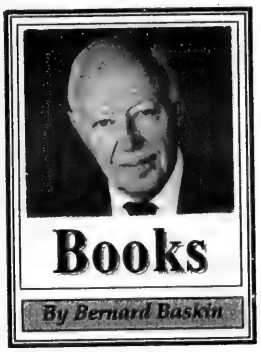


The Jewish Religion: A Companion, by Louis Jacobs (Oxford University Press, $51.95).

This is an ambitious and admirable book. Rabbi Louis Jacobs, among the best known of Jewish theologians, has written a personal, fresh and readable explanation of almost every aspect of Jewish belief and practice, both ancient and modern.

After a concise seven page introduction to Judaism and how it is practised today, Rabbi Jacobs provides a wealth of information in alphabetical form on such subjects as: biblical and modern personalities, fanaticism, homosexuality, mikvah, Hellenism, Zohar, world to come and Zoroastrianism.

Most of the entries are brief; those dealing with major themes receive more extended treatment: God, Talmud, Kabbalah, heaven and hell, study and Zionism.

The following pieces of information, excerpted from some of the entries, indicate something of the author's style and the book's contents.

• *Dead Sea Scrolls.* "It is all very exciting stuff, but, it has to be said, of hardly any relevance to contemporary Jewish religion since it was known, long before the discoveries, that there are variant readings in the Bible and that in the period before the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE there was a proliferation of Jewish sects."

• *Death and Burial.* "It is customary to wash the hands before leaving the cemetery. Two reasons are given for this washing of the hands. One is that it amounts to a symbolic declaration that the hands are clean of having done anything so to distress the deceased as to hasten his death. The other reason is to encourage the living symbolically to wash their hands clean of preoccupation with death, since life must go on."

• *Golem.* "Mary Shelley is supposed to have based her story of Frankenstein on the golem legend ... Maharal of Prague was said to have created a golem in order to protect the Jews of Prague from pogroms. When the golem began to get out of hand, the Maharal took the divine name from his forehead and restored the golem to his dust which is now supposed to reside in an attic in the Altneuschul. When Gershom Scholem heard that the Weizmann Institute at Rehovot had completed the building of a new computer, he suggested that in his opinion, the computer should be called Golem 1."

• *Kapparot.* "Atonements, expiations; the rite in which a live cock is waved around the head on the eve of Yom Kippur and the words recited: 'This is my substitute, this is my vicarious offering, this is my atonement. This cock will go to its death, but I shall have a long and pleasant life in peace.' The superstitious and even pagan element in the rite was recognized as early as the 13th century when it was opposed by many outstanding halachic authorities." Today a substitute sum of money is often given to charity for the cock, and the prayer is worded accordingly.

• *Shatnas.* "A mixed garment of wool and linen. The prohibition against wearing this kind of garment is stated in Leviticus ... It is curious to find that the priests wore garments that contained *shatnas*, which the Rabbis explain as a special dispensation. Some modern scholars have suggested that this is precisely why *shatnas* is forbidden. For a non-priest to wear such a garment is for him to encroach on the sacred ... In the Leviticus verse, the prohibition is mentioned together with those against cross-breeding animals and mixing plants, from which it appears that the idea behind it is to keep species separate as God has made them."

This handsome volume is augmented by an appendix with recommended works of reference.

Extending Abraham's crusade

By RABBI YEHIEL BENAYON

The Torah reveals clear contradictions between the personalities of Noah and Avraham.

Noah was perceived by his contempories as an eccentric. Totally misunderstood, he was quite irrelevant and even irksome to his society. His preaching to them of impending doom was in the form of non-verbal communication. By publicly building his ark, he hoped to impress upon them G-d's displeasure. Instead, he was scorned. In the end, he succeeded in saving only himself and his immediate family. The ark as a symbol is a reflection of Noah, for it too was closed to the world — a small speck on a stormy ocean and of little significance to anyone.

Whereas Noah lost the opportunity to redeem the world, Abraham became the "father" of the world, *av hamon goyim.* Abraham and Sarah offered their belief in a single, all powerful, if invisible G-d. Whereas Noah and his ark were closed, Abraham and Sarah's tent was open in all directions. Like Noah, their presence and message irked some elements of society, but in response they met this with the challenge of inviting, of engaging and of dialogue.

Two distinct characters, one of which is obviously preferred. Yet the Torah does not discount the other: "Noah was a righteous man." Evidently there exists a proper place for all, even for those among us whose Jewish expression we perceive as insular and impenetrable. Like Noah, they are misunderstood — to some a benign throwback, an item of curiosity; to others, at best, grudgingly tolerated as they seemingly build barriers between themselves and a world that they don't comprehend or even care to.

Society likes to identify with the Abraham and Sarah persona; openness, expression and honest exchange are all virtues, symptoms of confidence and strength. Judaism, while accepting and making room for the Noah personality, calls on all to be an Abraham and Sarah to the world. Noah salvaged, Abraham and Sarah saved. Every person, Jew and gentile, in their own capacity, with their own talents, intellect and personality can be G-d's ambassador on earth.

Commenting on the appellation of *Avraham Ha'Ivri*, the rabbis say: "The whole world stood on one side of the river bank (*ever*) while Abraham stood on the other bank [*ever* — hence *ivri*]." Yet Abraham understood this solitude as a void to be filled, a call to bring others unto his side and to populate it.

Similarly, there is a calling for us to articulate Judaism to others, "inreaching" to family, community and society. Abraham and Sarah's best and most convincing sermon was the example that they set forth.

The days when religious observance seemed moribund, its ways as out of style and out of step as those few and elderly who protectively clung to them, are no longer. Today, the face of religious observance is one of school children, of university students and of young adults, all successfully, as well as happily, living a life of meaning and purpose. It is multifaceted, with gifted people of business, academics and professionals within its ranks, persons for whom religion was often a rediscovery rather than a matter of upbringing.

Each of us possesses the capacity to extend the crusade of Abraham and Sarah by opening ourselves, our outlook, the beauty and tranquillity of Shabbat, the love and rhythm in a Jewish family, the inner peace and wisdom inherent in Judaism. Let us open our lives and homes so that others can witness how relevant, fulfilling and possible uncompromising Jewish living can be.

Rabbi Yehiel Benayon is the spiritual leader of Magen David Sephardic Congregation in Toronto.

Jewish Life

Berton recalls Canada's postwar anti-Semitism

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Pierre Berton, who was honored last week at the International Festival of Authors for his contribution to Canadian letters over nearly half a century, began his journalistic and literary career at Toronto-based *Maclean's* magazine in 1947.

In that era, a subtle but persistent form of anti-Semitism pervaded Canadian society.

Berton was one of an increasing number of liberal writers and thinkers who drew attention to this through their work.

He exposed the problem in a thoughtful magazine article, *No Jews Need Apply*, that appeared in November 1948 with the subhead: Ghettos in Canada? Or pogroms? Hardly. But try looking for a job — in engineering, say — if your name is Greenberg.

Two women with similar backgrounds and training each answered 47 newspaper ads placed by companies seeking office staff. One used the name Greenberg, the other Grimes.

Greenberg, who phoned first, was granted only 17 appointments, and in 21 instances was told the job was filled. "In nine other cases," Berton reported, "she got every kind of a brush-off, from a phone slammed in her ear to a polite voice telling her, 'You wouldn't want the job anyway.' "

Grimes, on the other hand, secured 41 appointments. Only in six cases was she told the job was filled.

The firms which had discriminated against Greenberg manufactured or sold a wide variety of products ranging from business machines, construction equipment, hardware or groceries, to insurance, perfume and trucks. One was a social welfare agency. Berton spoke to some of their personnel managers, several of whom freely admitted to "an unwritten law that we don't employ Jews."

Jewish Vocational Services had recently been established in Toronto, Berton reported. Some 113 Jewish job-hunters were polled on whether they had ever been asked about race or religion during an interview and 53 said yes.

Canada's 1941 census graphically portrays the dilemma of the Jew in Canada, Berton wrote. He observed that Jews fared poorly, in terms of promotion, in occupations where they worked for gentile employers.

"The census figures show that in professions where a man is his own boss (medicine, law, dentistry) the proportion of Jews is higher than the 15 per 1,000 part that the Jews form in the total population. (Seven per cent of all lawyers are Jewish; similarly, six per cent of all doctors, five per cent of all dentists.)"

Ironically, these comments from nearly half a century ago seem astonishingly relevant today, indeed almost prescient. In recent weeks, two Toronto radio broadcasters have been censured for controversial anti-Semitic remarks they made on-air about the "disproportionate" numbers of Jews in the Canadian legal profession. Both subsequently apologized.

As a measure of how pervasive anti-Jewish prejudice in Canada was in 1948, one official of the Canada's National Employment Service (NES) even admitted to Berton that little red Xs were sometimes marked on index cards of Jewish registrants.

"This doesn't necessarily mean that the NES employee is discriminating against Jews," Berton concluded. "He knows there are certain firms which will not consider Jewish applications and it would only cause the applicant embarrassment to be sent there and turned down."

Discrimination was rampant in the social world, too. Berton cited multiple instances of Jews being denied membership to numerous country clubs.

He also referred to a May 1948 Ontario legal precedent — "the Schroeder decision" — that apparently made it "perfectly legal for summer resort owners, at least, to sell property on the condition that it not be resold to persons of Jewish race or religion."

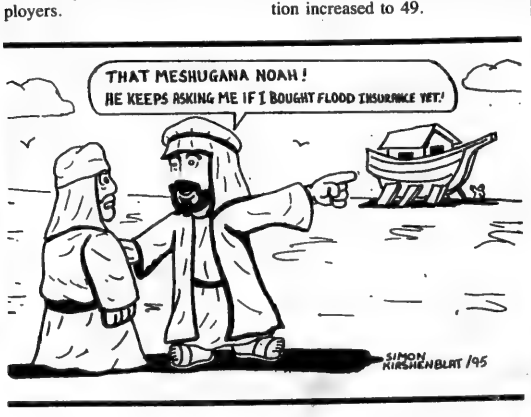
A study of 29 summer resorts in Quebec showed that while someone named Marshall could make a reservation for a two-week holiday at 24 of them, someone named Rosenberg could make a similar reservation at only 12.

A Gallup poll conducted in January 1943 asked Canadians what nationalities they would oppose admitting into the country after the war. "Forty-seven per cent of those questioned said they'd keep out Jews. This answer was all the more startling because it showed that Jews placed next to Germans and Japanese — who were our enemies at the time — as the most undesirable immigrants."

Responding to a similar survey in 1946, the percentage of respondents opposed to Jewish immigration increased to 49.

It seems clear, as one reads of the Canada that Berton describes, that the pendulum has swung a great distance towards multicultural tolerance in the intervening decades. However, instances of anti-Semitic and other forms of racism which have occurred here in recent years may make one justly wonder whether the pendulum has begun to swing back.

That, of course, would be a shame — for all Canadians. "The wall of segregation which today keeps the Greenbergs estranged from the Peabodys is as high as ever," Berton's article concluded. "And like all walls, it can cripple the freedom of men on both sides of it. Until it comes down, it stands in the way of both Jew and gentile — a stubborn and ugly barrier blocking the pathway to the good life."



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Insurance agent Murray Ehrlick was active in community affairs

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Murray Ehrlick, long-time insurance agent and community worker, died here recently from injuries received in a traffic accident. He was 77.

Born in Toronto, Ehrlick attended Harbord Collegiate Institute, where he was honored as the best high school football player in Toronto, before earning an athletic scholarship to Queen's University.

He kept his love of sports all his life, said his wife of 54 years, Edythe (Ede). He played tennis and golf often and well, she said.

He served in the Air Force during World War II, and in 1945 he joined Dominion Life Insurance Co., (now Manulife) where he remained until his death. Most recently, he worked out of the Markham office of the Toronto York Resource Centre.

He was also a partner in his own general insurance agency, Ehrlick & Associates.

Murray Ehrlick

Charles Chaplin, a friend for many years, told *The CJN* that "being involved in the insurance business was a fitting career for someone involved with others," as Ehrlick was.

Ehrlick was involved in communal affairs, including B'nai Brith; General Wingate Branch of the Canadian Legion; Canadian Jewish Congress; the Jewish Camp Council; the Jewish Home for the Aged Men's Service Group; United Jewish Appeal and Senior Care. He held many officer and board positions in those organizations.

He also was a founder and past president of the Maple Downs Golf and Country Club.

Chaplin said Ehrlick was very involved in the recent merger of five Toronto B'nai Brith lodges into Metro Toronto Lodge.

"He felt an obligation for the good things he enjoyed. He tried to repay [that obligation] by helping others," Chaplin said.

"I have never known anyone better liked and respected."

Ede Ehrlick said that the food left over from the shivah was donated to feed the hungry through Second Harvest. "He would have appreciated that," she said.

Besides his wife, Ehrlick is survived by children Allan, Steven and Andrea Goldstein and four grandchildren.

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Child victims remembered

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — With the enthusiasm characteristic of preteens, about 40 students from two midtown Toronto schools dug deep into the earth to plant dozens of tulip bulbs in memory of the child victims of the Holocaust.

"It's really nice to remember people who died in the war," said 10-year-old Alex Molnar, just before he wedged his trowel into the earth at Amsterdam Park, at the corner of St. Clair and Avenue Road.

Molnar, along with fellow grade 5 and 6 students from Deerpark Public School and Brown Public School, was participating in the sixth annual bulb-planting at the park.

The program was inspired by the success of an Ontario Place exhibit in 1989 in honor of Anne Frank, the Jewish girl who hid from the Nazis with her family and others in an Amsterdam apartment. They were eventually discovered and Frank died in Bergen-Belsen.

Frank was remembered by Paul Schellekens, consul general of the Netherlands, who pointed out to the students that she was sent to her death only because she was different.

As the students took turns planting the bulbs, Deborah Gladstone, a teacher at Brown P.S., said the children were "riveted" when Holocaust survivor Robert Engel earlier described to them his wartime experiences.

"That brings the whole situation alive to the children the way movies and books can't," she said.

Engel, past chair of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, said his message to the children was to oppose intolerance.

Others participating in the bulb-planting included three Jewish war veterans, Sam Romberg, Al Labovitch and Reuben Cherry.

Romberg told *The CJN* that the three were in Holland for the 50th anniversary commemoration of the country's liberation. They were impressed that the Dutch children knew about the war. "They go to the cemeteries and plant flowers on all the graves. They're taught about the Holocaust," he said.

Ada Wynston, a hidden child who was born in Amsterdam, said the bulb-planting ceremony was important "to ensure that the growing up generation will be aware of what happened so it can't happen again."

Wynston, who owes her life to the efforts of the Dutch underground, said she was hidden in four different south Holland locations during the war and was liberated by Canadian troops.

Also present was Dick Nienhuis, director of the Dutch Canadian Association of Greater Toronto. There are approximately 50,000 Dutch-Canadians in the Greater Toronto area, he said.

The event was co-sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee and the Dutch community.

Students from two midtown Toronto schools plant tulip bulbs last week to honor Anne Frank and other child victims of the Holocaust. The event was co-sponsored by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Dutch community of Toronto. [Paul Lungen photo]

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Sixteen-year-old Mali Dvir of Thornhill, Ont. will realize her dream of performing in her native Israel. Mali has been selected to perform at two Junior Original Concerts to be held at the Tel Aviv Opera House next month. The nationally televised concerts, sponsored by Yamaha, are under the patronage of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Jerusalem 3000 concert

TORONTO — Come see Israeli muscian/performer and Broadway star, Mike Burstyn, at the George Weston Recital Hall, Ford Centre for the Perfoming Arts in North York, Nov. 8 at 8 p.m.

A popular television star in Israel and Europe, Burstyn has recorded a number of albums, appeared in movies including *Kuni Lemel* and starred in several Broadway and off-Broadway plays.

He he played the title role in the hit musical *Barnum*, was nominated for a Drama Desk Award for his performance in *The Rothschilds* and recently starred as Mike Todd in *Ain't Broadway Grand.*

Also appearing at the concert accompanied by the Jerusalem Dancers will be Toronto's Ne'imot Singers under the direction of Israeli musician Doron Ophir, and Cantor Louis Danto.

The Ne'imot Singers and the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue music appreciation committee are presenting the evening of music, song and humor in celebration of Jerusalem 3000. Proceeds for the evening go to the Cantor Louis Danto Endowment Fund, which provides music scholarships.

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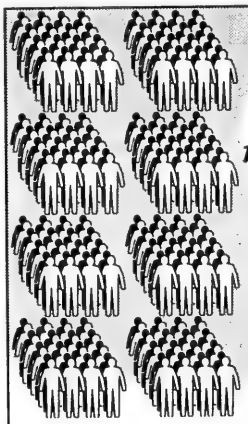
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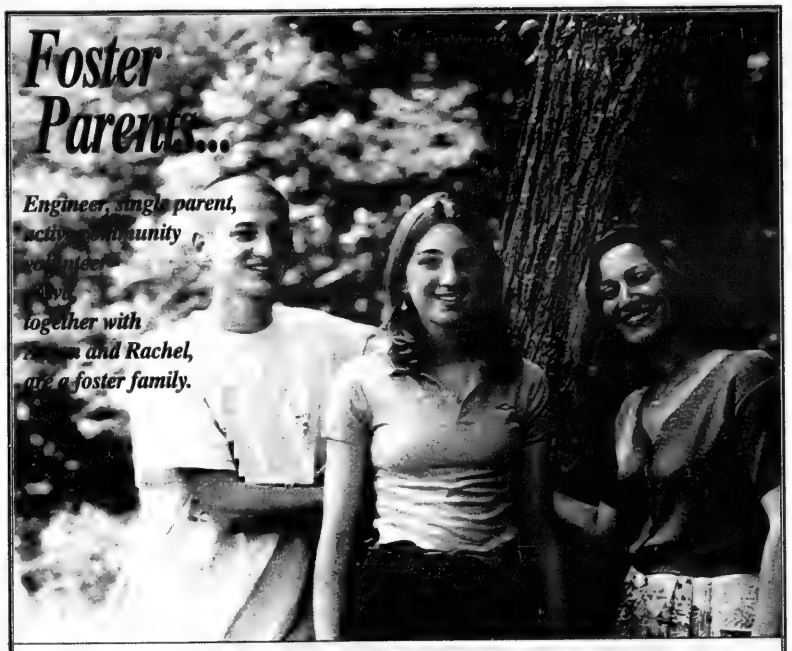

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Israeli feminist honored for working for peace

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A sudden smile transforms Galia Golan's serious and sometimes stern face when she mentions the inroads made by Jerusalem Link, a project combining her passions for promotion of peace and empowerment of women.

The fiftyish Hebrew University professor was honored on Oct. 12 by the New Israel Fund for her longstanding commitment to peace, social justice and women's equality when she was presented with the organization's second annual Alice Shalvi Israel Women's Leadership Award in Washington, D.C.

The American-born Golan made aliyah in 1966 after receiving degrees from Brandeis University and the Sorbonne. She received her doctorate from the Hebrew University, where she has been on staff since 1967.

Galia Golan

In the feminist realm, Golan created Israel's first women's studies program in 1981 and the first and only research centre on women's issues. Together with Alice Shalvi, she founded the advocacy organization Israel Women's Network in 1984.

A former national spokesperson for Peace Now, Golan is also the founder of Reshet, a forum for dialogue between Israeli and Palestinian women begun at the height of the intifadah. The aforementioned Jerusalem Link, with centres in east and west Jerusalem, is an outgrowth of Reshet.

"We have to build bridges," said Golan during a recent interview, a silver dove, the symbol of peace, glistening in her lapel.

While opponents of the peace process have raised the issue of whether Jews can trust the Palestinians, Golan has a different take on the issue. "I don't think it's a question of trust. They certainly don't trust us. When they see the roads to the settlements, they think we're not serious about moving out."

Israel's 1978 peace treaty with Egypt was not an indication of trust on either side, Golan noted. "The hope is that once you have [taken action], you can begin to build some degree of trust."

She noted that there is a Palestinian peace group in Gaza and similar groups "all over the West Bank."

Golan's work with Jerusalem Link and Peace Now is having an effect on the younger generation, she said. "What's encouraging is the interest there is [in programs bringing Jewish and Arab teens together], including fundamentalists and religious kids."

Golan is very optimistic about peace, but hedges when asked how long she thinks it will take. "We're on our way," she says with conviction.

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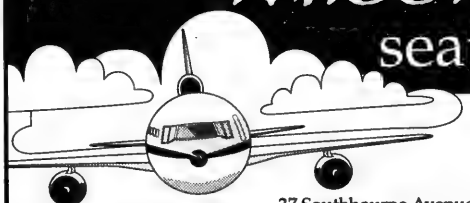

With over 500 participants from across Canada already registered, UJA's Mission 3000 is proving to be the most popular trip to Israel ever!

Elaine Lightstone is looking forward to an "emotional fix." Bev and Morton Stern are excited about briefings by Israeli political leaders and Bev Livshitz wants to "see places that others miss out on."

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You'll also hear Yehudi Kinar, Toronto's new Consul General from Israel, United Israel Appeal Missions Director, Victor Yagoda and warm stories about sharing Shabbat at the Kotel - the Western Wall - and climbing Massada before dawn.

You could even participate in **Mission 3000** for free if you register by the end of the day November 1 and your name is picked during the *Imagine a Mission* night draw.

Mission 3000, celebrating 3000 years since King David designated Jerusalem as Israel's capital, will be touring Israel from top to bottom, including a gala Jerusalem evening.

Based on the experience of two previous missions, Bev Livshitz is looking forward to "getting back into the spirit." Bev and her husband are joining **Mission 3000** for "a great opportunity to meet people."

Mission 3000 will be Bev and Morton Stern's third UJA trip to Israel. "They're very focused," says Bev. "I especially value the access that UJA provides us to political leaders who can talk to us about issues of peace and security."

Although Elaine Lightstone has visited Israel several times, "other tours," she tells us, "just don't compare with what UJA offers."

For more information call Hindy Friedman at the **Mission 3000 Hotline (416) 636-1996 or 636-7655.**

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Talk with artists

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Meet the artists on the upper level of the Carrier Gallery in the Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Ave. W., North York, Oct. 29 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.

Admission is free.

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Leslie Dan named Negev Dinner honoree

TORONTO — Leslie L. Dan, founder, chair and CEO of the Novopharm group of companies, has been named the honoree of the 1995 Negev Dinner of the Jewish National Fund of Toronto.

The announcement was made by Tom Ungar, president of JNF Toronto, at the launch of the campaign leading up to the 47th annual Negev dinner to be held at Toronto's Sheraton Centre Hotel on Nov. 26.

Philanthropist, humanitarian and successful businessman, Leslie Dan arrived in Canada in 1947, a penniless teenage survivor of the Holocaust. He worked at a variety of odd jobs to help pay his way through school, graduating from U of T's School of Pharmacy and then receiving an MBA.

He founded International Pharmacy, which distributed drugs and medical parcels around the world. In 1965, he founded Novopharm, which now employs 2,900 people worldwide, including a staff of 170 devoted to research and development.

Many organizations, groups and health programs have benefited from what Dan calls his "spirit of giving" — Yad Vashem, Mount Sinai Hospital, the universities of Toronto and British Columbia, Weizmann Institute of Science, Baycrest Centre, UJA, JNF, B'nai Brith and many others.

He says he is particularly proud of the record of the Canadian Medicine Aid Programme (CANMAP) which he founded in 1985, supplying medicine and aid to the sick in Third World nations.

But the recipient of his largest gifts is Aish HaTorah, both in Jerusalem and here in Thornhill.

The proud father of three and grandfather of six, Dan insists that his philanthropy is not personal but from and on behalf of his family.

To mark the tribute to Dan as honoree of the 1995 Negev Dinner, the Dan Family Arava Development Project will be launched and dedicated to the memory of his wife Judy. The project will help reclaim major portions of the Arava, the area south of the Dead Sea stretching down along the border with Jordan to Eilat. The project will help to implement JNF's Action Plan Negev.

Co-chairs for the Negev Dinner will be Jack Gwartz and Sheila Engel.

For information on the Negev Dinner, contact the JNF Toronto office.

Launching the 1995 Negev Dinner campaign are (from left) co-chair Jack Gwartz, honoree Leslie Dan, co-chair Sheila Engel and JNF Toronto president Tom Ungar.

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What's New

By Miriam Herman

Saturday, Oct. 28

SHABBATON

Rabbi Jay Kelman speaks on From Noach to Moshe: The Interface of Societal Values and Halachic Norms, 8:30 a.m., lunch included, Mizrachi Bayit, 296A Wilson Ave. Reserve. 633-2507.

FUN AUCTION

Queen City chapter, Jewish Women International, annual fun auction offering new merchandise, theatre tickets, restaurant certificates, hotel weekends and more, 7:30 p.m., Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. $5 per person.

Sunday, Oct. 29

THE OSLO ACCORD

Prof. Emil Fackenheim, Hebrew University Jerusalem, and **Prof. Sally Zerker**, York University, discuss Flaws in the Oslo Accord, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Sponsored by Toronto Zionist Council, Herut-Likud and Shaarei Shomayim adult education committee.

OUR MUSICAL HERITAGE

Holy Blossom Temple's Our Musical Heritage series opens with Avodah Dance Ensemble, a New York-based dance group specializing in Jewish themes, 8 p.m.

SISTERHOOD MEETING

Kehillat Shaarei Torah Sisterhood annual general meeting features Canadian author/artist **Mark Thurman**, 7 p.m.

CUMMER SYNAGOGUE

Cummer Lodge residents and families are set to enjoy a fifth Anniversary Bash with a trio from the Flying Klezmer Band and anniversary cakes, sponsored by the Mitzvah Volunteers for Kehilot Beit Avot of Cummer Lodge, 1:30 p.m.

MASORTI PROGAM

Adath Sholom Synagogue Sisterhood program by the Canadian Foundation for Masorti Judaism has four students speaking on Masorti programs in Israel, 9:30 a.m. **Viki Rumack**, 783-3569.

JEWISH SURVIVAL KIT

Dr. Ira Schweitzer discusses The Jewish Survival Kit for the 21st Century, an interactive session at Temple Sinai. Services 9:30 a.m., breakfast following, program 10 a.m. $3.

JWI MEMBERSHIP TEA

Aquarius chapter, Jewish Women International, Mystique Membership Tea, 2-4 p.m. **Irma** 635-6783 or **Sandy** 756-9721.

BOOKS & BAGELS

Author **Allen Abel** reads from *Flatbush Odyssey — Journey Through the Heart of Brooklyn*, 11 a.m., Bloor JCC. Bagels and coffee. Non-members $8.

PARENTING FAIR

Jewish Family & Child Service York Region Parenting Fair with **Dr. Glen DiPasquale** speaking on Parenting and Discipline in the '90s: Was Grandma Right All Along?, 1 p.m. Rosedale Heights School, 300 Rosedale Heights Dr., Thornhill. 905-882-6750.

Monday, Oct. 30

JERUSALEM 3000

Prof. Ze'ev Mankowitz, Melton Centre for Jewish Education in the Diaspora, Hebrew University in Jerusalem, discusses controversy surrounding the celebration of Jerusalem 3000 in the context of Israel-Arab relations, 7 p.m., Bloor JCC. Sponsored by Bloor JCC and Downtown Jewish Community School.

BIBLICAL JUDAISM

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am features **Aaron Nussbaum** speaking on First Millenium — Biblical Judaism — David, Solomon and the First Temple, 8 p.m.

JWI MEETINGS

Nagillah chapter, Jewish Women International, general meeting, 7 p.m., Beth Tikvah Synagogue, followed at 8 p.m. by an insight into cosmetic surgery with **Dr. Michael Bederman**, cosmetic surgeon, and **Dr. Edward Phillips**, cosmetic dentist, $5. **Marci** 905-731-6939 or **Marilyn** 487-7792.

Sha'aron chapter general meeting features a book review by **Sherri Freedman** of **Carol Shields'** *The Stone Diaries*, 8 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue. Reserve. **Miriam Freilich** 905-731-8287.

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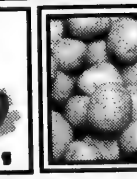

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Wednesday, Nov. 1

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The public is invited to meet **Prof. Yosef Mizrahi**, Ben-Gurion University Institutes of Applied Research, at Canadian Associates of Ben-Gurion University Toronto chapter annual general meeting, 7:45 p.m., Vaughan Estate (grounds of Sunnybrook Health Science Centre). RSVP **Claire Horowitz**, Ontario region, 665-8054 or fax 665-8055.

DEALING WITH DEATH
Pride of Israel adult education series continues with Coping and Dealing with Death with **Debbie Gilbert**, certified death therapist, 8 p.m. 59 Lissom Cres. 226-0111.

FASHIONS & BOUTIQUES
Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Sisterhood Fall Fashion Show and Boutiques: boutiques 6 p.m., show 8 p.m. $20 at door.

Thursday, Nov. 2

AIDS AWARENESS
Beth Tzedec AIDS Chesed committee AIDS Awareness program, 7:30 p.m. Moderator **Ellie Tesher**, *Toronto Star* columnist.

THE WOMEN IN GREEN
Beth Sholom Synagogue presents a lecture by **Anne Walker** on The Women in Green: How to Make Israel "Right," 8 p.m.

And What Else Is New...

ON THE WATERFRONT
The Young Associates of the Israel Cancer Research Fund present On the Waterfront — The Myth and Magic of Atlantis, an evening of mystery, waterfront light show, dancing, Sunday, Nov. 5, 8 p.m., Ontario Place. $25 in advance, $30 at door. ICRF 487-5246.

ART EXHIBIT
A special showing of works on paper and canvas focusing on the Bible by Toronto artist **Hannah Sandberg**, is on view at Holy Blossom Temple through Nov. 13. A reception is set Sunday, Oct. 29, 2-5 p.m.

BETH TIKVAH CLASSES
Beth Tikvah Synagogue marks Jerusalem 3000 with many programs and events. Classes include: An Historical Exploration of the Holy City; Archeological Perspectives with a Historic Beat; A Study of Early Zionism, Its Leaders and Participants; read Hebrew and study about Jerusalem. 221-3433.

KITCHENER/WATERLOO
During Sukkot and Shavuot, Beth Jacob Congregation of Kitchener and Waterloo Club 60-Plus seniors and Youth Group join forces to call at the home of every member to collect contributions of non-perishable food for the Region of Waterloo Food Bank. Over the past five years thousands of kilos of food have been donated.

REFORM MINYAN
Liberal, egalitarian group holds weekly Shabbat services at Bloor JCC, Room 204: Friday, Oct. 27, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 4, 10 a.m.; Friday, Nov. 10, 7:15 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 18, 10 a.m. Service includes Torah discussion, kiddush. 905-844-9341.

ISRAELI DANCING
Israeli dancing classes for women only at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Synagogue (BAYT) starting Monday, Oct. 30, beginners 8 p.m., intermediates 9 p.m. $5 per night.

JWI CHAPTERS
New chapters of Jewish Women International (JWI, formerly B'nai Brith Women) are starting in the Bayview/York Mills and Bathurst north of Steeles areas. 630-9313.

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OR CHAIM KOLLEL
Or Chaim Kollel's fall program offers a shiur every evening. Topics include Gemarah, Halachah, Torah, Jewish Philosophy and Thought. Also a Women's Beit Midrash program Wednesday afternoons. **Jay Kelman** 630-6772.

GROUP RIGHTS
Journalists **Haroon Siddiqui**, *Toronto Star* and **Lorrie Goldstein**, *Toronto Sun* explore Group Rights vs. Individual Rights at the annual Alan Coatsworth Program, Monday, Nov. 6, 8 p.m., Temple Sinai. Vision TV's **Rita Deverell** is moderator of the program sponsored by Young Macabees; Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region; Canadian Council of Christians and Jews; and Temple Sinai. For information, CJC, Ontario region, 635-2883, ext. 175.

JEWISH STORYTELLING
Jewish Storytelling Festival with 25 storytellers features a Gala Storytelling Concert Saturday, Oct. 28, 8 p.m. at Leah Posluns Theatre, and a day of storytelling and an evening cabaret Sunday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m.- 9:30 p.m. at North York Central Library. Information/tickets 440-1330.

CHAPLAINCY VOLUNTEERS
Can you share some of your spare time with seniors in nursing homes and enrich their lives? There are many opportunities to offer friendship and caring. **Toby Maskovitz**, Chaplaincy Services, Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 287.

JF&CS PROGRAMS
Grandparenting Through Divorce workshop, 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 8, deals with grieving the loss of your child's marriage, maintaining a climate of love and security for your grandchildren and remaining neutral during conflict. Information or registration **Pat Lieberman**, 638-7800, ext. 215.

JF&CS Groups — For Women Only (begins Nov. 8); Parenting the Difficult Teen (begins Nov. 2); Looking Ahead (for separated or divorced individuals, begins Nov. 7); Single Parenting (begins Nov. 1). **Pat Lieberman**.

For Seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club plans kosher trips to Arizona, Ottawa, Western Canada, Catskills, Miami. Monday, 1 p.m., **Dr. Julie Righter**, physiotherapist, talks on Holistic Medicine. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel **Dorothy Bloomfield**787-1526.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club Saturday dances Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18; Sunday dances Oct. 29, Nov. 12, 19; movie *Yankee Doodle Dandy* Wednesday, Nov. 1; annual bazaar Sunday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. clubhouse. 395-7881.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Also, Friday, Oct. 27 visit to Art Gallery of Ontario. Be at door 11 a.m. sharp. 661-4689.

Alliance of Seniors and **Association of Jewish Seniors** public forum on changes in health care and social services, pensions, budget taxation, Thursday, Nov. 2, St. Lawrence Centre. Doors open 9 a.m., program 10 a.m. **Goldie Leibman** 635-2860.

LZA Seniors Club tickets available for annual Chanukah party Saturday, Dec. 16, Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave. Discussion Group meets Tuesdays 10 a.m., Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m., Miami registration Wednesdays 10 a.m.

Lifestyle Retirement Communities Forest Hill Place, 645 Castlefield Ave. — Current events issues with **Doug Haddow**, Tuesday Oct. 31, 2 p.m.; **Anna Trabushnik** cantor, Temple Emanu-El, accompanied by pianist **Shaya Petroff**, Wednesday, Nov. 1, 7:30 p.m. Reserve. **Marlene White** 785-1511.

Hebrew classes, two levels, beginners I and intermediate, Fridays, start Oct. 27, BJC. **Teme** 636-1880.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE
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Public affairs forum, Canadian Peacekeepers — Should We Continue Sending Them All Over the World?, Wednesday, Nov. 1, 1:30-3 p.m.

Financial seminar, How to Increase Income and Reduce Income Tax While Interest Rates are Low, Sherr, Bergstein & Crackower, Thursday, Nov. 2, 1 p.m.

Health lecture: Healthy Cooking with dietician/nutritionist **Sharon Zeller**, Tuesday, Oct. 31. Register with **Sandra** at Wellness Desk.

Dance Like a Butterfly, one-woman show performed by **Miriam Samuels**, Monday, Nov. 6, 1:30 p.m.

The movie *Age of Innocence* Sunday, Oct. 29, 2:30 p.m.

Dance to music of Creative Band, Sunday, Oct. 29, 7:30 p.m.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club, meets Wednesdays 7 p.m. **Anna**.

at the JCC/BJC

The Good Age Club of the Bloor JCC is screening a Yiddish romantic whodunnit, *Yiddishe Mama* starring **Esther Fields** (1939), Thursday, Nov. 2, 2-4 p.m. Members $1, non-members $2.

CEREMONY HELD
Pictured at the wreath laying ceremony at the Holocaust Monument in Earl Bales Park are (from left) Julius Kirschner, president, Beth Tzedec Men's Club; Marylyn Light, chair, Beth Tzedec Holocaust Memorial Committee; and Jack M. Grossman, president, Beth Tzedec Congregation.

LISTENER WINS DINNER FOR TWO
Devorah Berkovicz (fourth from left, front row) was the lucky winner of a dinner for two at Chicken Nest restaurant in a phone-in contest run by *The Radio Show*. Callers' names were collected over several days and then the winner's name was drawn. Devorah was the 18th caller. Shown with her are (from left) Beth Jacob fellow students Esther Malka Braun, Henchi Goldstein and Hodel Zahler, who came along for moral support; and *The Radio Show* host Phil Kravetsky, chef Igor Yarochinsky and restaurant owner Shalom Maggazzinich, who presented the prize to Devorah.

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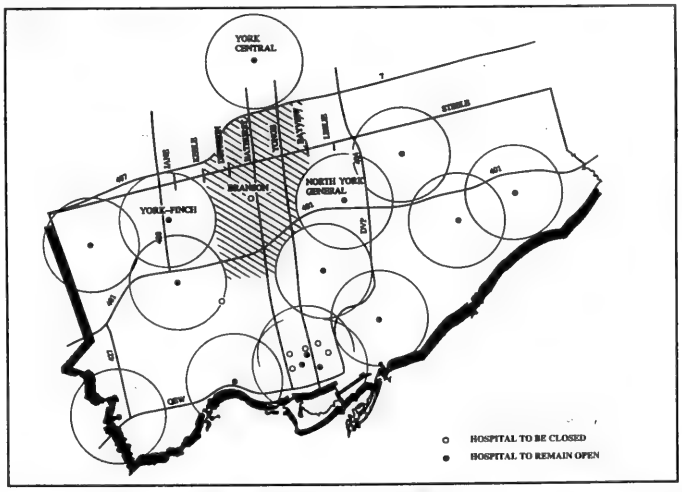

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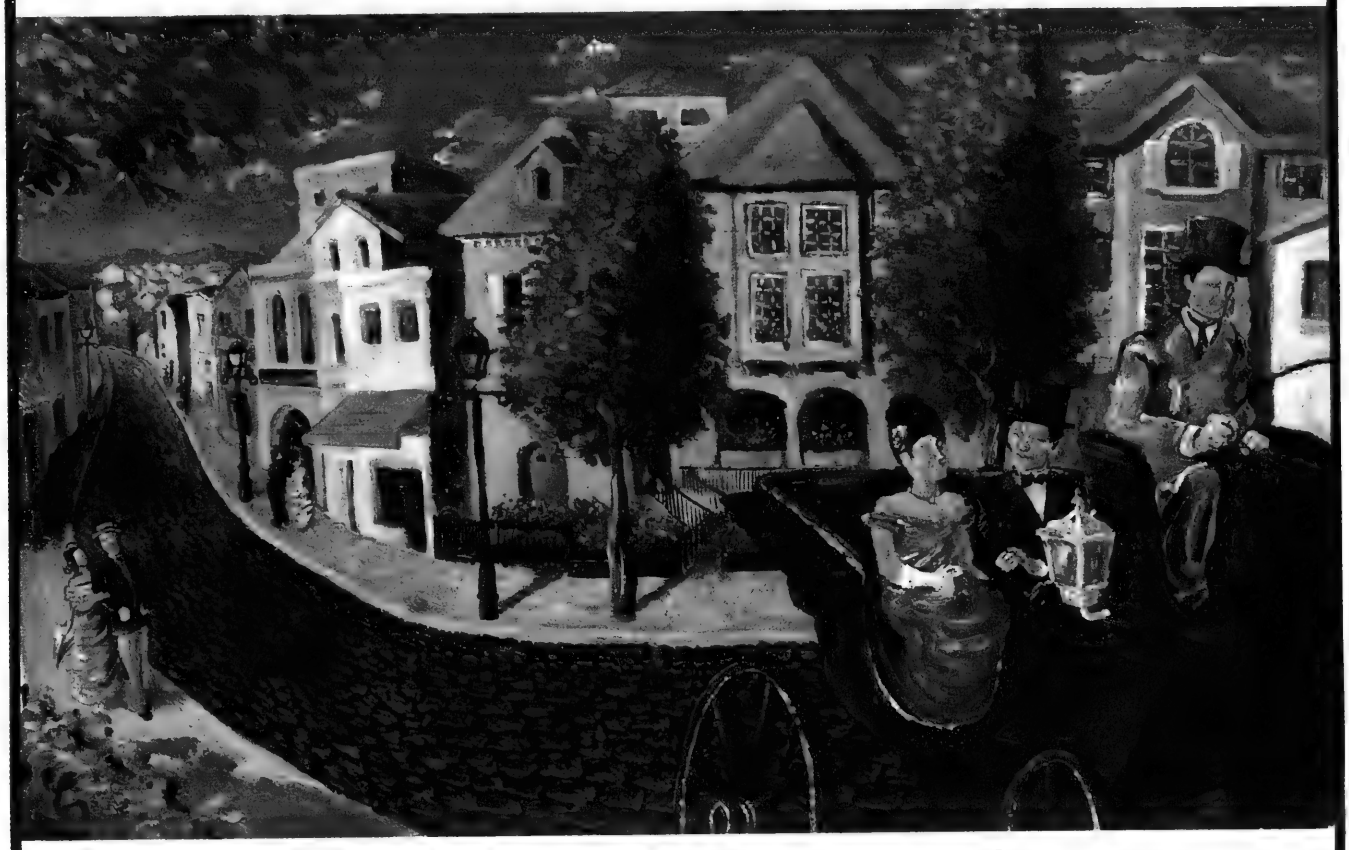

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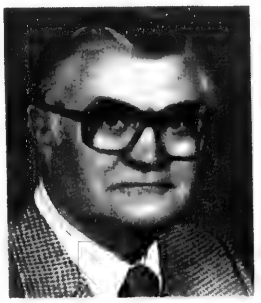
B.C. Press Council upholds complaint about Holocaust article

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent



Doug Collins

VANCOUVER — In a report released Oct. 17, the B.C. Press Council upheld parts of a complaint brought by Lionel Kenner of North Vancouver against controversial columnist Doug Collins and his newspaper *North Shore News*, but dismissed others.

Kenner alleged at a council hearing in July that Collins and the paper violated the council's Code of Practice with published columns on the Holocaust. The council is funded by the British Columbia print media and its function is to monitor the ethics and veracity of what its members publish, according to Jerry Porter, executive secretary.

Council members cannot be sued by complainants, nor can the publication be punished, but it must publish in full the finding of a council inquiry and run the report in a prominent spot in the paper.

Kenner, a retired Simon Fraser University professor, said in his complaint: "I have an interest in an honest press ... What is in question here is not freedom of the press but veracity."

The Press Council agreed with Kenner that a column quoting Israeli scholar Yehudah Bauer about the number of Holocaust victims was incorrect. Collins had quoted the *New York Times* as stating: "The larger figures [number of Holocaust victims] has been dismissed for years except it hasn't reached the public yet."

The council said the *Times* report of Nov. 12, 1989 quoted Bauer as referring specifically to victims at Auschwitz, and Collins used part of it to support his claim that the total number of Holocaust killings was in doubt.

Collins also asked, "What difference does it make whether the figure was six million or 100,000, as was stated by the Red Cross after the war?"

But Kenner provided information from the International Red Cross in Geneva which, said the Press Council report, "unequivocably refutes the authenticity" of Collins' source as genuine Red Cross documents.

The Press Council also criticized Collins for reporting "the gas chamber stuff" in a column which quoted Arno Mayer, a Jewish academic, as saying the sources on the gas chambers are "rare and unreliable." But the council points out that Collins did not finish the sentence and the Mayer report states that while gas chamber reports are ambiguous at times, "it must be emphasized strongly that such defects are altogether insufficient to question the use of gas chambers in the mass murder of Jews at Auschwitz."

The Press Council said the Collins columns on these points "breach the Code of Practice in that they misrepresent the original authors."

The council rejected Kenner's complaint that other points raised in a Collins column breached the code "and is unable to endorse the complainant's contention that Collins and the *News* conspired to mislead or to lie."

The council defended Collins' right to express an opinion when not writing a straight news story, and to "enjoy the widest possible latitude." The council reminded Collins, however, that such freedom "is not licence to alter or misquote the expression of others."

The council said Kenner "has engaged in a war of words with Collins and the *News*," but says it is a dispute the council cannot settle to anyone's satisfaction because the crux of the conflict is insoluble — different versions of "historical truth, held by two strong, articulate men ... The complaint is another chapter in a long, simmering disagreement over an interpretation of history."

The council says it cannot condemn Collins or the *News* "for exercising their constitutional right of freedom of expression any more than it would Mr. Kenner for exercising his. The council believes unpopular or controversial voices must be challenged but never silenced."

Collins has aroused the ire of Vancouver Jews for a number of years and Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region has lodged a complaint against him with the B.C. Human Rights Council, based specifically on a columns about the movie *Schindler's List*, which Collins described as "Schindler's Lies."

The complaint was made under a new section of the B.C. Human Rights Act, which permits action against published material that "discriminates and is likely to expose the persons to hatred or contempt on the basis of race, religion or ancestry." This will be the first test of the law if the Human Rights Council acts on the complaint.

CORRECTION

In the recent article about foster parenting (*CJN*, Oct. 19), the name of the foster family interviewed was David and Tami Rose.

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כאָטש ער איז געווען אַ דיכטער, וי אויך אַ קאָמפּאָזיטאָר, האָט ער נישט בעקענט קיין מוזיק-נאָטן אין די מוזיק צו זיינע פּאָפולערע, אין גוט באקאַנטע, לידער האָבן בעשאיבן יחיאל האָמטאן אין דער לערער פון גע-ואָנ אין מוזיק אין דער העבריאישער גימנאזיע אין קראקע, ברוך שפּערבער.

דער פּרעסטיר כתב יך, וואָס געבירטיק האָט בעראַנגט צום רעדאַק-טאָר פון דער צייטונג „ייִדישער אַרבעטער", איז געווען בעשעריבן אין ייִדיש מיט לאָטיינישע בוכשטאָבן. אין לויף פון צייט איז געבירטיקן נע-לונגען דורכצובראָכן די מויער אין וועלן דער סוזבאָראָר אין דיכטער פון ייִדישן פאָלק אין אַזוי איז געבירטיק געווארן אַ פאָרשפּריסער אין טרעגער פון דער ייִדישער שפּראַך צווישן די מאסן.

אין אַמעריק האָט געבירטיק בעפרוואַרט אויסצודרעסן אויף דער ביינע. אין דער פּרעסטיר וועלט מלחמה איז ער מאָבילידירט געווארן, וי אַלע ייִדישע בוזרים אין בעלימין, אין דער פּראָצעס יזוף ארמיי, אין פּר האָט געאַרבעט אין אַ שפּיטאָל אין קראקע. דאָרט איז ער בעקומען אין קאָנטאַקט מיט זעלנער פון פּאָלישיידעג עסנשע גרופּן אין דער האָבט-בוכגער מדינה, אין פּר האָט זיך צוגעהערט צו וויערע לידער פון ליוי אין פּרייד, וויער בעגקשאָפט צו דער היים, צו וויערע נאַענטע, צו אַן אייגן היימלאַנד. פּר האָט זיך אַנגעזאָפט מיט וויערע מחזק מאָסיון אין פּאלקס ניגונים. פּר האָט וי נאָכהער אייגעפּלאָכט אין זיינע שאָפּונגען.

נאָך דער פּרעסטיר וועלט מלחמה, פּסח 1919, איז אינעם הויז פון עוליק, קאָרעספּאָנדענט פון „פּאָרווערטס" פון נ-יאָרק אין קראקע, מאָרגקומען אַ מאָרגאַמלונג פון שרייבער און זשורנאַליסטן. בעבירטיק איז אויך איינגעלאָדן געווארן צו דעם צוזאַמענזעצף. פּר האָט אַלעמען אינטראַשט, וען פּר האָט אָרויסגענומען פון זיין מאַפּ אַ פּאַסטל-מיינעל אין אַנגעהויבן שפּילן זינע לידער, וועלכע האָבן דאַמאָלס נע-מאַכט וויערע פּרעסטיר שרייט צווישן די מאָסן. הען פּר האָט בעגעדיקט זיין שפּילן אין רעציטירן האָבן די מאָרגאַלטע באשלאָסן צו מאָרעפּנטלעכן זינע לידער, וי אויך גרינדן אַ מאָלאַ מאָר אָרויסגעבן מאָלקס-ביכער. דאָס פּרעסטע בוך, וואָס זיי האָבן אָרויסגעגעבן, איז מאָקע געווען פון מרדכי געבירטיק'ס לידער.

זינע לידער זינען באָומדערט באַליבט געווען צווישן די בויסע מאָלקס-מאָסן, עמך — שפּר אין אייזן, שניידער, שיסטער, סטאָלפּרס אין אַנדערע. אין אַלע שטעט אין פּוילן האָט מען זיי בעזונגען, אויף דער ביינע פון ייִדישן סטאָטער אין וואַרשע, וילנע אין קראקע, וי אויך נ-יאָרק אין בוענאָס-אייִרעס.

סוף צוואַנציקער יאָרן, האָבן די צוויי מחזקער יחיאל האָמטאן אין ברוך שפּערבער באָרבעט זיינע מעלאָדיעס אין בעשריבן מאָר זיי נאָטן. נאָענט מאָר דער צוויייטער וועלט מלחמה איז מאָרעפּנטלעכט בעוואָרן אַ בוך מיט זיינע לידער אין נאָטן.

אין 1938, נאָכן פּאָגראָם אין ייִדישן שטעטל פּשיטיק, אין פּוילן, האָט געבירטיק בעשריבן זיין באָרימט ליד „עס ברענט" (מיין שטעטעלע ברענט). דאָס ליד איז אין דער שואה-תקופה בעזונגען בעוואָרן אין אַלע בעפאָס אין גאנץ מזרח אייראָפּע. אין דעם ליד האָט דער דיכטער ביאיש מאָראַליסטן דעם אָנקומענדיקן שטורעם, דעם פּייער הרשׁעה, מיט אַלע זיינע באָגליימונגען, אין דער צייט וען מהזיגים אין אידאָפּע האָבן באָ-נישט בעזונן בית דער לעצטער מעוט.

אויך אין צייט פון בעסאַ אין חורבן, בית זיין לעצטן אָטעם-צוג, האָט ער נישט אויפּגעהערט זיין שאָנונג-אַרבעט. ער איז אומגעקומען צוזאַמען מיט זינע צוויי טעכטער, אין דער אָקציע פון חודש יוני 1942, אין קראקע.

זיינע לעצטע לידער האָט, ממש מיט סכנת נפשות, אָפּגעראַטעוועט יחיאל האָמטאן. נאָך דער מלחמה האָט זי אַ מייל פון זיינע אַרבעטן איבער-בעפּרט צו דער ויטנשאַפּטלעכער ייִדישער קאָמיסיע אין וואַרשע. שפּע-טער האָט זי בעשיקט די לידער פון בעבירטיק צו שושנה סלגי אין קיבוץ עין דור אין ישראל. שושנה סלגי איז בעווען אַ שותּפֿ-סע צום ראָסעוועהן דעם מאָטעריאַל, און זי האָט דאָס איבערגעגעבן אין אַרכיוו פון „מודשת", וואו זיי זיינען בין היינטיק טאָג.

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From coast to coast

Exhibit captures Theresienstadt's 'texture of fear'

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA—Visualizing Memory, parallel exhibits of the works of Leo Haas, an artist and survivor of the Theresienstadt concentration camp, and the works of contemporary artists from the Anton Lehmden Masterclass at the Academy of Fine Arts in Vienna, opened in Ottawa last week, the first stop on a North American tour.

Organized by the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre and the embassies of Israel and Austria, the show interprets the Theresienstadt experience from two points of view.

The first comes from the 50-year-old works of Haas, a Czech artist deported to the camp in 1942. He was assigned to the Drawing Office of the Technical Department, where he and other artists produced works for the Nazis to sell or use for public relations purposes, to give outsiders the impression that Theresienstadt was an attractive model ghetto.

In secret, Haas drew scenes of the real Theresienstadt, which was a holding camp for prisoners destined for Auschwitz. These prints survived the war and remained in his family's collection. Haas died in 1983 after a career as a professor at the Art Academy in Berlin.

The other half of the Visualizing Memory show are works of master class students who spent about a week at Theresienstadt two years ago at the request of an intern from the *Gedenkdienst* (Serving Memory) Project, a program that allows young Austrians to volunteer at Holocaust memorials in lieu of compulsory military service.

Thirteen young artists from around the world agreed to live on the site of the Gestapo prison and record their impressions of Theresienstadt in art.

"It's haunting when you look at the two exhibits together and see the similarity," says Naomi Kramer, education director of the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre, who helped organize the exhibit. "It's the texture of fear that comes through."

While it is uncommon to use art for Holocaust education, Kramer says, this exhibit shows what a powerful medium it is.

She said the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre had been in contact with the Haas family for several years and had wanted to show his works for some time. The centre learned of the Theresienstadt exhibit by the Master class artists through its contact with the *Gedenkdienst* Project. Several interns have worked at the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre in lieu of serving in the Austrian military.

In addition to the organizers, the show was supported by the Austrian Cultural Institute, the Community Foundation of Montreal, the Canada Israel Cultural Foundation and the Ottawa Shoah Remembrance Committee.

The show closes in Ottawa on Oct. 30 and then moves to Montreal, Quebec City, Washington, D.C., New York and Philadelphia. Kramer said the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre is also working out details for an exhibit in Europe.

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Open your arms to all Jews, Cardin tells meeting

By ABRAHAM ARNOLD
Special to The CJN

DETROIT — Anyone who wishes to identify as a Jew and assume responsibility for teaching Jewishness to his or her children should be accepted as a Jew, whether in the Orthodox, Conservative, Reform or Secular Humanist branch of Judaism, said Shoshana Cardin here recently in her keynote address opening Colloquium 95 on The Unaffiliated Jew.

Cardin, chair of the United Israel Appeal in the United States and a former president of the Council of Jewish Federations, is a lifelong member of the Conservative movement whose husband and daughter are both Conservative rabbis.

She recalled that in the 1990 U.S. Jewish population survey, 1,135,000 Jews identified themselves as secular. "This is a fertile field for secular humanistic Judaism," she suggested.

Many people admit to being Jewish but don't care to join any Jewish group, she said. Jews under 50 are less affiliated and less concerned about Jewishness. And American Jews in the west are even less affiliated than in the east. Many Jews therefore "are definitely not candidates for religious Judaism."

She defined an unaffiliated Jew as one who does not associate with any Jewish groups, of which the synagogue is just one possibility.

She said young Jewish people are asking "What's in it for me?" She warned of increasing remoteness from Judaism with each succeeding generation.

"Assimilation is walking away from Jewishness," she said, adding that she feels assimilation may have reached its peak.

Cardin stressed that "the unaffiliated are not a group but individuals who must be attracted [to Jewishness] as individuals."

Turning to the countries of the former Soviet Union, she said that when it was breaking up, some 1,125,000 Jews were reported to be living there. Since then, 800,000 to 900,000 have emigrated, most of them to Israel. In the same period, more people have revealed themselves to be Jews, and therefore the number of Jews now living in Russia and related countries is still estimated at 1,125,000.

The history of the Jews, she said, "is not the history of *oy vey*. We are responsible for ourselves and for others, and for the totality of humanity. And this is not necessarily because we were created by God."

There is a tendency, she continued, to define Jews as "donors" or as "members." That has to be changed. "We need to redefine what it is to be a member of a Jewish community.

"Jews can be good Jews even if they don't believe in a deity. But don't fight against those who do believe in God," she concluded.

Cardin's keynote address followed the opening of a documentary exhibition entitled Jews and Figurative Art — the First 3,000 Years, organized and curated by Felice Pazner Malkin and sponsored by the Secular Humanistic Institute. The exhibit, comprised of over 75 works of art from ancient to modern times, continues on display at the Detroit Jewish Centre.

Humanistic Jews to meet

VICTORIA — Rabbi Sherwin Wine, founder of the Society for Humanistic Jews, will speak at a public meeting at the Jewish Community Centre here on Nov. 4.

According to a press release from the Victoria Society for Humanistic Judaism, the 26-year-old movement is represented in the United States, Canada, Argentina, Uruguay, France, Belgium, Israel and Australia, which are are united in an international federation.

There are over 30 humanistic congregations throughout the United States and there are 30,000 humanistic Jews throughout the world, the society claims.

Rabbi Wine, who is based in Farmington Hills, Mich., says his movement "affords an alternative to those Jews who are not religious but who value their Jewish identity and wish to observe our holidays and ceremonies with dignity and self-reliance."

The rabbi describes humanistic Judaism as "a fifth alternative," distinct from the Orthodox, Conservative, Reform and Reconstructionist streams.

Victoria is the only Canadian city to have a Humanistic Society, which was formed by Irvine Margolese, a community leader. Meetings are held several times a month and most holidays are observed in accordance with humanistic traditions.

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The contest closes at 5:00 pm on Monday, Nov. 27, 1995.

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The judges will choose six poems, two from each of the three categories, which in their opinion, most poetically and evocatively convey an aspect of the meaning of Chanukah. The "winning" poems will be published in *The CJN* Chanukah issue. In addition, each of the "winners" will receive a cheque for $50.00.

We will undoubtedly receive many worthy submissions. But only six will be selected as "winners". Space permitting, we may publish other poems as honourable mentions. The decisions of the judges will be final. The odds of winning depend upon the number and the quality of submissions received.

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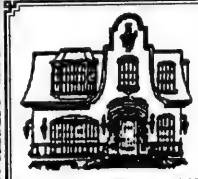

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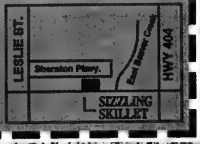

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UN resolution on World War II omits 'Holocaust'

CJN News Services

UNITED NATIONS — On the eve of celebrating its own 50th birthday, the United Nations last week marked the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II with a resolution that irked Israel because of its omission of any reference to the Holocaust.

The resolution noted the "untold sorrows and ravages to mankind" wrought by the war, and "those who fought against dictatorship, oppression, racism and aggression."

Sponsored by Russia and adopted by the General Assembly last Wednesday, the statement took note of the "tens of millions of those who perished in their towns and villages, on the battlefields and in the death camps in a genocide."

But it omitted any specific reference to the Holocaust, despite persistent efforts by Israel to include it.

"This resolution does not mention the Holocaust, but I must," Israel's UN Ambassador Gad Yaacobi said in a short but dramatic statement to the General Assembly immediately prior to the resolution's adoption.

The ambassador said he must make specific reference to the Holocaust "for the six million whose voices have been forever silenced, for the Jewish people, for the state of Israel. And for future generations."

In Israel, officials of Yad Vashem had asked Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to have Israel boycott the UN debate unless it included specific mention of the Holocaust.

In a letter to Rabin, who was among some 150 world leaders to address the General Assembly this week, Yad Vashem chair Avner Shalev and research head Prof. Yisrael Gutman noted the UN had turned down a request by the Israeli delegation to include the Holocaust in its resolution.

This will "encourage neo-fascist, racist and anti-Semitic elements in the world, as well as those who deny that the Holocaust took place," they said in the letter.

By ignoring the Holocaust, the UN is taking a similar stand to that taken by the world when Jews were being wiped out during the war, they added.

Five Israeli suggestions did find their way into the resolution. The word "Holocaust," however, was rejected, in the belief that some non-aligned states would object.

The final language refers to the Jews without specifically mentioning them. The draft reads: "We bow our heads before the tens of millions of those who perished in their towns and villages, on the battlefields and in the death camps in a genocide."

Nevertheless, Israel did not oppose the resolution "because we understood that in order for it to be approved by consensus, as the Russians wanted it, everything in the text had to be universal," said one Israeli diplomat. No "horrors" could be "singled out" without triggering political conflict, he said.

In his remarks before the General Assembly, Yaacobi made specific reference to the impact of the Holocaust on his own family — more than 50 members of his family perished — and on the Jewish people and the State of Israel.

"For the State of Israel, the Second World War cannot be remembered without remembering the Holocaust," Yaacobi said.

"During their 12-year reign of terror, the Nazis directed special fury against the Jewish people," he said. "The Jews of Europe were dehumanized and eventually destroyed."

The U.S. ambassador for special political affairs, Karl F. Inderfurth, was among about a dozen other diplomats who delivered speeches on the resolution.

He paid homage to "the victims of racial and ethnic hatred, in particular those who perished in death camps and the Holocaust."

"We shall never forget their suffering; we commemorate their memory," Inderfurth said.

In his speech, Yaacobi also paid tribute to "the bravery and the heroism of the Jewish people" who resisted the Nazis underground and fought against them in national armies.

World leaders mark anniversary

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

UNITED NATIONS — Some 150 world leaders gathered here last Sunday to mark the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, taking the podium to call for world peace and cooperation and for states to pay the international organization's bills.

U.S. President Bill Clinton called for a global assault on terrorism, organized crime, drug trafficking and nuclear smuggling, in a speech that launched the celebrations.

Speaking to a packed General Assembly hall under unprecedented security, Clinton demanded an international response to post-Cold War scourges which he said "jeopardize the global trend toward peace and freedom."

Clinton's reference to the Middle East was not to the peace process, but to terror. He noted that "In Israel and France, hatemongers blow up buses."

Palestinian Authority Chairman Yasser Arafat, who was number 23 in a parade of speakers determined by lottery, said, "The history of the United Nations is intertwined with the question of Palestine."

The progress toward peace between Israel and the Palestinians had been based on Security Council resolutions and the principle of land for peace, he said. Further, the UN retains a legal, political, and moral responsibility to the Palestinians until they achieve self-determination and national independence, said Arafat, the only speaker to appear on the rostrum in military regalia.

He also noted that a number of critical items still remain on the Israeli-Palestinian agenda, including Jerusalem, refugees and the settlements.

Arafat said the Palestinians had "turned over a leaf" and envisioned a future in which "the Palestinian and Israeli people may live side by side in two independent states."

"I came to you 21 years ago as a fighter for freedom. Today, I come with a heart filled with love and peace," Arafat said, adding that a comprehensive regional peace must include the peoples of Iraq and Libya.

Due to what were described as logistical complications, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin did not hear Arafat's speech.

The other speaker from the region during Sunday's morning session was Jordan's King Hussein, the longest-serving head of state among the assembled dignitaries.

In a quiet speech, he said the Hashemite Kingdom was celebrating the first anniversary of its peace treaty with Israel, and that pilots from Israel and Jordan were flying their first joint formations last Sunday in honor of the treaty and their fallen comrades.

The king limited his references to strife in the region, although he said Jordan had suffered "enormously" from the wars that "led to the tragedy of the Palestinian people."

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Arafat cracking down on terrorists

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Despite its initial reluctance to do so, the PLO has begun to cooperate with Israel in cracking down on Palestinian terrorism.

And concurrently, Israel and the PLO are working together to induce Islamic fundamentalists to join the political process and abandon violence.

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

These are important developments for both sides.

If the Oslo agreements, and indeed his government, are not to wither on the vine, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin needs to show Israelis in no uncertain terms that peace and terrorism are incompatible.

In the two years since the Declaration of Principles was signed by Israel and the PLO, some 150 Israelis have been killed in terrorist incidents. Each killing has left a dent in the peace accords, threatening the viability and longevity of the Labor party government and bringing the Likud one step closer to power.

Yasser Arafat, the PLO chieftain and the head of the Palestine National Authority (PNA) based in the Gaza Strip, is also under immense pressure. If he fails to convince Israel that he is doing his best to combat terrorism, perpetrated in the main by Hamas, the consequences could be catastrophic for his vision of Palestinian self-determination.

Israel can slow or suspend the peace process. Israel can impose further closures on the West Bank and Gaza. Western donors, particularly the United States, can renege on their promises to assist the struggling Palestinian entity.

At first, Arafat made little or no effort to condemn and to deal with terrorism. He feared that he would ignite a Palestinian civil war and that he would lose his popularity.

But of late, as a result of several terrorist outrages perpetrated by rejectionists inside and beyond the Green Line, Arafat appears to have drawn the belated conclusion that terrorism is a two-edged sword which can irretrievably scuttle his dream of Palestinian statehood.

Buoyed by the prospect of taking control of still more territory in the West Bank as part of the Oslo 2 accords, Arafat has served notice that he will not tolerate Palestinian bombers and their fellow travellers.

He has rounded up would-be suicide bombers, arrested Islamic activists and closed, then reopened, newspapers.

Israel has observed Arafat's growing resoluteness with evident satisfaction. Following the Ramat Gan suicide bombing in July, Rabin went out of his way to praise Arafat's evolving steadfastness. And Israeli newspapers reported that the Shin Bet and the PNA's security services have been working in increasingly close and effective cooperation.

It is no secret, for instance, that Israel and the PNA have apparently pooled resources in a bid to hunt down Yehia Ayyash (The Engineer), the notorious Hamas bomb builder-cum-tactician.

Of course, Israel and the PNA have yet to form a full strategic partnership. For example: tension has arisen over the refusal of the PNA to extradite terrorists suspected or accused of murdering Israelis.

In the meantime, Israel and the PNA are trying to coopt Hamas.

With Israel's encouragement, the PNA and the Hamas leadership have entered into a dialogue which, if it succeeds, will produce a cease-fire under which Hamas would participate in forthcoming Palestinian elections and disavow terrorism.

Recently, Hamas officials from Gaza presented such proposals to their leadership in Sudan (a country ruled by an Islamic fundamentalist regime). The results were inconclusive, underlining the fact that Hamas is a deeply riven organization.

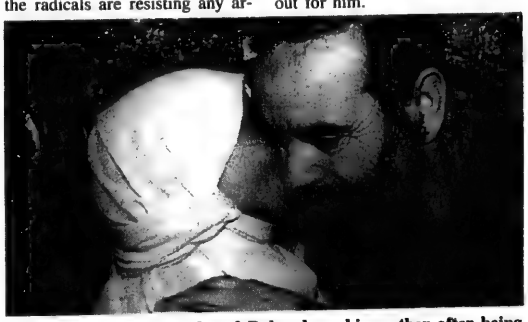
The moderates within Hamas seem ready to turn a new leaf, but the radicals are resisting any arrangement that recognizes the peace process, acquiesces to Israel's existence and accepts the dominance of Arafat's Fatah faction.

Nevertheless, the Hamas/PNA dialogue in the territories grinds on, having already borne one fruit: Hamas has pledged not to launch suicide attacks from areas under PNA jurisdiction. The PNA, however, is seeking a broader understanding whereby all assaults, regardless of origin, would cease.

In this respect, Arafat has the support of the jailed Hamas leader, Sheikh Ahmad Yassin, who has been languishing in an Israeli prison since 1989.

But ironically, Arafat lacks the backing of some of his own apparatchiks. Farouk Qaddoumi — the PLO's foreign affairs spokesman and an opponent of the Oslo peace process — has defended Hamas' right to stage "resistance operations" and criticized the PNA for cracking down on Hamas.

Clearly, Arafat has his work cut out for him.



Hamas leader Sheikh Ahmed Baher hugs his mother after being released from jail after four months of detention. The Palestinian Authority released Baher, Hamas' main spokesman in Gaza, in a bid to steer the Islamic group away from violence against Israel.

The Week in Israel

Oct. 16

• Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin made his third visit in five days to the security zone in south Lebanon. Hezbollah has killed nine Israeli soldiers in the past two weeks. Twenty-two IDF soldiers have been killed in Lebanon this year. Twenty-one soldiers died there in 1994.

Oct. 17

• A special cabinet meeting was held to discuss the situation in south Lebanon. The IDF reported that "mistakes" and operational flaws may have contributed to the deaths of the soldiers in south Lebanon. An investigation was begun.

Oct. 18

• Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran, officer in charge of Central Command, met with residents of Efrat and briefed them on the details of the Interim Agreement. Several residents reported that Biran said the implementation of some aspects of the agreement would be difficult, but that the IDF will do its utmost to ensure the security of the settlers. Biran said that if construction of the Bethlehem bypass road is not completed by the end of December, Palestinian self-rule will only be established in the centre of the city.

Oct. 19

• *Yediot Aharanot* reported that Sheik Ahmed Baher, one of the leaders of Hamas, told the chief of the Palestinian Authority's (PA) security force that Hamas intends to halt terrorist attacks against Israel.

Oct. 20

• The Intel Corporation officially announced its decision to establish a new factory in Kiryat Gat with an investment of $1.6 billion (US), the largest in the history of the state.The government of Israel has agreed to contribute $600 million to the project. In three years, the new factory will reportedly begin exporting approximately $1 billion worth of goods annually. The factory will emply 1,500 persons and will create an additional 3,000 related jobs.

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Cost of Israel's redeployment could hit $1 billion

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — As government and army officials continue to prepare for an Israel Defence Force redeployment in the West Bank — beginning this week in the town of Jenin — senior Israeli army officers have told the cabinet they expect the complete redeployment plan to cost double the planned amount.

Maj.-Gen. Ilan Biran, commander of a sector that includes the West Bank, told cabinet ministers last Sunday that the total cost of the redeployment, expected to be completed by the end of 1997, would hit $1 billion (US).

The revised estimate drew a sharp reaction from Finance Minister Avraham Shohat.

"I totally reject the amount of money that he talks about," Shohat told Israel Television, adding that the government and army had previously agreed that the cost of the redeployment would be $500 million.

In his efforts earlier this year to gain cabinet approval for his 1996 budget, Shohat had engaged in marathon negotiations with the defence ministry and Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin over the cost of redeployment, called for under the terms of the recently signed agreement for extending Palestinian West Bank autonomy.

Meanwhile, Biran and IDF Chief of Staff Lt.-Gen. Amnon Shahak told the cabinet that the redeployment plan was set to move ahead and that Palestinian elections would be held in the territories Jan. 20.

The redeployment from West Bank towns "will be completed at the end of December, with one exception in the case of Hebron," Environment Minister Yossi Sarid told reporters after the cabinet session.

Some ministers expressed doubt that the timetable would be kept.

Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said redeployment would be delayed if Palestinian landowners attempt to prevent the expropriation of land needed to build bypass roads.

The roads would allow Jewish settlers in the West Bank to avoid driving through population centres controlled by the Palestinian Authority.

Agriculture Minister Yakov Tsur told Israel Radio that keeping the redeployment on schedule depends on a number of factors, including the Palestinian Authority's ability to live up to its commitments to curb terrorist activities in areas under its control.

"It will also depend on [completion] of the bypass roads," Tsur said, "and making sure that the Palestinians prepare what is needed to run the elections."

Meanwhile, the army prepared for this week's pullback from Jenin, the first of six West Bank towns from which the Israeli army will redeploy completely by year's end.

The completion of the pullout could take until Nov. 10, Israel Radio reported.

Sovereignty's costs too steep

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be beyond redemption, that overturning the existing order is the only option if fundamental values are to be preserved, that the provocations have been grave.

That is a hard case to make in the case of Canada and Quebec. Certainly there have been many issues which have grated over the past two centuries. Undoubtedly there has been a sense of historical grievance. But that sense of grievance does not correspond to contemporary reality, a situation where Canada is already substantially decentralized, where Quebec has made tremendous progress in rectifying past injustices and already enjoys an exceptional degree of control over many aspects of its destiny, where Quebec exercises influence in Canadian public life well out of proportion to its share of the country's population.

Moreover Canada, including Quebec, is recognized internationally as a superior place to live. Are these the facts on which a convincing case for secession can be built? It is evident that the leaders of the sovereignty campaign do not believe so. Rather they prefer to revive outdated struggles, to incite class conflict and ultimately to play the language and culture card. This is a strategy that will further enervate a society that is exhausted after devoting a quarter century to such activity.

The case for an independent Quebec is weakened even further when we take into account the impact that secession would have on Canada, on Quebec and on Montreal. The effects of the threat of a separate Quebec are already well understood by readers of this newspaper. The costs in economic and social dislocation of the achievement of sovereignty would be substantial, quantifiable and widely experienced. Weighed against the vague promises of how life in an independent Quebec would represent an improvement over the present situation, there should be no difficulty in deciding how to vote. Those of us who live in Montreal share an additional insight. The evidence of the decline of this city is palpable and easily visible to all but the most deluded observer. We have seen the future proposed by the separatists and it does not work!

Whatever its shortcomings, Canada, with Quebec as an integral part, remains a country with many virtues and strengths. As we approach the new century, the challenge for all Canadians is to build on them.

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Canada melds unity, diversity

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The name "Canada" is a Huron-Iroquois word meaning village or settlement. What is a settlement if not a place where people choose to live together, uniting for the widest, common good, respectful of one another, protective of one another, helpful to one another; where they try to find their fulfilment, cherish their traditions and their cultures, and with God's grace, where they are able to watch their children grow healthy and confident, long into their lives?

The "idea" of Canada, a political union almost 130 years ago of two nationalities, two languages and two cultures, forged through compromise and cooperation, has emerged on the eve of a new millennium, as a model and a beacon for the modern world.

Due in significant part to the evolutionary legacy of its founding ethos, Canada has begun to mature into a country which is seen and admired throughout the globe. Countless UN and OECD studies have stated thus. Countless tourists have commented thus. And a ceaseless stream of immigrants has proven thus.

What concerned the opponents of the Meech Lake accord almost 10 years ago, namely, the question of Quebec's distinct society, has since faded into the background. It is no longer an issue. The concern that the recognition of a distinct society would lead to a transfer of greater jurisdictional powers to Quebec has all but vanished. Indeed, as many commentators have pointed out, greater jurisdictional powers are being transferred to the provinces de facto as a result of frightening fiscal deficits and global economic pressures.

Where politicians failed, accountants may succeed!

Once again, life's great leveller, time, may bring down those legal and psychological barricades erected, behind which timid men once hid, resisting change and sabotaging accommodation.

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Do you own part of Israel?

By CARL ALPERT
Special to The CJN

HAIFA — Do you unknowingly own land in Israel? Before you reply in the negative, read on.

There has been a great deal of talk lately about the estimated vast sums deposited by European Jews in Swiss banks prior to the Holocaust, which now remains unclaimed because the rightful owners have perished. In some instances, potential heirs know about the deposits but lack proper documentation to present their claims. We understand that the Swiss banks are beginning to adopt a more humane attitude in view of the special circumstances.

However, our attention has been called to parallel cases of unclaimed property — in Israel. Many years ago, we received a letter from the authorities in the town of Afula, often called the capital of the Emek, asking if we could help locate the owners of large tracts of land which had been pruchased by absentee Zionists.

In the 1920s and 1930s, there was a great campaign to sell land in Palestine to Jews overseas. Energetic salesmen travelled through the United States and Europe and convinced thousands of Jews to acquire title to plots of land, either as a manifestation of their Zionist idealism, or as a possible good investment. At the time, most of this land was located in the sandy wastes then on the outskirts of Tel Aviv, or on the rocky, uninhabited slopes of Mount Carmel, or in farm areas remote from towns or villages.

The prices were not high and in some cases, payment was made on the instalment plan. Men and women who contributed to the Jewish National Fund (JNF) and other campaigns for redemption of the Jewish national homeland were attracted by the idea of owning a plot in the Holy Land. They treasured the attractive, illustrated certificates printed in Hebrew and English, carrying their names. Most never came to inspect their property.

In the meantime, the country has expanded. Some of this property is now located in choice sites and is worth a great deal of money. Some, to be sure, remains undeveloped farmland. There are many cases where the original buyer has long since passed on and his descendants and heirs have no knowledge of the existence of property which could rightfully be theirs.

In many instances, the original owners sold the land, or perhaps contributed it to the JNF, but there is still a great deal of unclaimed property there. Subject to payment of back taxes, it is often retrievable. The local authorities are not to blame. In most cases, letters sent to the registered owners at the last address of record, have been returned. In many cases, while the name of the registered owner remains on the books, Israel's Custodian of Abandoned Property administers the real estate. Israel's laws governing bequests and legacies confer rights even on secondary and tertiary descendants like cousins, nieces and nephews who can provide proof of relationship when the more immediate heirs are no longer alive.

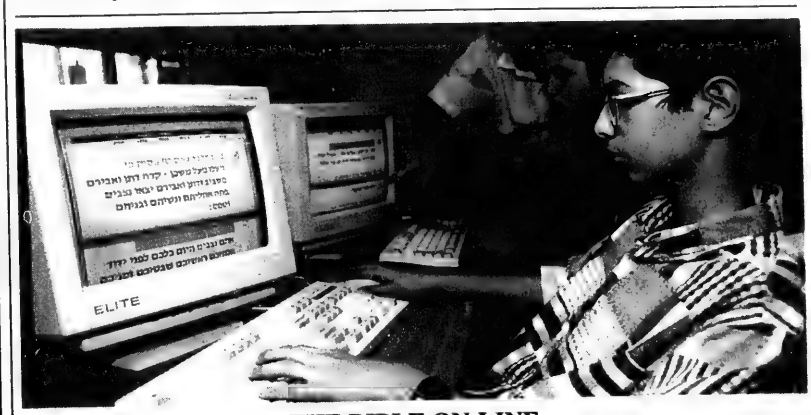
There are plots in Tel Aviv or in choice locations in plush Haifa neighborhoods, which contractors would pay a fortune for, but the owners or their heirs cannot be located. To be sure, there are also some cases where unscrupulous salesmen, preying on Zionist idealism, did not hesitate to sell the same plot to two or even three prospects, and then pocketed the proceeds. Fictitious ownership certificates were issued, but such cases are believed to be few in number.

The subject of back taxes may be troublesome, especially when compound interest and currency linkage is taken into consideration. But for land which has remained undeveloped in rural areas, even the accumulated taxes may not be formidable. Land which has been administered by the Custodian on behalf of the missing owners may have accumulated a sizeable credit balance from rents which have been collected on buildings erected thereon.

What we write of plots of land may be equally applicable to flats in old residential buildings in large cities. Here in Haifa, we know of a relatively large number of old flats which are officially recorded as "abandoned."

So, hunt around in grandpa's old files, if you still have them. You may be the owner of a choice plot on Mt. Carmel, or across the street from the Afula Opera House.

From Canada we find on old lists the names of Leon Heilig, Max Held, Akiva Katzenelson, Abraham Levin, Louis Lipovski, Joseph Magid, Moshe Slonim and Max Miller of Montreal; Louis Friedman of Toronto; Max Miller of Lachine; Jacob Samuel and Leon Freifield of Edmonton; Max Frieman of Vancouver; Yosef Dubitzki of Calgary.



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Three caballeros launch baseball at U of T

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — At the University of Toronto, "build it and they will come" has given way to "organize it and they will play," thanks to the efforts of three baseball-loving students.

Brett Massey, 21, Jonathan Ruby, 21, and David Naiman, you guessed it, also 21, have brought competitive intercollegiate baseball to U of T for the 1995 season.

If they were entrepreneurs, they could take credit for filling a market niche and being on the ground floor of an up-and-coming business, but as U of T students, the three have merely found an outlet for their tremendous love of the game and the desire to be hands-on participants in a baseball venture.

Working under the auspices of the Canadian Intercollegiate Baseball Association (CIBA), they have pulled together dozens of loose strings and fielded a team in only a few short months. They recruited the players, found the coaches, solicited corporate sponsors and publicized the team to any who would listen.

The inauguration of the U of T Blues earlier this season marks the first time in 88 years that the university has fielded a varsity-calibre baseball team. From 1880-1907, the university sponsored a team, but that tradition died and was never revived.

Until now.

The Blues, technically a U of T club, play in CIBA's West Division along with Brock, Durham College, Guelph, George Brown and McMaster. The East Division includes three Quebec universities plus Queen's and the Atlantic Division sports five Maritimes teams.

Last fall, in the league's inaugural season, only four teams participated and McGill won the championship with a 6-1 victory over McMaster.

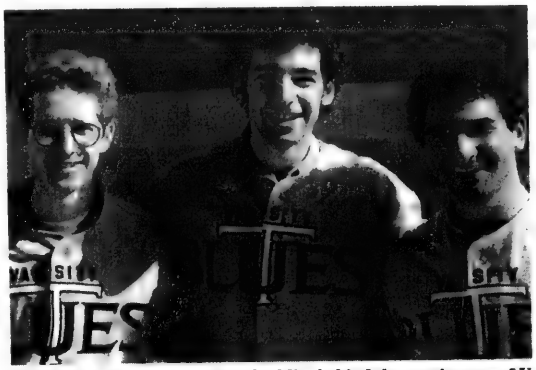
It was while visiting friends in Montreal that the troika learned of the new league and pondered bringing an expansion team to the U of T.

The idea took shape in May when they decided to take the bull by the horns, run it up the flagpole and see if it would fly. They approached Skip Phoenix, the U of T's club director, who agreed to give the team club status along with the right to use the "Blues" name and logo.

They recruited Toronto Maple Leafs (of the Inter-County Baseball League) veteran and two-time MVP Rick Johnston as head coach and longtime East York coach and player Andrew Green as assistant.

Working on a shoestring budget, they publicized the team by pasting up 500 posters during frosh week. About 60 hopefuls showed up on each of four days of tryouts and eventually the roster was pared down to 20. Most are "graduates" of the Metro Toronto League, the city's premiere baseball circuit.

Proving there's no favoritism involved, none of the three caballeros made the team. "We know we're not good enough," admits Massey, a history/political science major and, more importantly, a 14-year veteran of house league and all-star teams in the Thornhill and North York leagues.



Singing the Blues are the three buddies behind the renaissance of U of T baseball, (from left) David Naiman, Jonathan Ruby and Brett Massey.

While they don't get to hit fast balls, chaw tabacca and field grounders, the three can be seen pacing the sidelines at the team's home games at Stan Wadlow Park in East York.

Some of the night games call for thermal underwear, they're so cold, but the players "will do anything to play," said Massey.

With the fall weather compressing the schedule, the team plays 15 games in slightly over one month, with the championship game slated for Oct. 28 in either Toronto or Montreal, Ruby said.

In the meantime, the three students are enjoying the games and learning about running a business. Massey serves as VP in charge of marketing, Ruby, who's studying American politics, is director of player personnel, and Naiman, an accounting student, serves as president and director of finance.

Next year, with the league due to undergo further expansion, the three are hoping to find a home field closer to the university, improve on corporate sponsorship and recruit even more on-field talent.

It's a project they expect to continue until they each graduate, and perhaps by then the team and the league will have proven so successful, the Blues will be granted official Varsity status at the university.

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Jewish alienation examined honestly

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Is American celebrity artist Jonathan Waxman a *nogoodnik* or is he ahead of his time in recognizing that Jewish assimilation is tied to the way the media handles high-profile Jews?

You may or may not find the answer to this in the fascinating play *Sight Unseen* running at the Studio Theatre, Ford Centre, until Nov. 12, by New Globe Theatre. But along the way you will experience scintillating dialogue in the Donald Margulies play produced by Janese Kane and directed with a deft hand by Al Waxman, no relation to the artist in the drama.

In fact director Waxman sets the tone for a cerebral night of theatre with an introductory note:" ... I believe each of us ... arrives at a juncture when and where we need to go back and see again that which we never saw before."

Sight Unseen moves back and forth effectively from the present to earlier days in the artist's life. Besides Waxman, the other characters include his former lover, Patricia, now married to Nick, an English archeologist. The other character is Grete, a blonde and aggressive German journalist, whom Waxman accuses of Jew-baiting.

Though the two scenes comprising the interview between Waxman (Jack Langedijk) and Grete (Barbara Radecki) at a major London, England exhibition of his work, are sandwiched between major scenes, they do contain the play's real message. Pay close attention!

In a way, *Sight Unseen* tackles the problem of Jewish alienation more honestly than do novelists Philip Roth and Mordechai Richler. Though you may condemn Waxman for abandoning Patricia (Ann Turnbull), his "sacrificial shiksa", and, many years later, deserting the shivah for his father in Brooklyn, to attend the London show, you must acknowledge his growing sense of Jewish identity.

All the actors handle their roles with professional competence. As the doughty Englishman, Nick, Victor Ertmanis gets most of the laughs in a play that has a surprising amount of humor, considering its subject.

Ann Turnbull and Victor Ertmanis in a scene from Sight Unseen.

The sets are clever and intriguing, but the small size of the theatre does not allow enough distance between the crowded stage and the audience. This is particularly evident in the prologue where the New York painting studio confronts the theatregoers like a set from *Sesame Street*.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Sun Rises on Sunset Boulevard: As the Billy Wilder-Andrew Lloyd Webber confection *Sunset Boulevard* opens in North York, courtesy of Livent Entertainment, it is fitting to recall that Wilder, born in Vienna in 1906, was one of the fabled Jews who invented Hollywood.

Wilder established his box-office credentials through such masterful and memorable works as *Double Indemnity* (1944), *The Lost Weekend* (1945), *The Seven Year Itch* (1955), *Some Like It Hot* (1959), *The Apartment* (1960) — and of course *Sunset Boulevard* (1950). According to the *New York Times*, the elderly writer-director was "delighted" when Lloyd Webber's stage version of the film noir classic opened in Los Angeles two years ago.

"In the beginning, I was afraid they'd completely reverse the whole thing. But they didn't. In fact, I told them maybe they stuck too close to the screenplay. Maybe they should have moved a little farther away from it."

Sunset Boulevard tells the story of Norma Desmond, a dethroned movie queen who tries to make a comeback to the big screen and encounters tragedy. The film, which opened at New York's Radio City Music Hall in August 1950, received rave reviews and grossed $166,000 the first week, then a record high.

So far, Livent's production has not inspired accolades and hosannas. But the theatrical megaspectacle has had a history of drawing popular acclaim without critical acclaim. Despite mixed reception by drama critics in both London and Los Angeles, it has enjoyed profitable runs in both cities.

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Jewish Fare at Intl. Festival: Two performances of *Else*, a play by award-winning Israeli playwright Motti Lerner and directed by Miriam Goldschmidt, are set for Nov. 3 and 4 as part of the Why Theatre international theatre festival in Toronto.

The play portrays the last phase in the life of the German-Jewish writer, Else Lasker-Schuler (1869-1945), who left Nazi Germany for Switzerland, and made aliyah in 1939, when the play begins. Sponsors of the festival include David and Ed Mirvish and Lufthansa German Airlines. Helen Gardiner Phelan Playhouse, U. of T. 416-978-1504.

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Shaare Zedek Art Show: An art show and sale is slated for Sunday Nov. 5, 1 to 6 p.m. at the home of interior designer Miriam Muller, 246 Hammerstone Cres., Thornhill. Artists represented include Toronto-area artisans Al Green, Gena Tenenbaum and Misha Frid, whose sculptures are regarded as national treasures in his Russian homeland. Proceeds go to the new Woman and Infant Centre of the Shaare Zedek Hospital, Jerusalem. Donation appreciated.

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In Brief: The Yorkminstrels present Frank Loesser's acclaimed musical *The Most Happy Fella*, at the Leah Posluns Theatre, North York, Nov. 25, 26, 29, 30 & Dec. 2 at 8 p.m., with 2 p.m. matinees on Nov. 26 & Dec. 3. 905-271-1532.

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Who's got more chutzpah than North York mayor Mel Lastman? No-body! Yes, that was Mel on stage one evening last week at the Limelight Dinner Theatre, playing the mayor of the town of Bubkes, Sask., in the musical comedy *Chutzpah a Go-Go*. Lastman is gone but the show continues. 416-482-5200.

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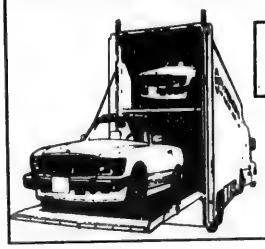

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U.S. offers free trade to autonomous Palestinian area

JERUSALEM — U.S. trade representative Mickey Kantor held talks with Israeli officials last week to iron out details of a free trade zone in the autonomous Palestinian areas that will match those of the 10-year-old U.S. accord with Jerusalem.

Kantor said the decision for reciprocal duty-free treatment for Palestinian and American products "is not an agreement between the U.S. and the Palestinian Authority, [but] is a unilateral step" meant to help the economic aspects of the peace process.

He said the aspects of the duty-free arrangement is that both Palestinians and Americans provide free access to each other's goods; third countries cannot use either side to benefit from the freetrade zones; and the Palestinians do not help the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

Kantor said he did not expect congressional opposition to the Palestinian free trade zone, despite legislation in the House of Representatives that would link American aid to the Palestinian Authority honoring its agreements with Israel.

Israel's Trade and Industry Minister Micha Harish said he supported the U.S. decision for a free trade zone in Gaza, Judea and Samaria. He added that the accord would only bolster Israeli-Palestinian economic cooperation, given their accord to charge an equal customs rate.

Micha Harish

By LISA GALET
Special to The CJN

Job Search is a monthly column by job search consultant Lisa Galet. Readers should forward any questions to The CJN.

So much of the time, resumes sent in response to a job advertisement do not garner a response. If a response is received, often it is a rejection letter. Here are tips to getting a more positive response or a better result from your efforts.

When you send in your two-page resume, do not try to cram those pages full of information. In my business, I have seen hundreds of resumes which need a magnifying glass to decipher. The more time it takes me to read a resume, the less I need to meet the person described, in order to decide if I know of a job placement opportunity for him or her. Surely an employer scanning resumes would feel the same way. If the purpose of the resume is to entice the reader to meet the person being described, then these resumes fail.

The winning resumes use wide margins, bold headings, indentations or bullets to emphasize points that deserve attention. They are written in point form. They keep adjectives and adverbs to a minimum and stay away from three- and four-syllable words. They state name, address and phone number but omit age, place of birth and state of health. They don't detail the work done 20 years ago, but do describe the five main tasks of the more recent jobs. They are on plain white paper. They may have a business card attached to a corner with a paper clip. The best ones indicate the type of work the job seeker is looking for (which shows respect for the resume reader who may have 50 resumes to get through in the space of 15 minutes).

To make sure your resume gets the best attention, send it only when you have a good chance of getting a response. There are many unadvertised jobs for which competition is scarce and your resume is more likely to be noticed. Look for job postings in community centres, organizations sponsored by United Way, the Toronto Centre for Career Action and Times Change. Add to these information you get from calls to employers who are competitors, suppliers or buyers of the place you used to work for. When you call, speak to the person who would supervise the section you could work in. Ask about a current or future opportunity for someone with your skills.

For the best notice, call someone before you send a resume. Tell him or her to expect your package and then hand address the envelope so it is personalized. Say in your attached cover letter you will contact this person in 10 days and then call.

Employers are much pickier these days about the people they are willing to hire; so make sure the words you use, verbally and in writing, deliver a really good impression.

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Holiday travel guides

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
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•*Britain* (Raincoast, $27.95) offers a traveller data on England, Wales, Scotland, Ireland and Northern Ireland. It's a fact-filled book with 200 maps and numerous color photographs. Read it from cover to cover and you'll be an instant expert.

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•*Western Australia* (Raincoast, $17.95) will appeal to readers who seek the unusual in far-off lands. Isolated by forboding deserts, this region offers sand, surf, ghost towns, wineries and forests.

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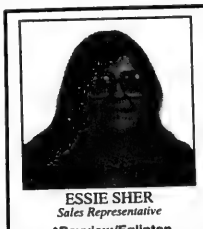

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Dear Jesse,

My mother refuses help of any kind. She is 87 years old and lives alone. I worry about her all the time but I cannot always be at her apartment to make sure she has enough food in the house to eat or if she is taking her medication as prescribed. I have a full-time job and three teenagers living at home. I'm exhausted. I'm over at mother's apartment at least three times a week and have her over for dinner at least once every weekend, either Friday or Sunday night. Mother seems a bit confused, yet she doesn't want CLSC help nor will she let me pay for someone to come in to help her with the shopping, banking and keeping her company. What do I do?

Mrs. J.

Dear Mrs. J.,

Your exhaustion is perfectly understandable, like many other adult children caregivers in our society, you are juggling several roles and a hectic schedule, along with the responsibilities for your aged parent.

Your mother's confusion should be investigated. Consult with her physician and have him/her discuss this process with your mother.

CLSCs often contract with caregivers in sensitive circumstances when, for example, care receivers are uncomfortable about the financial aspects of available services. There are also organizations which provide volunteers to assist the frail elderly with shopping and banking, in addition to offering friendly visiting to help combat the isolation and loneliness.

As for you, please consider joining an adult children's caregiver support group such as that offered by JSSE. Series featuring weekly meetings with other caregivers provide an outlet for feelings such as guilt, frustration and anger, while offering coping strategies for dealing with such natural reactions. Guest speakers offer educational and relevant "food for thought." You owe it to yourself and your loved ones to nurture some of your own needs. After all, a more relaxed and informed caregiver benefits everyone concerned.

Readers are invited to send any questions they have for Jesse to The CJN. *Jesse is the executive director of Jewish Support Services for the Elderly (JSSE) in Montreal.*

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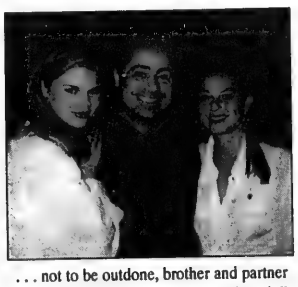

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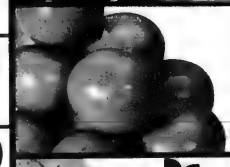

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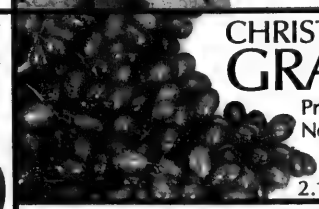

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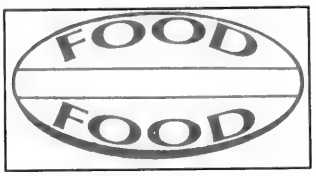

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One...two...three... SAY CHEESE!

By ERIC LAYMAN
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In a competitive business like photography, where anyone who wants to do so can set up shop, how does one identify the true professionals?

If care is taken providing food, drink, music and atmosphere at a party, equal care should be given that which endures: the video and the photos. Budget accordingly, urges Arnold Machtinger of **Photos by Arnold** (905-881-6372). Give photography the budget it deserves; treat it as an essential.

Neither Machtinger nor Sim Posen of **Capture the Day** (512-9271) will quote prices on the phone.

"If you don't like the work and it's free," says Machtinger, "it's still too expensive."

He adds that "people buy from people," and that attention to the client counts as much as technical expertise. As costs can range from a few hundred to a few thousand dollars, one should compare the price asked by different photographers for the same work.

The first thing to do is meet and get aquainted with a potential photographer. Only face-to-face contact lets the photographer show his expertise and his portfolio. If this meeting goes well, most budget problems can be worked out.

No two photographers are alike; each has a distinctive approach. Rather than bring people to the studio, for example, Posen strives to "capture the elegence of everyday life," in settings where his client lives and works; and Machtinger offers instant mementoes of a moment at a party, in the form of small shots which can be worn on a key chain.

Taking pictures is only part of the work. Service is just as important. Service builds the referral network that makes for long-term success.

Machtinger lists his goals as (a) productivity, (b) customer service and (c) making money. He says, "If I look after (a) and (b), (c) takes care of itself."

If he can't do a job, he simply says no. While this has lost him some work, it has earned long-term respect for his honesty and thus helped build that referral network.

Everyone agrees that the photographer should be unobtrusive; he should take his pictures, remember that he is in his client's territory and get out. Let the only complaint be: "There are so many good shots, it's hard to choose."

The photographer should know the state-of-the-art technology; but at present, the older technology is better for parties. Digital technology is still too slow and expensive. The best professional, says Posen, learns innovations through practical work with them. Only thus, for example, will he learn what he needs to use to photograph a candlelight service without using flash. What matters is that the equipment be of good quality, and easy to use.

Moreover, Posen emphasizes, the photographer should not try to plan every aspect of a job in advance. Much of the fun for both him and the client is in things happening spontaneously; and an all-round, versatile approach, which is not too specialized, is best suited to deal with this.

Essential as technical knowledge is, respect for the client's wishes is equally important. The best professionals have what Sim Posen calls "a balance of rapport and expertise."

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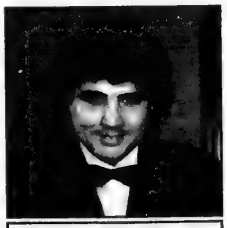

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Food Glorious Food

By ERIC LAYMAN
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Both David Lazar of **Rose Lazar Catering** (416-633-0344), and Miriam Myerowitz of **Miriam's Table** (416-633-6554), agree that for any party to be a success, good food is essential. This being so, the choice of a caterer is vital.

As one of the "stars of the show," the food must be of the best quality. In Myerowitz's words: "Never feed anyone something you wouldn't eat yourself." It should both look and taste delicious; a good chef pays attention to appearances. Not only must it be fresh and well prepared: each course must come on time, neither too soon nor too late. And while the food must "star," the logistics behind its appearance must be invisible.

Myerowitz observes that over the past few decades, food preferences have changed a great deal. Eight-course meals are no longer the norm, even at important functions; and while this is partly a result of the economy, it also reflects the fact that people are more health-conscious and more "choosy."

Quantity alone can no longer impress them. As more people lead a life which does not force physical exertion on them, they exercise more, but eat lighter. Instead of all three of an appetizer, soup and salad, for example, they tend to want only two of these, or even one; and instead of red meat, they often choose chicken or fish.

One major question is: what is the track record of the caterer I'm thinking of hiring? Experience counts for a great deal; so do versatility and good response to a crisis. The larger the function, the more probability something unpredictable will happen. Lazar cites examples of an outdoor function where, unexpectedly, there was no water or electricity, or events where speeches went on so long that there had to be a delay in serving a course.

In-house caterers who have a hall of their own, but also cater other locations such as homes, hotels or outdoors, are perhaps liable to be more adaptable than exclusively in-house caterers. On the other hand, because in-house caterers have their facilities at hand, they may have fewer problems with logistics.

Nowadays, Lazar points out, most synagogues have an in-house caterer. For an in-house caterer, look at the size, layout and atmosphere of the location. Is there enough space? Are parking and other facilities easy to get to? Will your guests feel comfortable here?

A good caterer has rapport with the host, and works well with the other professionals at an event. He also has plenty of contacts in other fields. If something goes wrong — say, if the flowers are delivered to another location — the caterer is often expected to step into the breach, even when the problem is not strictly his responsibility.

Hiring a caterer also requires being clear on what type of food you want, and what your budget can reasonably handle. While you have to spend some money in order to get quality, a good caterer takes pride in offering quality food even for a moderate budget.

Credibility comes from maintaining high standards, even when not all prospective clients insist on them. "I will not take on a function," Lazar states simply, "if it leads to my being discredited."

Other kosher caterers are:
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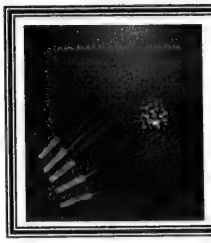

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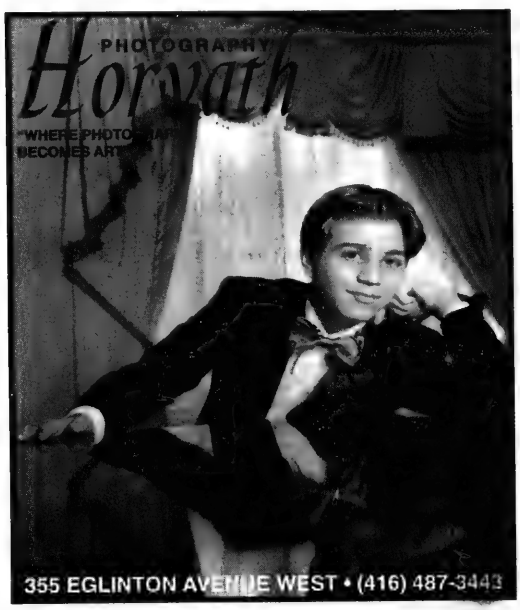

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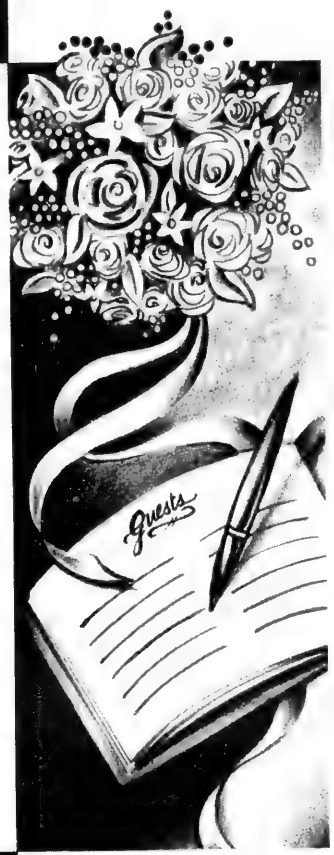

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Choose experienced videographer

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

Choosing a videographer for your simchah should not be left to the last moment.

Because a good video will capture the event and keep its memory fresh, the videographer should be chosen with great care.

One factor to consider is experience. Andy Koltai of **Video Occasions** (905-737-6800) has over seven years' experience. Fred Nelson of **Spotlight Productions**, an offshoot of Fred Nelson Associate (905-886-3210), has been a videographer since 1974. These full-time professionals offer many insights into how to select a videographer.

Quality equipment is important. Koltai, for example, uses a Panasonic three-chip high-resolution camera, giving the edited version of the video shown on the home VCR the quality of a broadcast tape. Anyone who is not a video *maven* can still look for certain technical features like remote control light operation and cordless microphones, which help the videographer be unobtrusive.

"There but not seen," should be a slogan all good videographers live by.

Many videographers offer something to enhance the pleasure of the simchah. Spotlight, for example, offers a kind of puzzle for bar and bat mitzvahs. They start with a black-and-white picture of the baby, which is blown up to two by three feet. Then a picture of the child today, in corresponding dimensions, is cut into pieces like a jigsaw puzzle. Guests are given these pieces, which they then lay over the earlier picture. Putting the puzzle together can be a scene in the video.

The major factor, of course, is the person behind the camera. A good videographer is a technician, but more than that a professional. He is good at working with other professionals like photographers, but above all, he is responsive to the client's wishes and the atmosphere of the event (knowing, for example, when to wear a suit and tie and when to dress casually).

Special effects are fun, but the main purpose of the video is to capture the feeling of the event. Here, says Spotlight's Shirley Nelson, sentiment has its rightful place. As she puts it, the client is the star in his own video.

For the videographer to know what the client wants, the two must meet and establish a rapport well before the event. At the outset, Koltai shows clients a demo tape which offers an overview of his work, including special effects.

Koltai guarantees that the client will get the finished video within 60 days of the event — if he gives the videographer the photos, invitation card and other materials to be included in the video before the event. He insists that there is no such thing as booking too early: six or eight months in advance is not too soon.

Nelson advises calling the videographer as soon as the event is scheduled or as soon as the hall or restaurant is booked.

Other videographers are:
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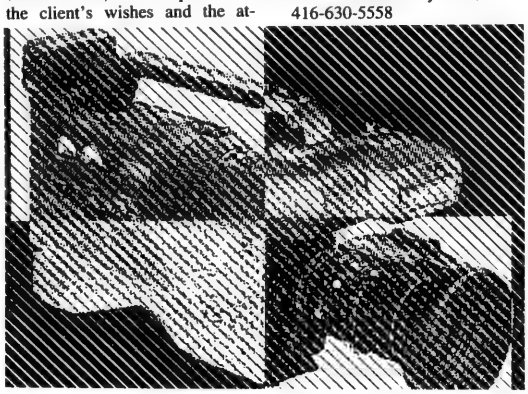

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Decorations make a wonderful impression

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

First impressions are important and nothing makes a better impression than when guests walk into a professionally decorated party.

"Decorations set the mood and the moment guests arrive at a party they feel that mood," says Tammy Goodman, owner of **Artistic Creations** (905-508-8193).

Goodman, 23, who has been in the business for almost two years, says she specializes in creating theme parties such as sports, tropical, music, suns and stars or anything else her clients have in mind.

"Everything is theme related, from the invitations, placemats and sign-in boards to head table signs and stand-up characters."

One of her favorite parties was decorated around a basketball theme. "I had 40 different stand-ups of players with their actual silhouette. They each had on a tank-top with their team logo and we had a large tank top at the head table. The give-away was a tank top with "I slam-dunked at Daniel's bar mitzvah" printed on the front. The guests loved it.

"Other themed give-aways could include T-shirts or mugs with the bar or bat mitzvah child's name on them. Adults want to take home these things as much as the kids and they get as excited about them."

Goodman says she does not have one basic price because she can tailor-make her decorations according to her client's budget.

"I love to decorate. So I can be creative and do a beautiful party on a low budget. My most important consideration is that my clients are happy."

Before she begins each job, she presents clients with a full color presentation, but they do not see the finished product until they arrive at the party.

"It is fully set-up and decorated before they come. They're just thrilled when they see it," she says.

Bella Zaidel, owner of **Perfect Pieces** (905-731-7695) is one of four certified balloon artists in Ontario and she specializes in decorating with good quality helium or air balloons.

"That certification means I get a lot of corporate work, bar or bat mitzvahs and weddings. I can work within any budget and I find that using some balloon sculptures or arches really brightens up any room.

"I find it exciting to decorate a party around a theme, because it can carry right through the party. Even a color or shape theme such as stars or rainbows adds a lot to the decor. I've done a Mexican theme, complete with traditional blankets and bales of hay, or a western theme, in which I decorated the room with cacti, cowboy hats and stand-ups of cowboys wearing bandanas."

Zaidel uses a lot of flowers, lighting and fabrics in her work, and especially for weddings, the three combined can create a romantic, elegant atmosphere.

"Fabrics can be draped on the tables and walls. Pillars adorned with floral arrangements are scattered throughout the room and candles create a warm glow. Imagine what that adds to the atmosphere of the wedding," she says.

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"We specialize in interactive entertainers. Whatever they do, they include the guests and make them part of the entertainment. Whether the hosts have decided to have dancers, disc jockeys or the fun-a-maniac entertainers, they reach out to the crowd and reel them in for the fun. Of course, we never force anyone to get up against their wishes but we have found that most guests are thrilled to perform," says Edwin McMurtry, who owns the company with Garth Riley.

McMurtry says, in terms of value, the Mister Disc Jockey Show "falls somewhere between a band and a disc jockey. There is a gap between record changers and live bands and we fill that gap. We come dressed in formal attire and we stand out on stage like entertainers. Every booking is treated like a performance.

"We can also work along with a band so that both acts complement each other. We work seamlessly so when a band ends on one song, we pick up the same song and in turn, we finish with a song the band can jam in on. We are both concerned with making your party great. So we work together to do just that."

He says the Mister Disc Jockey Show uses only professional audio equipment in order to achieve "a full, big sound instead of a loud sound. We usually take up to two hours to put audio equipment into a room before a show, and we have spent almost a whole day before we did a show in a hockey arena. In that case, we brought our own stage, put in carpeting, lights and a plexiglass podium."

He says the Mister Disc Jockey Show specializes in props and choreography, and performers have come dressed like the Village People, the Beatles or any number of musical groups.

"We've found that people like to watch the performers at first, but then after awhile, they are itching to get up on stage. One of the favorites is getting up on stage with the entertainer, dressing up like one of the Village People and belting out the perennial favorite, *YMCA*. Some of our entertainers are expert line dancers and teach the guests a few dances."

Those who want a little more than singing and dancing can have the Fun-A-Maniacs organize games such as the Great Canadian Rock Challenge or a cross dressing relay.

"They are able to bring out the people and really get them going. They bring the crowd along to the height of participation.

"A live camera that films people as they enter, dance or mingle can be played back during the evening and the people eat it up. They just love seeing themselves on screen. We bring in a nine by 12 screen with finished trim so it looks entirely professional. A Speak Your Mind corner could have guests saying something about the bride and groom or bar or bat mitzvah child," says McMurtry.

He says what impresses people when they attend a Mister Jockey Show party is the "boundless energy of the entertainers. They are up there dancing and performing and making sure everyone is having a good time. They work hard at being entertainers. People cannot help but be drawn into the fun."

McMurtry stresses that they are flexible and can work within any budget. "We can tailor a show to whatever our client can afford. We have done an elegant show for $600. We are only as good as our last show and we work hard to make sure everyone is pleased."

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PARTY PLANNER

Turning the ordinary room into something quite extraordinary

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

No two party rental services are alike. Mary Bien of **Chair Decor** (905-731-9217) stresses that the decor is part of the atmosphere; Dennis Higgins of **Higgins Party Rentals** (241-8564) wants his contribution to a party to be "so well done, it doesn't stand out."

Chair Decor rents chair covers, bands for the covers, bows, linen, accessories like napkin rings, silver plates to go under the dinner dishes — in short, all the things that can make a setting beautiful. The purpose, says Bien, is "to turn an ordinary room into an extraordinary setting."

A good visual impression, Bien points out, helps start an event off well. This impression will not only stay with the guests throughout the evening; once captured in photos and video, it lasts forever. For a small percentage of the cost of an event, you can create an enduring effect.

Moreover, the eye is a gateway to the heart. If the setting is special, guests feel special being there. They want an inviting ambience, especially at the dinner table, where they will take more notice of visual details because they are sitting still.

Higgins Party Rentals is an all-round service, renting furniture, linen, tableware, cooking appliances, fuel, stages, tents, light and sound equipment and even coat racks. In order to supply every party need, Denis Higgins keeps a huge inventory.

While he also considers his service to be part of the ambience, his focus is more on making things functional.

"In my business," he says, "we tend to be judged by our faults." Therefore, not to be noticed is as good as praise, he believes.

Higgins likes to hear that he helped a party be a success — after the event is over. He sees his business as cooperative, rather than competitive.

"If you want something and we don't have it," he says, "we'll get it for you."

Versatility is a factor to think about when choosing a rental company. For example, does a rental service offer furniture to accommodate aged or disabled people? Can it deal with outdoor events? A related factor is the company's track record. Who do you know who has used its services? What do they say about it?

Bien and Higgins agree that a party rental service must be good at working with other professionals like party coordinators, florists and caterers. Punctuality, timing and organization are as essential as the quality of the linen or furniture.

Higgins compares the timing for a party to a bus schedule — it's necessary not to be *ahead* of time, but to be *on* time within minutes, neither early nor late — for example, if you bring out the ice too soon at summer garden party.

Bien's advice on booking echoes that of almost everyone who serves the party circuit: book as soon as you know the date of your party or function.

Chair Decor is busy all year; even though things slow down a little in January and February, there are many corporate events then. Besides, more and more people are holding a party or other event at this time, to get a break from the "winter blues."

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PARTY PLANNER

TOP TEN PARTY TIPS

By LYNNE ELKIND
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TOP TEN PARTY REQUIREMENTS

10: **Budget** — a budget that will allow you to accomplish your function in the style that you can be comfortable with both financially and emotionally.

9: **Book facility** — be it a hotel, banquet hall, synagogue, home, building.

8: **Arrange for a caterer** — make sure all hidden costs surface i.e.:
* staffing
* bar
* rental equipment-stemware, flatware, china, tablets, chairs.

7: **Photographer/video** — these are in short supply and book up quickly
- these are keepsake for a very special day.

6: **Get invitations** — caligraphy envelopes
- calligraphy seating cards (if required seating plan)
- organize reply cards
* invitations to be sent out 6 weeks ahead for out of town/ 4 weeks for in town.

Use a professional

5: **Plan decor** — best to use a professional — impact upon entering the room sets the mood for day/evening.

4: **Entertainment** — book ahead to be assured of date needed. Depending on the occasion live bands are very popular and the combination with disc jockeys could please and provide much enjoyment to all your guests.

3: **Clothing** — depending on the type of affair you are having it is still appropriate to rent formal wear — they have a variety of current styles.

2: **Food** — make sure all final details are attended to. Don't forget about the entertainers and photographers.

1: **Most importantly** — relax, enjoy and have fun. Remember this is a celebration not a punishment. If you follow all the above steps, all should go well.

Lynne Elkind is a party consultant. Phone 487-5334.

DODICK: Judaica Designs

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

In April 1992, Michele Dodick painted her first ceramic piece.

She was an employee of B.B. Bargoons at the time and brought in one of her pieces to show the decorators. "The next thing I knew I had an order for 250," Dodick said.

She began to sell her handpainted giftware, tableware and accessories to friends, at private shows and through a studio/showroom at Designers Walk.

People requested Judaica pieces in her trademark bright colors and through word of mouth her handpainted "funky" menorahs, seder plates, mezuzuah covers, kiddush cups and Shabbat candles became some of her most popular pieces, she said.

Last May, Dodick opened **Dodick International** (416-481-2328), her storefront studio and gift shop at 561 Eglinton Ave. W.

Dodick produces a new collection of tableware and giftware every year along with the Judaica items which continue to be some of her best sellers. She is also exporting Judaica items to 12 Judaica stores across the United States, as well as to the gift shop of the Jewish Museum in New York City.

"The reception that the American stores have had to the Judaica was exceptional," she said. "There's a hunger out there for Judaica. Gifts of the Judaic tradition will be part of peoples' lives. It has meaning. People want to give gifts with meaning."

Dodick, 33, said she learned about design and color working at B. B. Bargoons. "I noticed people wanted functional items that were artistic to grace their homes."

Flipping through a home design magazine one day, she saw some painted ceramics on the cover. "From the pit of my stomach I knew it was something I had to do," she said.

Dodick's patterns for Fall 1995 are a harvest pattern in earth tones — plum, hunter green and coral red, and a dinner for two scene, in jewel tones — rose, blues and purples.

She likened the Harvest collection to a Judaica pattern, because it has grapes and pomegranates, two of the seven biblical species. "It reminds me of Sukkot," she said.

Dinner for two is a Matisse-inspired picture of a romantic table setting for two, with candles and stars.

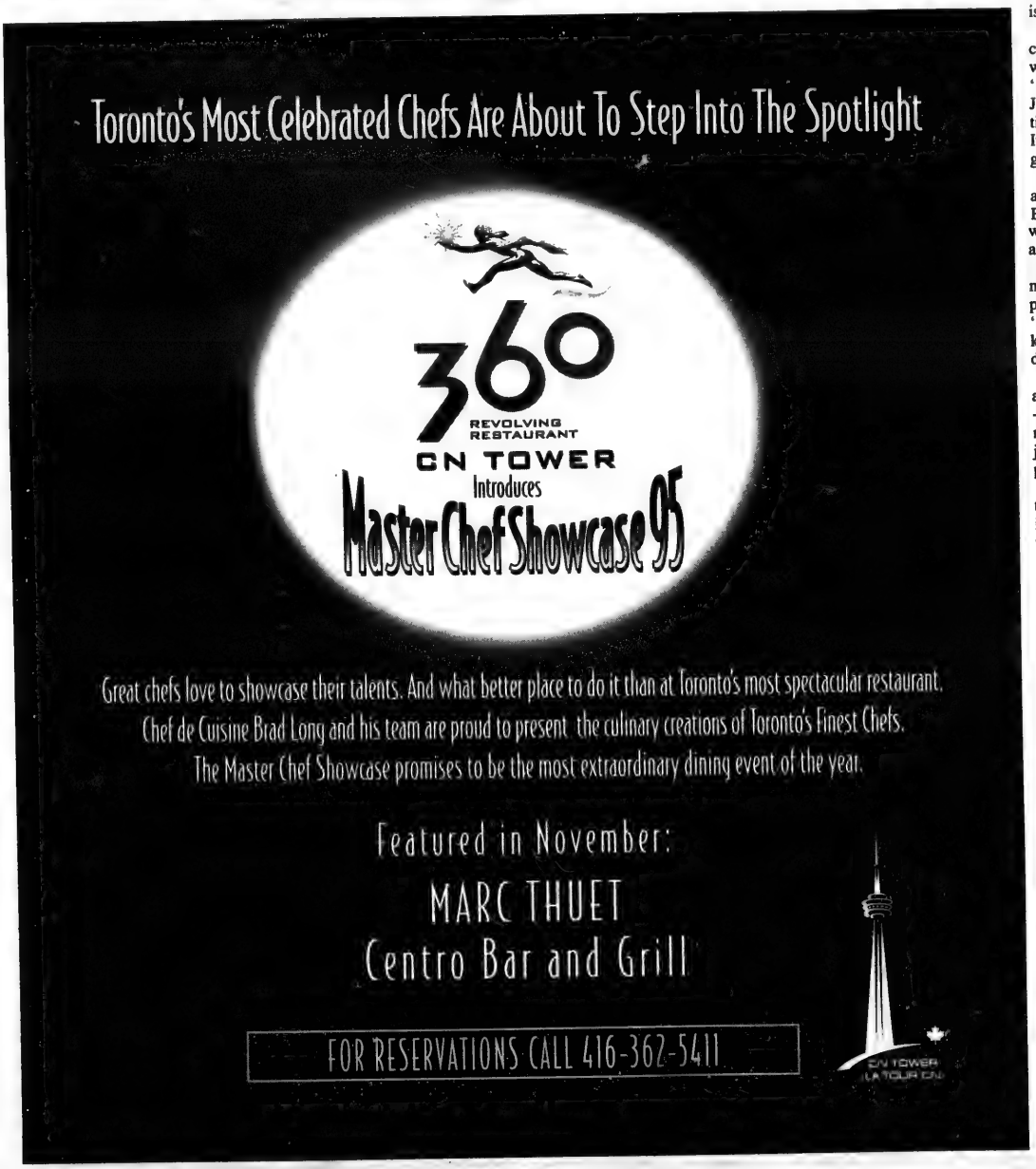
Platters, salad bowls, vases and matching serving sets are available in both patterns along with Dodick's classic patterns. Items can be personalized for gifts. For example, the name of the bride and groom and date of the wedding can be inscribed at no extra charge.

The large platters cost $100, small ones are $50, salad bowls are $90 and vases are $90. Small gift items start at $12.95.

The Judaica items can be wedding and engagement gifts, and she has customized kiddush cups with personal inscriptions as gifts to bridemaids, ushers and the parents of the bride and groom.

The prices for the Judaica pieces start at $35 for a kiddush cup and go as high as $150 for a large seder plate with individual removable bowls. The menorah and smaller seder plate cost $90 each.

The price includes free gift wrapping in clear cellophane with lots of ribbons.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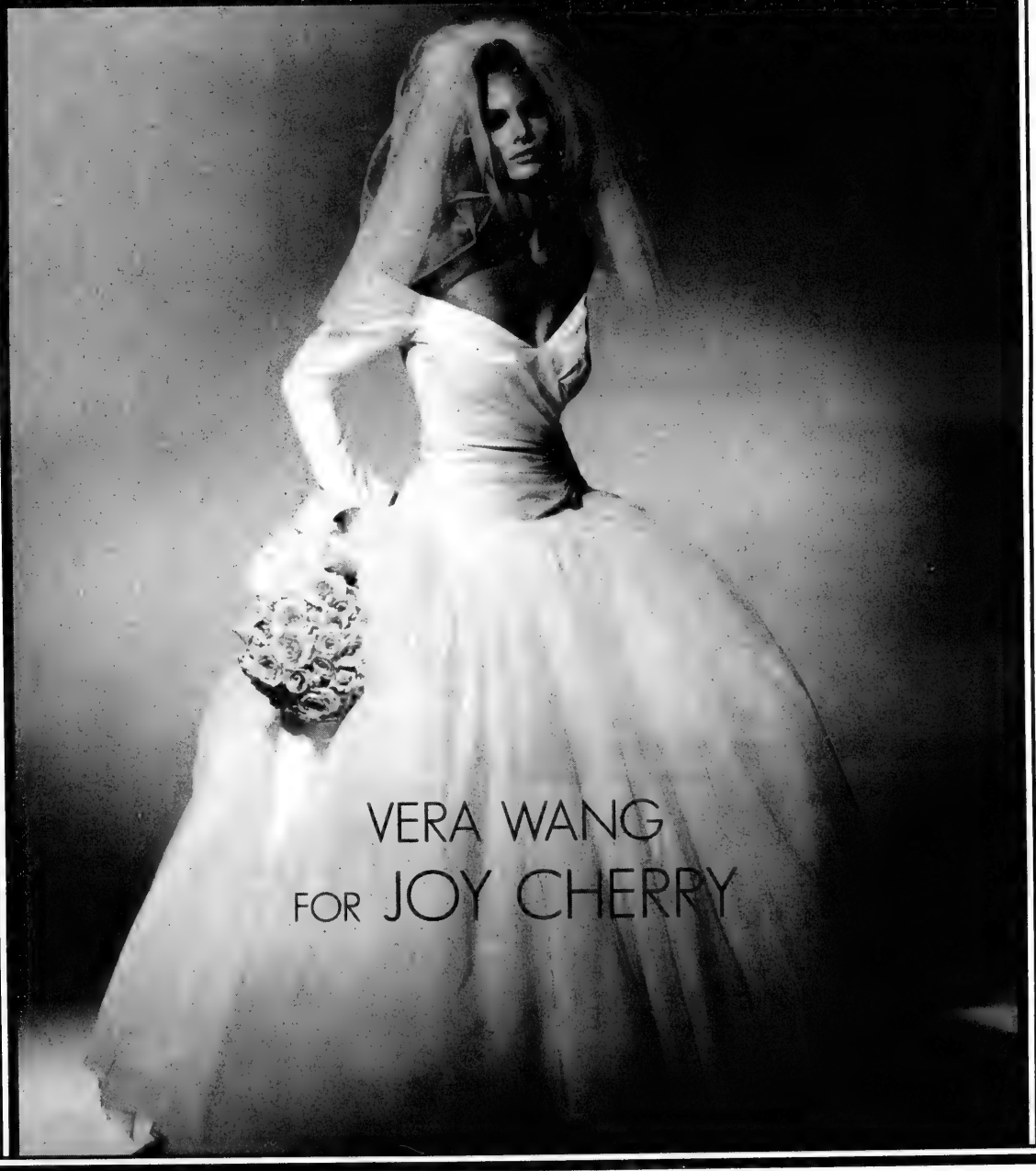

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Kimberley and Stephen Dubin pose with the Excalibur.

Fit for kings

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Last April Garry Zaidlin, co-owner of **Accurate Limousine Service** (460-5732), was driving his new Excalibur when he was stopped by a policeman.

He said he "panicked a bit" when he pulled over to the side of the road. But in the end it was Zaidlin who booked the cop ... for his wedding that is. "The policeman stopped me just to see the car," Zaidlin said.

He's been getting a lot of attention since he began driving the Excalibur six months ago, his co-partner Marcy Grossman noted. During the summer he was flagged down by a film director who booked him and the car for a television commercial, Zaidlin said.

"People have never seen anything like it," Grossman said.

The white, 28-foot Excalibur with black and gold trim and burgundy leather interior seats nine passengers. "The car is a boat on land," Zaidlin said.

Inside there is a television hidden in the upholstery. Push a button and it rolls out. An extra door at the back allows for photographers to get good shots of the people riding in the car.

The main use of the car is for weddings, but he encourages people to use the limousine as a gift service for birthdays, anniversaries, Valentine's day, even for picking up mothers and newborns from the hospital.

Recently a couple got engaged in the Excalibur, and the car has also been used for bar mitzvahs, he said. "The boys go nuts when they see all the toys. They try the TV and the stereo."

The basic rate for the Excalibur is $125 an hour with a two-hour minimum. The stretch limousine is $65 an hour. Black is very elegant, especially for galas, Zaidlin said referring to the Cadillac.

Wonderkids gym is a lot of fun

Three-year-old Sarah Dyman swings from a colorful parachute attached to a bungie cord. Evan Silverstein, 5, does flips on the trampoline; his brother Leigh, 8, hangs upside down from the rings while his 3-year-old brother, Matthew, climbs in and out of a large multi-colored foam pyramid.

These kids were trying out the equipment at an open house at **Wonderkids** (905-881-8499), a gymnasium and indoor playground for children with party facilities.

On weekdays Wonderkids, now in its third season, offers a variety of recreational gymnastic classes supervised by professional teachers and certified coaches. Acrobatics classes are given by a former member of Cirque de Soleil and several advanced classes are taught by the former coach of the Canadian men's olympic gymnastics team.

On the weekends it's party time. Wonderkids, which has seating for up to 45 children, has become a popular venue for birthday parties for children two to 12.

The basic party, which lasts 90 minutes, includes pizza, pop, juice and a designer cake. The cost is $150 for 10 children and $9 for each additional child. Children can play on the equipment or have a structured gym class.

The centre is the brainchild of Eugine Galperin, who set up Wonderkids, located at 34 Doncaster Ave. #9. He designed all the equipment and coaches some of the advanced classes, but it is his daughter, Vicki Galperin, 27, a phys-ed teacher with a degree in education who runs the place.

Back at the Wonderkids' open house, another young consumer is testing the equipment.

Marina Aptekman who just turned nine, doesn't need any sales pitch. Her mind is already made up for next year's birthday. "I'm definitely going to have my birthday party here. This place is a lot of fun." –B.S.

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PARTY PLANNER

And the bands played on...

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

In choosing the band for your simchah, experience is a key factor. Michael Danso has led the **Michael Danso Band** (684-7992) for 3½ years, but his experience includes playing in *Hair*, *Jesus Christ Superstar* and pop concerts with symphony orchestras.

Led by Kenny Simon, the **Hourglas Orchestra** (638-2549) has been playing since 1970. Larry Lupescu, who heads the **1836 Orchestra** (667-1836), has been a band leader for 19 years.

Although bands often specialize in a particular kind of music, Lupescu thinks a combination of versatility and "focus," or specialization, is part of what makes a band musically good and pleasing to an audience.

"At a simchah, as on the public stage," says Danso, "professionalism pays." Professionalism means having good music, a good rapport with the clients and the audience, as well as with the other professionals working at the event, and the ability to lead and organize. Danso has put together two successful shows: *White Tie and Tails*, featuring the works of George Gershwin and Duke Ellington; and *From Harlem to Hollywood*, with the music of Harold Arlen and Cole Porter.

Simon adds that running a band is a full-time job. The proverb says: "He who pays the piper, calls the tune."

A band plays to please — even including tunes written by the client, says Simon. At the same time, to please the audience, the band must enjoy playing. Simon finds room for creativity in interpreting a song, for example in an instrumental solo. The Hourglass Orchestra, is a dance band first and foremost.

Hire the band as far in advance as possible, advises Danso, who now has bookings into 1997. Simon says eight months to a year, even a year and a half in advance is not too early. Lupescu says that bar mitzvahs are booked one to two years ahead and weddings six months to a year. Lupescu's band, the 1836 Orchestra specializes in chassidic music.

All three band leaders refuse to quote prices over the phone. Remember, though, that working time includes not only practice and playing, but up to four hours to set up and dismantle equipment. For a good-sized band of six to nine people, doing everything live with no pre-recorded tracks, anywhere from $700 to $1,400 per hour is reasonable. Lupescu points out that while professionalism is a major incentive, so is money, and that music should be treated as an essential part of the simchah.

No matter how good the band, you don't know if it's the one for your simchah until you hear them and see them in person. Only then can you talk to the leader and look for details like whether the equipment is in good condition, and whether the members are well groomed.

Lupescu, though he has his own repertoire, takes requests, but prefers to get them before the event. Simon advises hosts to consider their guests' taste, and to make a request list — not of all the songs to play, but enough to give a general idea. To satisfy the client's wishes, says Danso, the band leader must know exactly what those wishes are.

Perhaps Simon sums it up best, when he says that a band has to have "harmony" — musically as a team and with the client.

Choosing a band should not be a rash decision. Remember, perhaps more than anyone else involved, a band can make or break your party.

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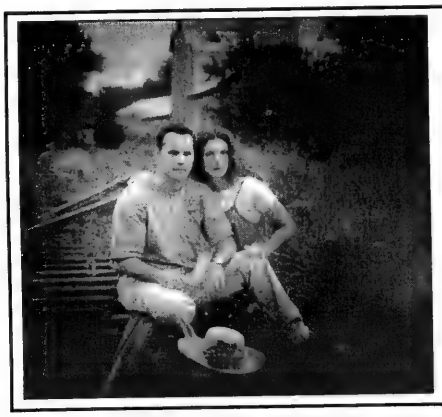

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Flowers of the world

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Take a bare room, add some flowers or floral arrangements and the room is instantly transformed into a party room.

"Flowers can go along with any color schemes or can just add some spot color to a room. They are versatile, beautiful and add a festive atmosphere to any party," says Tuula Kivinen, owner of **Flowers of the World** (440-0077).

"Because flowers come in such a rainbow of colors, brides can choose arrangements to enhance any color theme they've chosen," she said. Whether it's purple, pink, black and white or autumn shades, there are flowers to carry through the scheme. Later, at the reception, the flowers will match the table coverings and room decor. They add something further to any decorations already in the room.

"We often work with decorators to go along with the party's theme. We can place crawling ivy around hockey sticks or tiny flowers in the centre of a tennis racket — in other words flowers fit in anywhere, whether the party is formal, casual or in between."

Flowers of the World really does carry blooms from almost every part of the world, including Holland, Ecuador, Colombia, Florida, New Zealand and Australia.

"Hydrangea are west-coast fall flowers that come in shades of blue to burgundy, and carnations come from Colombia. Many roses now come from Ecuador, and amazingly, there are 50 to 75 different colors of roses, in shades of red, pink, yellow, shocking blue and lilac. Mixing complementary shades of roses adds beauty and elegance to the party.

"They dry very well so they can be kept as a memento after the party. Hang them in a well ventilated, dark, dry room until they are dry and they will last indefinitely. I have done a room in dried flowers, but the look is more subdued. It creates a different atmosphere than fresh flowers.

"Flowers do the trick in any room. There is no such thing as a budget that is too low, because we can always find something that will add a festive mood to the room. When a dinner table is set with a tablecloth, cutlery and serving pieces, the addition of a floral centrepiece turns it from a plain dinner table to a festive dinner table."

She advises clients to try and come in at least six months in advance so they can work together.

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By RUTH SCHWEITZER
Special to The CJN

Artist and art teacher Ruth Donsky Schwebel has been creating beautiful hand-designed invitations, ketubot, certificates, commemorative messages and menus for 30 years.

"I've done many kinds of invitations for parties," Schwebel, of **Folio Calligraphy** (416-733-9086), said. She stressed that simchah invitations are part of the whole visible picture of the event.

When she is working on invitations — for weddings, bar and bat mitzvahs — she either designs the lettering herself, finds historical lettering through research of illuminated manuscripts or uses a contemporary typeface.

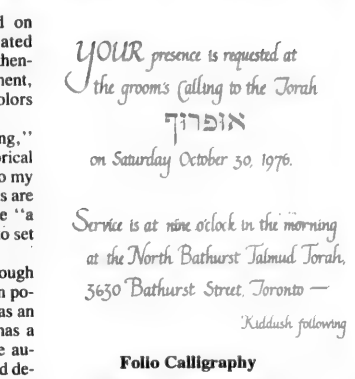
Her hand-lettered invitations, along with optional reply cards, are camera ready. She also provides printing, embossing and envelope addressing if desired.

Schwebel's ketubot, based on designs found in illuminated manuscripts, are made of authentic materials, such as parchment, and painted with the same colors used in medieval times.

"What I find most satisfying," she said, "is researching historical lettering and integrating it into my designs." Her intricate designs are all produced by hand because "a computer doesn't know how to set it up."

Schwebel put herself through university — she has a PhD in political science — by working as an artist and calligrapher. She has a discerning clientele who love authenticity, historical colors and designs. He work, she said, "reflects good taste."

Cooper-Geffen has a special interest in invitations. As the owner of **The Invitation List** (905-764-1371), she helps her clients to select the perfect invitation from the many she offers.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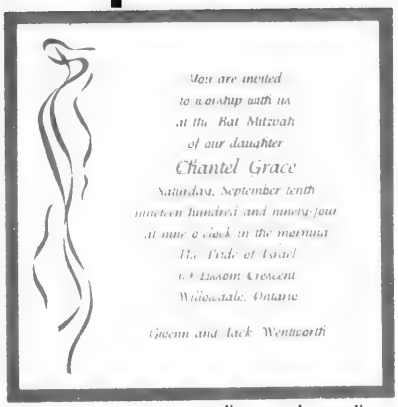

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Available in traditional and modern styles, in various types of paper and in all colors of the rainbow, the invitations can be custom designed. Many bar and bat mitzvahs have themes, such as sports, music or dance, so organizers usually request illustrations on their invitations.

"They add their own personal touch that fits into the theme and tells a little about the child," she said.

Her simchah package includes invitations, envelopes, reply cards and place-setting cards. Party organizers decide whether they want the entire package or if they wish to eliminate certain items. For example, instead of reply cards, the request to RSVP can be added to the bottom of invitations.

Along with invitations, Cooper-Geffen offers thank you notes, guest books, party favors, balloons and serviettes.

When she meets with clients, she discusses the wording of their invitation.

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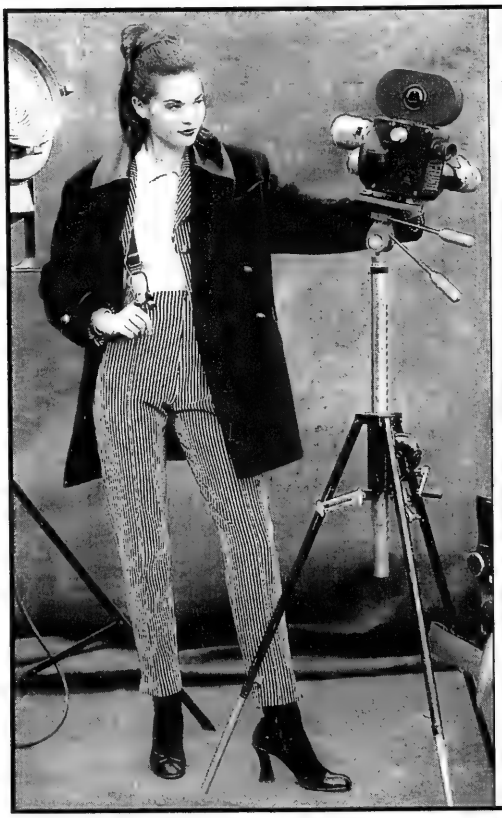

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A newsletter for your day

BY JOSEPH SERGE
Supplements Editor

When planning a wedding or any other large party, one of the biggest problems you'll face is playing host to all sorts of people, many of whom barely even know you.

With this in mind when planning her own wedding, Amy Singer launched **ClubWed Press** (416-463-3391), a newsletter telling her guests all about herself, the wedding party and the town they were having the simchah in.

"The newsletter exists to tell your story on your wedding day," Singer said. "An invitation is just a little snapshot – this is us and this is where the wedding will be – people don't know how you met, your history or who the bridesmaids are, and you can't go introducing everyone to everyone else."

The ClubWed Press newsletter does just that on a two-sided personalized newsletter. It features information about the couple, how they met, how he proposed, who the guests of honor are and just about anything else you'd want to mention.

Particularly helpful for out of town guests is a map showing where the event is taking place and some information about the town ie. restaurants to visit, list of shuls, and what's going on in town that weekend.

"The newsletter makes you the best host or hostess you can be. It tells guests what's going on in the city that weekend since most people from out of town stay at least a weekend.

"I have lots of fun doing this," she says, "and the couple shouldn't have to worry about doing this all themselves."

Singer stresses the newsletter doesn't have to be just for weddings. It's perfect for just about any large function be it a graduation, a bar or bat mitzvah or an anniversary.

Singer's own wedding was held in Chicago and 90 per cent of the guests, she said, where from out of town. "I got nervous before the wedding and that's when I thought of doing this," she said. Since she was working in direct marketing at the time, she used the direct marketing approach and mailed out her newsletter two days after sending out the invitations.

Her newsletter contained information on who she and her husband to be were, interviews with the wedding party and a list of things to do and places to vist in Chicago.

Singer gets her information by meeting the prospective clients and having them fill out a questionnaire asking such questions as who proposed and how, and where the couple will be honeymooning.

"I make sure they take their time with the questionnaire, leaving it with them for about a week," she said since they should get everything important down.

Singer does some research on the town the simchah is taking place in and uses the questionnaire to match the couple's needs with restaurants and events she considers appropriate for the guests to visit.

She can match the newsletter to your color scheme, coordinate styles with your invitations and include photos if necessary.

Fifty double-sided newsletters cost just over $300. For a bit extra she can include other things like a special paper stock or sound chips which convey a message from the hosts when opened. If needed, Singer also does the handling and mailing.

Because she has a laser printer she can keep printing costs down and is able to print odd numbers to specification.

Singer requires at least one month's notice. Although she can do it quicker if necessary.

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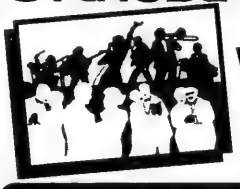
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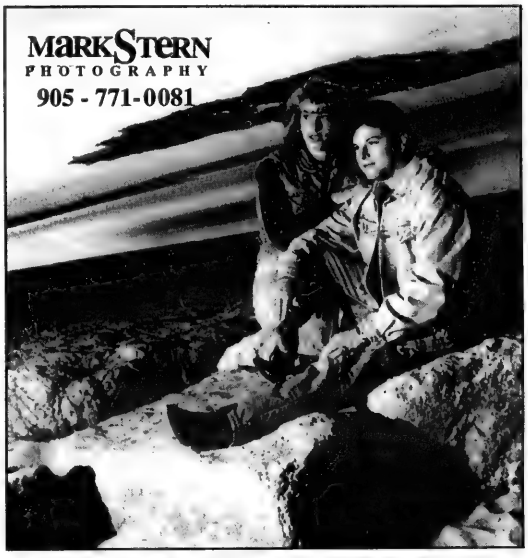

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Consultants alleviate the strain

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
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The engagement is announced or the bar mitzvah booked and you just don't know what to do next. Enter the party consultant.

Heidi Gruenspan (905-738-5030) says a consultant can guide a family through every step of the party preparation from booking a hall and choosing the invitations, through to dressing the bride and orchestrating the actual event.

"A consultant alleviates the strain of planning. I can suggest photographers, florists, bands — all the trades, but I make sure to give clients a choice. I never recommend just one person. It is up to my clients to make the final decision."

Gruenspan charges one basic price for her services, which can include such things as attending consultation meetings, choosing suits and gowns or going to the florist. "I am always available by phone or in person to help out in any way I can."

One month before the simchah, Gruenspan is in touch with all the other professionals to finalize details, and a week before she puts together a minute-by-minute schedule of the big day.

"I coordinate everything — when makeup is applied, when the photographer begins shooting, when staff eats, when speeches are made — anything that should happen is on the schedule.

"I remain at the affair from the moment the bride gets dressed until she throws her bouquet, and I can deal with any problem that arises. I was with one bride who was so nervous she started hyperventilating. I had her breathe in and out, and talked to her until she calmed down.

"Another bride had a lipstick stain on her gown, which we removed with stain remover and baby powder. At one party a guest spilled spaghetti sauce on her dress; so what we did was remove a large flower from another part of her gown and sew it over the stain. She was thrilled."

Her trusty suitcase

Of course, none of these quick fix-its could be done without her trusty suitcase, which contains items such as men's socks, pantyhose in every size and color, electric tape to tape wires, needle and thread, makeup and diaper pins.

At a bat mitzvah, Gruenspan often has to keep an eye on the kids to make sure they are not disruptive. "That is something the bar mitzvah parents should not have to do on this special day."

Debbie Simon (398-2899), a party consultant and special events coordinator, who is enrolled at a special events course at George Brown College, specializes in working at the rehearsal and the affair. "I meet with the family initially to assist them if they need referrals and then two weeks before the rehearsal, we make up a schedule of the day's events."

Simon also attends the wedding from the time the bride has her makeup done and remains until the bouquet and garter are thrown.

"I often have to do a lot of refereeing, between a bride and her mother, divorced parents or siblings and step-siblings. What I do is calm them down, separate them and then stress that the day is for the bride and groom and everyone should put aside their differences and enjoy."

She stresses that it is important for a consultant to be at the party at all times to deal with anything that crops up, but she must also blend in with the crowd.

"It is an important mix of being there but not being prominent."

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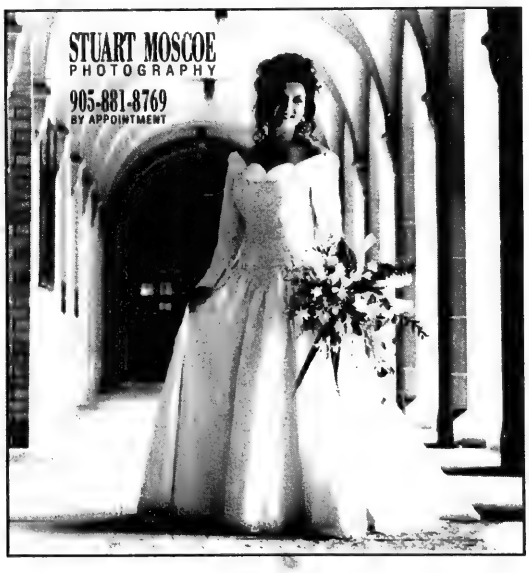

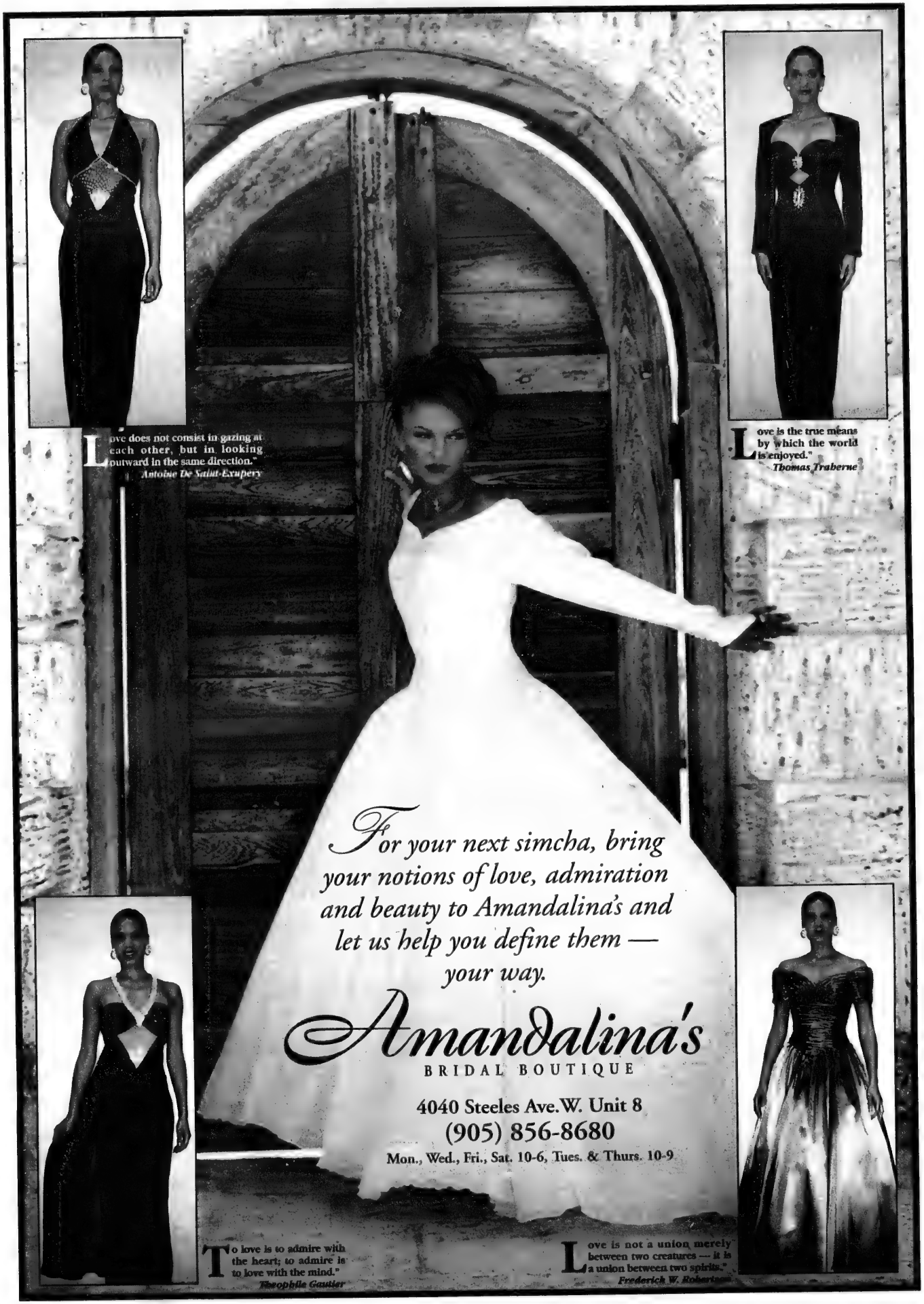
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By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Do you have more bad hair days than you care to think about? Shelley Elnekave, owner of **Shelley's Hairstyling** (489-3100), can help you put your bad hair days behind you.

Elnekave specializes in problem hair. He said he has spent many years researching hair products and discovered the use of amino acids "that help restore chemically broken bonds in damaged hair." He also developed low-acid perm- and hair-coloring products that condition rather than damage hair.

"The natural pH level of hair is five. Regular perms and hair coloring raise the pH level. The higher you go, the more damage will occur," he explained. "I concentrate on lowering the pH levels of my perms and colors to less than pH five, which makes them a treatment for hair."

Elnekave is president of the National Academy of Hair Design and teaches his methods of preparing perm and color products to hairdressers all over the world. He said many of his clients with problem hair are referred to him by other hairdressers.

Elnekave studied hairstyling in Israel and Paris. But his training in Paris came to an abrupt end at the beginning of the Six Day War, when he rushed back to Israel to join his tank crew on the front lines, he said.

He came to Toronto to do hair shows for L'Oreal at Holt Renfrew in 1969 and ended up staying in Toronto. He set up his own shop in the Cedarvale area and three years ago he moved his shop down the street to 504 Eglinton Ave. W. near Avenue Road.

For basic hair care Elnekave advised the use of shampoos that are pH-balanced. "Most shampoos are alkaline — detergents — which strip the hair of its natural oil. You can wash hair daily if you use the proper shampoo."

Elnekave said hair should be cut every three to four weeks to maintain its shape. "If you keep the hair at the right length all the time it needs to be trimmed at least once a month."

Hair styles for fall '95 will be more defined — mid- to moderate length — with blunter lines and shorter fringes, Elnekave said.

For thin hair he recommends style support coloring — different tones of color — which creates the illusion of volume. Perms are not just for curls, but can be used to give height and volume to hair. This year large curl perms are the trend, he said.

Colors are "shiny and bold as opposed to flat and brassy," Elnekave said. "Chestnut brown is hot. Blonds and reds are translucent — several shades are combined together with brighter colors used around the face."

Shopping made easy

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

When you receive an invitation to the wedding of a distant cousin, your first question may well be: "But what should I buy them?" The purpose of a gift registry is to make it easy to answer. Or, if you are receiving gifts, the registry helps you get what you want, with no duplications and no "white elephants."

Both Ellis Chitiz of **Deblin's Linens** (416-782-2910) and Brenda Johnston of **Eaton's Gift Registry** (416-343-3779) agree on the major advantage of using a gift registry. As the recipients have already said what they want, the guests do not have to worry about what to buy; all they have to do is decide how much they want to spend.

There are exceptions, of course, in those people who know the recipient well, and choose their gift accordingly. Functions like weddings, though, seem to entail longer and longer guest lists as time passes; and the larger the party or function, the more guests there will be who barely know those for whom the party is held.

Consequently, more and more people use registries for weddings, birthdays, baby showers, anniversaries, bar or bat mitzvahs and other occasions.

Chitiz stresses the advantage of linens as gifts from people on a wide range of budgets: while china, for example, is always expensive, linen prices range from $5 for a pack of 12 dishcloths to $300 for a down duvet. Linen, moreover, is both useful and beautiful — an important factor, since it enables one to satisfy those who like useful gifts, and those who prefer things chosen for their beauty.

Eaton's Gift Retistry offers, in contrast, a chance to find everything under one roof, in the diversity of a department store. Eaton's makes an immediate computerized update within moments of every purchase, eliminating any chance of duplication. Anyone who comes in receives an updated list of what has not been bought, what it costs, and its purchase number. Also, Eaton's service is national. For many people, these are decisive advantages.

Johnston admits that there is an advantage to using different registers, one for linens, one for china: the host of the function can exercise more control, and make sure that gifts come from a specific source. Anyone making this choice, however, has to accept that more control means more work.

In this as in other aspects of preparing for your simchah, there is no such thing as too early; registering six months ahead is not too far in advance. for linens in particular, because designs change, don't delay too long in buying, advises Chitiz. A sheet design lasts about a year, and good designs have a lifespan of four to five years; longer is an exception.

About individual companies' registries, the best way to find out is to call and ask — or better still, drop in and look at the store and what's on the shelves. Return policies, for example, vary from no-return to "goods satisfactory or money refunded;" and ultimately, you know best what you want.

PARTY PLANNER

Mandell Entertainment: INTERACTIVE FUN

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

When Corey Mandell was 17, he accompanied a friend, a part-time DJ, on a job.

The next week he was hired by the DJ company. "It was the perfect part-time job," he says, because he enjoyed entertaining an audience. After his first booking, three or four people requested him specifically, Mandell says.

"I was more interactive with the audience. I had to figure out what to do while the tapes were being changed. I started doing comedy and interviewing people," he says.

"People liked the fact that the DJ was interacting with them. I definitely started the interactive DJ style in Toronto," he claims.

He soon decided to go into business for himself. Today Mandell, 25, heads the **Mandel Entertainment Group** (905-886-4000), one of Toronto's largest entertainment companies. Besides providing DJs, Mandell offers party planning and decorating services.

30 bookings a week

The company, now in its fifth year, averages 30 bookings a week. Approximately 70 workers are on subcontract: 40 DJs, 20 dancers and a decorating staff, in addition to seven full-time employees.

In its first year, the company had a rostrum of seven DJs and averaged two to three parties a week. The number of parties has doubled each year.

Renee Birnbaum joined the company in its first year of operation as a partner in the decorating division. "Her work was excellent and in the right price range. We produce all our own decorations," Mandell says.

With 50 per cent of clients choosing a DJ-decorating package, the decoration division generates one-fifth of the company's revenue, he notes.

Mandell promotes the company rather than individual DJs, he says. "As soon as you let a DJ become too big, you lose the focus of the company. That's why we've built up a company of equals."

The DJs are subcontracted at different wages, depending on the individual's level of experience, he says. He also insists that his DJs follow the company's behavior and dress code and they must be prompt.

Mandell says he works "an eight-day week. It's a 9 to 9 job Monday to Friday. By the time you meet the customer at night, it's 9 o'clock. You're working Saturday and Sunday, sometimes Fridays. I can do up to five parties a weekend."

While bar and bar mitzvahs provide the main source of revenue for Mandell Entertainment, the company also gets more than 100 bookings a year for corporate and special events, he says. "Some corporations heard about us through the grapevine and took a chance on us. We've held on to those contracts year after year."

Through advertising packages with some radio stations, various companies sponsor afternoon dances run by Mandell Entertainment at junior high schools.

Give something back

The companies get exposure for their products in the target market — DJs distribute samples — as well as a radio advertising spot. Mandell gets the chance to promote the company and to "give something back to the community," he says.

One of the biggest promotional events Mandell ran was a video show for an audience of 10,000 at the Kingswood Concert Theatre at Canada's Wonderland last May.

Although he was a drama major at York University, he left the program. But his entertainment business gives him plenty of opportunity to act every weekend, Mandell says.

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Professionally planned parties

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Sylvia Younan of **SAS Party Planning and Supplies** (490-0410) said her friends couldn't understand why she left a career in hotel management to start up a party-planning business.

She switched careers nine years ago at a time when party planning was uncharted territory. "I took a chance and it worked perfectly," she said.

Younan specializes in party decor for bar/bat mitzvahs, weddings, corporate parties and promotions. People always want something different, she said.

At one recent bat mitzvah at the Inn on the Park, she created a tree of life out of balloons, and for the candlelighting ceremony she had the guests who lit candles also put leaves inscribed with special messages on the tree.

Younan said she's able to provide some unique decorations and she prides herself in taking care of every last detail — even the pen on the sign-in board at bar and bar mitzvahs is integrated into the decor.

Younan always asks for and sticks to the budget.

She sets up the dance floor with decorations and props, arranges balloons in columns and arcs that fit the theme and uses lighted balloons.

Karen Garscadden and Karen Jacobs run **Up and Coming Events**, (905-886-8148), a party planning company now in its eighth year.

The two women handle weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, special birthdays and anniversaries, charity functions and corporate events such as grand openings, company picnics and staff incentive and appreciation gatherings.

The Tree of Life by SAS Party Planning and Supplies.

"Before the crunch at the end of the '80s there were lots of high profile promotional events." Garscadden noted. "Now we're starting to see a resurgence. People are starting to party again.

"[But] they want a lot more bang for their buck. We have to be more creative. We want the impression to be good. We cut corners behind the scenes."

Up and Coming Events recently coordinated a wedding weekend from chartering buses to pick up the 150 out-of-town guests at the airport to preparing the gift baskets in the hotel rooms to arranging a prenuptial dinner for 190 people at the Ontario Science Centre.

For bar and bat mitzvahs Up and Coming Events orchestrates traditional candlelighting ceremonies, along with party planning for the children.

She said she and Jacobs plan events for all budgets and they are always out scouting new locations for original parties.

According to Garscadden the most important part of her job is being present at the affair. "I attend to all the details on the night of the party so the host and hostess can feel like a guest at their own party."

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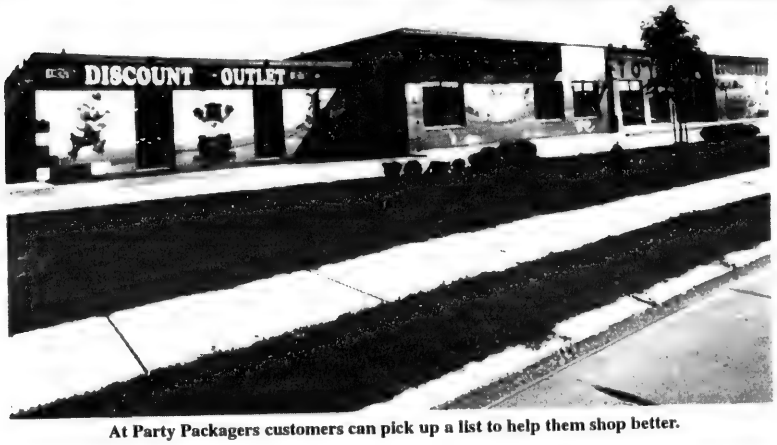

At Party Packagers customers can pick up a list to help them shop better.

ONE STOP SHOPS: No need to shop around

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

People who juggle families, jobs and anything else that happens to be on their plate, do not have the time or inclination to run from store to store in order to prepare for a party. That is where the one-stop party shop comes in.

Mel Grevler, owner of **Party Supply Depot** (905-764-5457) says he tries to supply people with as much as possible at the fairest price, "so they know that everything that needs to be done to prepare for the party can be done right here.

"They get invitations, paper products, loot bag items and decorations. And they can order balloons in one of several ways. They can rent a tank and buy the balloons, buy ready-inflated balloons, consult with us and do the decorating themselves, or they can have us come in and do a full and comprehensive decorating job."

Grevler says he can assist customers to work with a party theme and he can work according to any budget.

"We can provide sign-in boards, paper sculptures, stars and moons — anything they want. We also provide favors to enhance the party such as glo-sticks, tambourines or inflatable instruments. We like to feel part of the excitement and we know that kids love to dance around with inflatable guitars or saxophones. People's natures seem to transform when they have an instrument in their hands."

He says he aims at providing good quality products at the cheapest possible prices. "We go out of our way to find novel products that will not force people to spend beyond their budget. Come in, tell us the age group you're working with and we'll find you something great."

Brian and Cathy Seetner, who own **Party Packagers** (631-8455) along with Howard Mandel, says their store is geared towards customer convenience.

"We have a well-organized, assisted self-service store that makes shopping very easy. Our knowledgeable staff is always near but never on top of customers. They happily walk customers through the store, but there is no high pressure," Cathy says.

Customers walking into Party Packagers can pick up a party list to help them decide where to begin shopping or for use as a reminder of anything they've forgotten.

"A proper list really makes for an organized shopping trip. People in a hurry want to come in and get out fast," she says.

Stock at Party Packagers is plentiful, from paper products, invitations, wrapping paper, serving pieces, plastic or paper cups to loot bag items and toys.

"We have over 2,000 loot bag items to choose from and everything is organized according to age and sex of the child. Our toy department has many items for those who need gifts or one large item for the loot bag. We also prepare loot bags for $5 a child. As holidays approach, such as Chanukah, the store carries the appropriate wrapping paper and invitations," Cathy says.

As one of the pioneers in the one-stop shopping stores, Cathy says Party Packagers helps to fill a definite niche. "People have less leisure time, parties are becoming more elaborate and they have less money to spend. We help people save time and money."

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Lingerie alters fit of gown

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
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The wedding gown has been chosen and fitted, but without the proper undergarments, it will probably have to be fitted again.

"It is important to have the undergarments you are going to wear under your gown when you go for your first fitting. A gown just does not fit the same if you change what you're wearing underneath," says Rachelle Pollari, who, with her huband Sam, owns **Amandalina's Bridal Boutique** (905-856-8680).

She says that depending on a woman's size and the cut of her wedding gown, she can recommend lingerie that will complement what she is wearing. "A bustier for a low-backed gown goes just to the midriff and serves the dual purpose of lift and support. Those who want to appear smaller may want to wear a body suit that can whittle inches off the waistline. A full-leg body suit holds in the thigh and calves.

"Many brides wear a one-piece corset that is particularly suited for a full skirt. There really is no question that lingerie can alter the fit of any gown." says Pollari.

She advises clients to buy the gown and undergarments in the same shop so everything can be fitted together. It is frustrating to bring in the lingerie, only to discover it doesn't fit well under the gown.

"We carry a full line in our boutique so we can save brides and their mothers time and aggravation."

Antonia Haney, owner of **Pink Orchid Lingerie** (905-886-1965), says that women benefit from shopping at a lingerie boutique because they get the service that "is just not possible at a department store. It is especially important for a girl who is buying her first bra to be properly fitted.

"Lingerie can be altered but generally we have a large enough size range to fit every body type — short-waisted, long-waisted."

She suggests clients wear black lingerie under black and dark colored clothing. "Navy blue can rub off on a white bra and make it dirty-looking. Skin-tone lingerie can be worn under any color and is the best color to wear under white because the bra lines do not show. White, especially in the summer, is very fresh looking under light-colored clothing.

"European women often want to show off their lingerie under see-through clothing so they choose a white bra to wear under a white blouse. In North America, we are just starting to wear matching bras. Colored solids and prints are starting to become important."

For those evenings at home when flannel pajamas just won't do, Haney carries loungewear and pajama sets in a range of materials from cotton and wool to silk and blends. "The merry widow, a one piece lace suit with garters, is an excellent choice. It can be matched up with a polyester or silk long gown that is also laced trimmed and a matching cross-over wrap."

Proper care of lingerie is not difficult, says Haney. "Wash by hand or in a gentle cycle and lay flat to dry. That is the only way to keep it looking like new."

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Makeup enhances beauty

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
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It comes as no surprise that makeup artist **Marla Baker** (789-7191) loves to do makeup for weddings and bar/bat mitzvahs. Baker grew up in the cosmetic business. Her mother, Caryl Baker, founded Caryl Visage Cosmetics, one of the largest local cosmeric companies.

Marla has been working in the family business, where she has a number of administrative responsibilities and teaches at the Caryl Baker Visage School of Cosmetics.

But for the last 15 years Baker has also been moonlighting as a makeup artist on weekends.

"I have a passion for makeup artistry. It's the creative end of the business," she said in a recent interview. "A wedding is very rewarding."

Baker offers a free consultation or trial makeup session to brides. She charges $50 per face — the price includes a lipstick — on the day of the affair.

Most brides don't want too much makeup, she said. "They want to look good and glamorous, but not too made up."

The makeup is necessary for the pictures which make people look paler than they are, Baker said. She added that she layers the makeup to last a long time, yet the bride will still look natural.

She always tries to please the bride or makeup wearer, she said. "I start out lightly. If you go heavy, it's hard to reduce the color. A lipstick shade in the tube can look different on everybody."

Being a makeup artist is like being an artist with a canvas, Baker said. "The clean face is like the canvas. You see an image just like an artist and you enhance it with color and contouring.

"You enhance a person's beauty by playing up their best features and subduing those features they're more self-conscious about. You're giving people confidence. You're helping people feel good about themselves. And that's very rewarding."

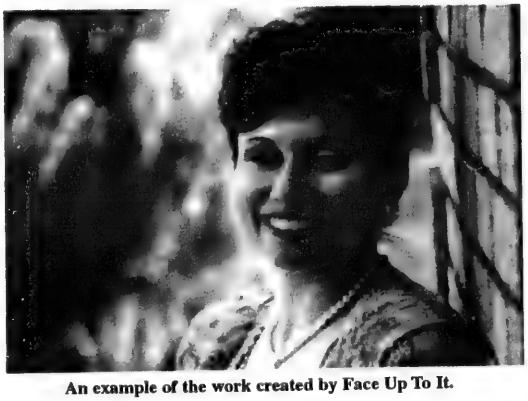
Makeup artist Arlene Sheffel learned to put on makeup when she played in a band. She always loved doing her own makeup; so she went back to school to learn how to do it professionally and started her company, **Face Up To It** (905-660-7695).

Sheffel studied at Caryl Baker's Visage School, learning skin care, theatrical and photographic makeup. She specializes in wedding and bar mitzvah parties, doing people in their homes and getting them ready for the photographer, she said.

Sheffel charges $40 a face and also gives a free consultation to the bride. "I do them free of charge a few months ahead so that they can see what they're going to look like," she explained. "The last thing I want is for the bride to be unhappy with the way she looks on her wedding day."

Sheffel agrees that brides generally don't want a lot of makeup; they want to look natural. She said she does do makeups for bat mitzvah girls and photographers sometines request it, but she applies very

Sheffel also teaches people how to put on makeup. "It's easy to do once you know how to do it." And you don't need a lot of makeup, she said. "People buy so much makeup. They don't need it."



An example of the work created by Face Up To It.

They should update their look and change with the season, she recommended. "You shouldn't get in a rut."

Sheffel's beauty advice: moisturize the skin and never use soap because it dries the skin.

She also offered an age old beauty tip: don't forget your beauty sleep. "Get plenty of rest. It makes a big difference to the skin, she said. "Sleep makes the skin look a lot better."

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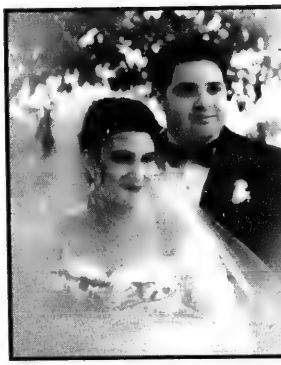
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Clothes make the man

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

Clothes, says the proverb, make the man. Originally, this referred to how the wearer impressed others, and to how his appearance affected his self-esteem. Today, there is an added shade of meaning. Formal clothes must not only look good: they must also feel comfortable.

You are going to wear pants, jacket and vest for several hours. If they fit well, and you like the way you look, you will feel good in them — which will affect how you relate to the people at your party.

Comfort is largely a matter of fit; and as Leonard Goldstein of **Freeman Formal Rentals** (416-288-1919) points out, companies vary in this factor. They also vary in the two other aspects of comfort, fabric and fashion.

Ask if all sizes, even and odd, are on the shelves. Rental companies carry adjustable pants; for example, a size 31 waist can be taken in to size 30, or let out to 32. Many companies, however, will not carry 30 or 32: their next size down might be 29, which can adjust upward to 30 or down to 28.

A good rental company, says Goldstein, will carry all sizes, with adjustments possible in each. As no two individuals — and no two men with a 31-inch waist — are built alike, pants with the right waist might be too loose or tight in the seat or thighs, or not right in leg length. If all sizes are available, problems like this are easy to solve.

Similarly with jackets: a jacket should not simply match the trousers, but both should match the customer. Most men, for example, have roughly a six- or seven-inch difference between chest and waist; but there are many exceptions. And because the shoulders cannot be altered, the jacket must be tapered or let out in the hips.

A formal rental company does not offer custom tailoring, which is another line of business. What it should offer, though, is made-to-measure tailoring to fit the customer.

Aside from fit, there are fabric and fashion to consider. Gone are the days when "formal" meant "heavy;" lighter, more comfortable fabrics are in. Ask the rental company if they have these fabrics, and the facilities to care for them.

As to fashion, there is no longer one "in look." While the old-style formal wear is still there — and plenty of people like it — there is also the option of making the formal look closer to the natural look, "the real you." A good formal rental company will offer you these alternatives. This is why a good formal rental company will carry both two- and three-button tuxedos, for example (along with plenty of accessories, from top hats to shoes).

Before you make a decision, make a visit. See what's on the shelves — how much of the company's space is devoted to alterations — and how adaptable they are to today's freedom of style.

3-D videos an art form

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

Is there such a thing as instant success? Zoran Karapancev, president of **ABC Video Productions** (416-265-8313), says "the real truth is — No."

There is an illusion of instant success when a new star suddenly appears on the entertainment or cultural horizon, or when a new product is suddenly available and popular everywhere. The audience or customers grasp at once that something new and unique has entered into their experience. What they do not see is the work and time behind it.

ABC Video is a company which produces more than the conventional videos of broadcast quality. ABC also offers a new option, an innovation in videography: three-dimensional videos. And they are growing more and more popular.

The 3-D videos' success, Karapancev insists, is the result of many years' hard work, experience and commitment in the video industry — plus a sense of the artistic. An engineer by training, he has spent 15 years developing the idea. The old saying still holds true, that creativity is "90 per cent perspiration and five per cent inspiration."

Karapancev's work has earned him professional acclaim. ABC Video was the only Canadian company to receive Recognition for Creative Excellence at the International Wedding Video Expo '95, held in Orlando, Fla., last July.

He is convinced 3-D Videos will become an art form in their own right. Everyone wants to preserve a special event like a bar or bat mitzvah or a wedding. Karapancev goes one step further. To the sentimental value of the video, he adds an artistic element that makes it beautiful to look at for its own sake.

ABCs three-dimensional videos, he says, can be shown on any TV screen with a VCR. The conventional TV picture, he points out, is flat or two-dimensional. We "read" three-dimensional into it. His image, in contrast, is a genuine in-depth image, but to understand how it differs from the conventional type, one must see it.

Quality in any video is a matter of good camera work, lighting, taping and editing. To these elements, ABC adds original, custom-made animation and music, plus the 3-D option. The new technology does not eliminate the need for technical expertise and hard work.

Talking about other aspects of videography, Zoran says that it is harder, in some ways, than Hollywood filming. Not only must the videographer be unobtrusive, but there are no retakes. Moreover, lighting is set according to the atmosphere desired for the event, not what will make for the best camera shots.

(Although conventional videos can be taken without lighting, Karapancev says some is preferred; and for 3D work, minimal lighting is necessary.)

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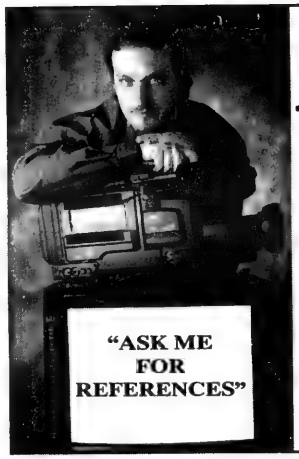
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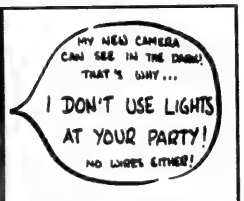

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GOWNS: Understated elegance

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Understated elegance is fast becoming a fashion standard in the bridal industry, according to Carol Gold, a bridal consultant with **Joy Cherry** (489-8809).

"Designers such as Vera Wang cater to brides who are more mature and often prefer a simpler, more sophisticated look to the fanciful frills of yesteryear. The gown that's just right for you should stand on its own merits as a fashion garment.

"A wedding gown is, after all, a dress. If it doesn't work fashion-wise — the fit, the cut, the style, the color — then no amount of frills or lace will make it better. Forget you're buying a wedding dress and look at it for a moment as simply a dress. Does it work? Is it something you would be proud to be seen in?"

Clients coming to Joy Cherry benefit from Gold's many years of experience in the bridal and fashion industries. When a bride tries on gowns, Gold strives to get it "just right. Only then do I feel that the consultation has been a success.

"We choose our gowns for the specific niche in the spectrum of bridal moods. For the old-fashioned, romantic yet sophisticated look there is Priscilla; and for a more European/Victorian look, we carry Christos. We have a gown for every bride, in prices ranging from $1,500, which includes custom fittings."

When the gown has been chosen, brides need look no further for accessories such as shoes, jewelry or undergarments.

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Marie Arrigo, vice-president of **Alan Cherry's Bridal Salon** (922-7433) agrees that brides today are looking for a sophisticated look. "We don't see a lot of glitter and beading. Gowns are formal and sophisticated and come in such fabrics as silk triple organza, silk georgette, makado sauvage, embroidered tulle and silk faille moiree. Laces are made in France and Switzerland.

"The color alternatives are white and ivory, with all its shades. Colors can be found in the most creative part of our collections or in the flowers and ribbons," says Arrigo.

This pleated dress is one of the gowns available at Alan Cherry's.

She advises brides to come in at least six to eight months before the wedding so there is time for at least two or three fittings. "Many brides lose weight before the wedding and we have to take in the gown. We've even managed to let out gowns for pregnant brides."

She says that when gowns are custom-made, brides need not worry about seeing their gown on another bride.

"We begin with a sketch and then work from there. We've always had happy brides, because gowns can be altered along the way. We can lengthen or shorten the sleeves, open or close the neckline or perform any number of alterations that will make the gown perfect.

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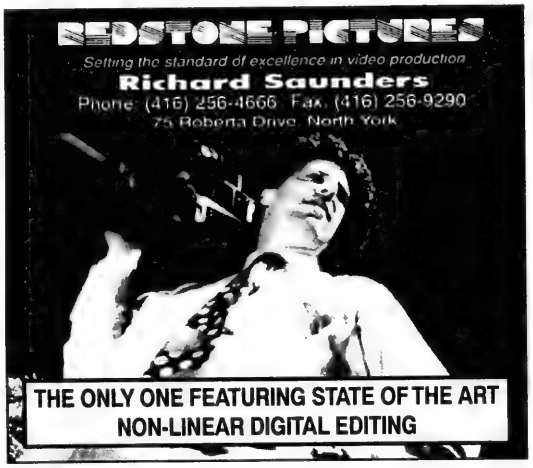
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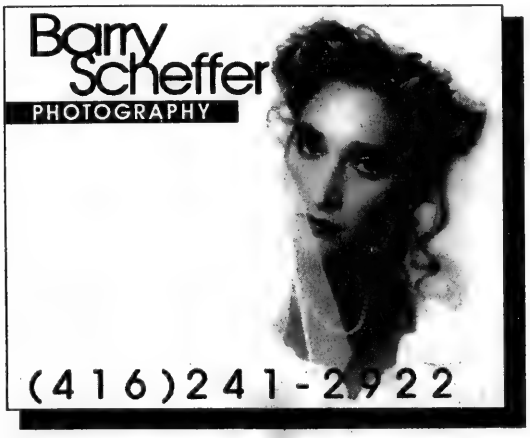

Different gifts for different folks

By **BARBARA SILVERSTEIN**
Special to The CJN

If you're in the market for a special present for a bar/bat mitzvah boy or girl, consider a camera or a personalized name gift.

You can find a variety of cameras in a wide price range at **Henry's** (416-868-0872), one of Toronto's oldest established camera stores.

Henry's has been a haven for photo enthusiasts for over 30 years. The third-generation family business, the largest independent photograhic retailer in the country, offers a large selection of cameras, video and audio equipment at competitive prices.

"A camera is always a good gift. You can capture memories. You keep the photograph with you for the rest of your life," said Mark Wolfson, manager of Henry's downtown store at 119 Church St.

Henry's is also located at 330 Steeles Ave. W. in Thornhill (905-886-1020).

Fully automatic point-and-shoot cameras in the $100 to $200 range make good bar/bat mitzvah gifts, Wolfson said. A point and shoot camera with a zoom lens is $300 to $400.

He said Henry's also has a good selection of single lens reflex (SLR) cameras in the $600 range for those youngsters who are more serious about photography.

Henry's carries light compact binoculars priced from $100 to $130, which can be used for bird watching or sports events, Wolfson said. And he recommends audio equipment priced from $500 to $1,000.

Camcorders, which cost $900 to $1,500, make great gifts for new parents, as well as recent retirees, Wolfson said.

If you're in the market for a smaller gift, consider the **Names Boutique** (416-292-7725), which offers gift items for a variety of special occasions: births, birthdays, bar/bat mitzvahs, wedding anniversaries, holidays, corporate events and fundraisers.

The Names Boutique, which has been open for a year, is a family business run by Eric and Rolande Sparks and their son Ken. They researched the origin and meaning of first names and developed software to incorporate this research.

They produce write-ups that include origin, meaning and personal characteristics for each name. All the information can be transferred by computer onto clothing, mugs or special paper, along with a variety of clip-art images or personal photographs.

"We have 50,000 names in our data bank and it's growing by the week," Eric Sparks said.

The boutique also sells picture frames: handcrafted, cloth and musical, as well as a menorah frame.

Embroidered onto clothes, the names can make wonderful baby gifts, he said. The company does a lot of newborn gifts, putting the weight, length, date and place of birth along with the origin of the first name.

Gift givers can also add a personalized message for the occasion, Sparks said. Personalized sleepers start at $15.

Gifts at the name boutique start at $6.95 for a personalized key chain, but most are in the $15.99 to $29.99 price range. Mugs start at $13.95 and for an additional $3.50, a photo image can be added. Handcrafted frames are in the $15 to $20 range.

The company offers a shop-at-home-service, where shoppers order from catalogues, and Sparks is planning to expand into malls.

The gifts are of high quality and priced competitively, Sparks said. "We're as unique a gift as you're going to find. It's not just personalized. It's personality-ized."

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Make your own wine

By **BARBARA SILVERSTEIN**
Special to The CJN

Two years ago Grant Cats turned his hobby into a full-time business.

Cats made wine as a hobby. The wine was so good family and friends asked him to help them make wine.

Through word of mouth he developed a small cottage industry with his wife Lynne and son Craig, selling wine-making kits and teaching people how to make wine in their homes. Their company, **Wine Not**, opened its first retail outlet two years ago. Today there are nine stores.

" 'If you can make orange juice I can show you how to make wine,' that was one of Dad's quotes," Craig Cats said. "We have a proven refined method for making wine."

In October 1993, the Cats family expanded the business by opening a wine-making store in the basement of Grant Cats' commercial real estate office on Colborne Street in downtown Toronto. The store was open from noon to 2 p.m. and 5 to 9 p.m.; Grant, Craig and Lynne all worked shifts while holding down other full-time jobs.

They sold wine kits for home vintners, but they also gave lessons on how to make wine. Within a month, Wine Not evolved into an on-the-premises wine-making establishment, Lynne Cats said. "We offered the service. People wanted to make the wine in the store."

They renovated the store to accommodate more on-the-premises wine making, and six months later, they had to rent more space for

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HOTELS: 'One-stop shop'

By ERIC LAYMAN
Special to The CJN

Both Lianne Adelson, catering manager of the **Park Plaza Hotel** (416-924-5471), and Raphy Amar of Beverley Hills Caterers at **Le Parc** (416-798-7246) highlight the plus side of holding your party or other event in a hotel.

The main advantage is "one-stop shopping." Furniture, linen and other materials that would otherwise be rented are available as a matter of course, as are the kitchen and a competent staff, experienced in hosting events.

A hotel has amenities like parking and clean facilities already in place for its overnight guests. This means you have less work and worry than if you hire a space and then have to manage all the particulars yourself, from florists to caterers. Hotel staff, moreover, are used to working together as professionals — and working with the outside services you hire, such as a band and videographer.

For most people, there is a great deal of work in organizing a simchah even with "one-stop shopping." Why make life more complicated than it has to be? Consequently, more and more are turning to hotels to host their events.

Adelson points out that at the Park Plaza, cost includes everything, right down to the cutting of the cake. It's good to get all kinds of services under one roof; it's even better to know that once you agree on a price, there will be no unexpected additions.

Amar makes the same point. "Compare shop," Amar says, "but compare apples with apples. Remember that to get quality, you have to spend something."

In choosing a location for your event, Adelson advises, see how the room is set up for another function. Does it look like a place where the guests will enjoy themselves? Are the banquet hall and dance floor large enough? How are the rooms laid out? Is everything spotlessly clean and in good repair?

There is no way to know the answers to these questions without being there. Adelson extends advance involvement to include the food: at the Park Plaza, prospective clients are offered a tasting.

Adelson encourages clients to ask questions. Don't be afraid because you are not a *maven* in the business of hosting parties, of sounding naive or uninformed. The only way to be informed, is to ask.

"Too many questions are better than too few," she insists. "Better the clients should be fussy before an event, than complain after."

Other places to party are:
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Wine not make your own

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another fermentation room.

Grant then left his day-time job to concentrate on the wine business, his wife and son joining him within the year.

Seven of the nine stores are in the Greater Toronto Area. The head office is at 15 Heritage Road #2 in Markham (905-294-WINE).

Customers book appointments for the first stages of wine making, a 15 to 20 minutes process, to select their wine concentrate and prepare it for fermentation. They come back for an hour 28 days later to bottle, shrink-wrap and label the wine. The wine can be drunk right away, but it tastes better if it is aged for 30 to 45 days, Lynne said.

"There's a lot involved in making the wine and it can get very messy, but Wine Not takes care of the mess," she said. "We pride ourselves on our service and cleanliness."

The cost of the wine is $89 for a selection of 30 750-ml. bottles. The price also includes the shrink-wrap and the labels. The stores carry 35 different concentrates and 500 blended concentrates.

The wine makes a nice gift and at $3 a bottle it's very inexpensive, Craig Cats said. Gift certificates are also available and redeemable at any Wine Not store. Groups of 10 or more people can book the store for private wine-making parties.

The company also offers special wedding and corporate packages. The bride and groom can make their own private-label wine and serve it at their wedding.

All they do is choose their concentrate and sprinkle the yeast. Wine Not does the rest. Three hundred bottles will cost them approximately $3.95 a bottle. Such packages are also available for corporate functions and gifts.

"It's all legal with LCBO. You can legally serve the wine at a banquet hall," Lynne said.

"Wine making is an art that involves temperature control, highly sanitary conditions and knowledge of the wine itself," she said. "When you make it on our premises we take care of it all for you and we guarantee our product. Our motto is: 'We make it simple. You make it great.' "

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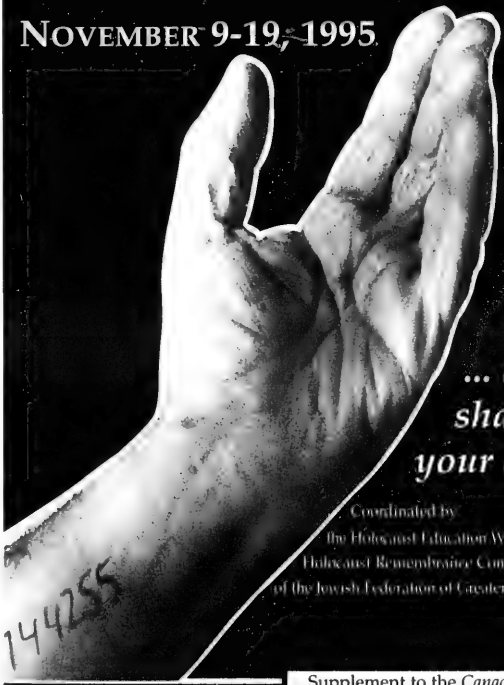

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CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE

On behalf of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, it is my pleasure to invite you to participate in the 15th Annual HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK. The committee has worked very hard to provide you with a wide array of informative and stimulating programs, suited to all ages and interests.

As part of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK serves to fulfill our mandate to remember the horrific events of 50 years ago and to educate the community. Only through remembrance and education can we both honour the memory of those lost in the Holocaust and sensitize future generations to its lessons.

This year the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto marks its 10th Anniversary. Administered by the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, the Centre has grown in stature over the years. Since its opening a decade ago, more than 100,000 Jewish and non-Jewish students from across Canada and around the world have passed through its distinctive brass doors. There they witness a time of unimaginable horror and learn about the strength of the human spirit.

Like HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK, the Centre is dedicated to the memory of the six million and is committed to the advancement of public awareness of the Holocaust. I urge you to visit the Centre during this special week of education, introspection and renewed hope.

I would like to take this opportunity to both congratulate and thank Michael Herman and Doron Opher and their outstanding committee, all volunteers, for their tireless efforts which have culminated in the excellent programs herein described.

The committee has done its part - and now it's up to us! It is incumbent upon us all to ensure that the warnings from the past do not go unheeded. With a deeper understanding of our past, we can make a difference so that our actions today will realize our hopes for tomorrow.

Eleanor Getzler
Chairperson
Holocaust Remembrance Committee
Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto

CHAIRPERSONS' MESSAGE

During the course of the 15th Annual HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK an abundance of speakers in numerous programs will share with us their memories, their studies and their thoughts. Some of the speakers witnessed the atrocities first hand, some were born well after the last camp was liberated.

Doron Opher

Michael Herman

Even with the lapse of time, most of us have not forgotten. Instead we have been motivated, especially the younger generation, to assume the responsibility towards the victims, the survivors, and future generations. We all share the moral obligation and personal honour to absorb and cherish testimonies at first hand. We undertake this challenge, and we do so with pride.

Indeed, when we hear a story like that of our keynote speaker, Faye Schulman, we feel a sense of great pride and admiration. As a teenager she faced an unbearable reality and demonstrated a tremendous, striking maturity as can be seen from this quotation from her newly-published book:

> *"My family is dead; my town has been occupied. I will never live here again. I do not want the murderers to have the use of our home. In less time than it takes to form these thoughts, I shout back at him in an assertive tone that meets his, 'Burn it!' He pours gasoline on the living room floor. I light the matches and the house is instantly ablaze.... I feel heartbroken, devastated, as though something precious has been lost yet again. Still more ties to my past are irrevocably severed."*

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK deals with a welter of confusing and conflicting facts, events, personalities and lives that led up to and constituted the Holocaust. Let us study, learn and ponder - to educate ourselves so that we are better people, and so that we can convey this knowledge and history to our children. Let us study, learn and ponder - so that we can remember our six million brethren who were consumed, and so that, as a people we can pay tribute to their sacrifice and forever bear witness to their senseless slaughter.

We extend our appreciation to our dedicated committee members, without whom this program would not be a reality. We also wish to thank all the organizations who willingly committed time and resources to participate. Special thanks to Eleanor Getzler, Chairperson and Pnina Zilberman, Director of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. It was a pleasure working with both of you.

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Doron Opher *Michael Herman*

Chairpersons, HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK

PROGRAMS-AT-A-GLANCE

PRE-OPENING PROGRAMS

Sunday, Nov. 5

Kingdom of Night
Dramatic reading

Now After All These Years
Film

So We Say Goodbye
Film

Monday, Nov. 6

Courage to Care
Film & discussion

Wednesday, Nov. 8

Kristallnacht 1938: Legalized Terror
Lecture

OPENING NIGHT THURSDAY, NOV. 9

A Partisan's Memoir
Lecture

FRIDAY, NOV. 10

International Criminal Justice: A Surrealistic Objective
Luncheon lecture

Anti-Semitism in the 90s
Lecture

Jewish Survival Against All Odds: A Life's Journey
Lecture

SUNDAY, NOV. 12

Courage to Care
Film & discussion

Promise of a New Spring
Slide presentation & discussion

Survivors of the Shoah Visual History Foundation Project
Personal testimony & discussion

My Holocaust Story
Personal testimony

Letters from Westerbork: The Interrupted Life of Etty Hillesum
Musical presentation

Finland & the Holocaust
Lecture

The Righteous Enemy
Film & discussion

Memory Without Experience: Will Future Generations Remember the Holocaust?
Lecture

Courage to Care
Film & discussion

Faith During the Holocaust: A Personal Testimony
Lecture

Neo-Nazis & Hate Mail on the Internet
Workshop (by RSVP only)

MONDAY, NOV. 13

Jewish Resistance
Lecture

Private Mourning in Public Architecture: Memory & the Holocaust
Lecture

Scroll of Remembrance
Lecture

The Psychology of Nazi War Crimes Perpetrators
Lecture

TUESDAY, NOV. 14

Crimes of Hate
Film & discussion

Medina Ensemble
Dramatic presentation & discussion

Mengale Medicus: Medicine's Continuing Nazi Heritage
Lecture

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 15

Transnistria: The Geographic Freak & the Historic Reality Beyond the River Dniester
Lecture

Crimes of Hate
Film & discussion

When My Memory Became a Painting
Film & discussion

Finding the Six Million: Using Holocaust Records to Identify Victims & Survivors
Lecture

The Holocaust at Nuremberg
Lecture

Neo-Nazis & Hate Mail on the Internet
Workshop (by RSVP only)

THURSDAY, NOV. 16

Canada's Accidental Immigrants: Enemy with Beards & Payos
Lecture

The Last Seven Months of Anne Frank
Film & discussion

Music, the Holocaust & the Human Spirit
Lecture & musical recital

SUNDAY, NOV. 19

The Historical Roots of Nazi Anti-Semitism
Lecture

Rise of Neo-Nazism
Lecture

After the Dust Settled
Dramatic reading

50 Years Later - Holocaust Denial: The New Intolerance
Lecture

Mauthausen & the Conscience of a Nation: 50 Years Later
Lecture

Faith After the Holocaust
Lecture

Neo-Nazis & Hate Mail on the Internet
Workshop (by RSVP only)

ADDED PROGRAMS

Monday, Nov. 20

Courage to Care
Film & discussion

Crimes of Hate
Film & discussion

Wednesday, Nov. 22

Crimes of Hate
Film & discussion

FOR COMPLETE DETAILS, CONSULT THE PROGRAM LISTING UNDER THE APPROPRIATE DATE IN THIS BROCHURE.

OPENING NIGHT

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9

8:00 PM

Leah Posluns Theatre
4588 Bathurst Street, Willowdale

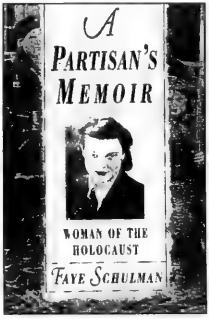
FAYE SCHULMAN

Faye is an internationally recognized photographer who lectures extensively about her experiences during the Holocaust. A collection of her photographs is on view in the U.S. Holocaust Museum in Washington; others can be found in exhibits around the world.

"A Partisan's Memoir"

Faye Schulman was a happy teenager learning to become a photographer when the Nazis invaded her small town on the Russian-Polish border. She had a loving family, good friends and neighbours, most of whom were soon lost in the horrors of the Holocaust.

But she survived, and the photographs she took testify to her experiences and the persecution she witnessed. Decorated for heroism by several governments, Faye, now in her mid-seventies, tells an extraordinary story, not just of survival but of struggle and resistance against oppression.



Her unforgettable book *A Partisan's Memoir, Woman of the Holocaust* will be released this evening in conjunction with the Jewish Book Fair.

NOVEMBER 9

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10

"INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE: A SURREALISTIC OBJECTIVE"
THE HONOURABLE MR. JUSTICE JULES DESCHENES,
Justice of the International Panel on War Crimes in the former Yugoslavia.

12:00 NOON Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada
Park Plaza Hotel, 4 Avenue Road, Toronto
Luncheon reservations required. Limited seating.
To RSVP call Flavia at (416) 594-1812

"ANTI-SEMITISM IN THE 90s" **LEO ADLER,**
Vice Chairman of the National Simon Wiesenthal Legal Committee, Canada.

7:30 PM Beach Hebrew Institute
109 Kenilworth Avenue, Toronto

"JEWISH SURVIVAL AGAINST ALL ODDS: A LIFE'S JOURNEY"
GERDA FRIEBERG, Immediate Past Chair, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region and Honourary Chair, Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto. Lecture will be part of Friday night services.

8:30 PM Solel Congregation
2399 Folkway Drive, Mississauga

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Film *"COURAGE TO CARE"* Followed by a panel discussion.

9:30 AM Holy Rosary Catholic Church
11:30 AM 354 St. Clair Avenue West, Toronto
12:30 PM

Film *"COURAGE TO CARE"* Followed by a panel discussion. Regular service will follow this program.

9:30 AM Bloor United Church
300 Bloor Street West, Toronto

"PROMISE OF A NEW SPRING"
A slide presentation based on survivor and author Gerda Weissmann Klein's Holocaust parable for young children. Discussion following led by **PNINA ZILBERMAN,** Director, Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto.

10:00 AM Or Hadash
1110 Stellar Drive, Newmarket, Ontario

"SURVIVORS OF THE SHOAH VISUAL HISTORY FOUNDATION PROJECT"
Personal testimony and discussion led by **BENNY STARK.**

10:00 AM Shaarei Shomayim Congregation
470 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto

"MY HOLOCAUST STORY"
Personal testimony by **CANTOR THOMAS SCHWARTZ** of Temple Sinai.
$3 charge for breakfast.

10:00 AM Temple Sinai
210 Wilson Avenue, Toronto

"LETTERS FROM WESTERBORK: THE INTERRUPTED LIFE OF ETTY HILLESUM" A musical show by **LESLIE ROBBINS,** Jewish Storytelling Arts, based on the life and struggle of a remarkable woman who helped thousands of people maintain their hope and dignity.
For tickets call (416) 538-0988.

2:00 PM National Storytelling Theatre
Theatre Centre West
1032 Queen Street West, Toronto

"MEMORY WITHOUT EXPERIENCE: WILL FUTURE GENERATIONS REMEMBER THE HOLOCAUST?"
RABBI DOW MARMUR, Senior Rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple.

2:30 PM Lodzer Centre Holocaust Congregation
12 Heaton Street, Downsview

3:00 PM Canadian Friends of Finland
University of Toronto
University College, Room 140

"FINLAND AND THE HOLOCAUST"
PROFESSOR TAPANI HARVIAINEN,
Professor of Semitic Languages,
Department of Asian and African Studies,
University of Helsinki.

"THE RIGHTEOUS ENEMY"
A documentary about the little known efforts by Italian soldiers and diplomats to protect 40,000 Jewish refugees in territories occupied by the army of Fascist Italy. Discussion following, led by **FRANCESCA SHEMBRI,** daughter of an Italian rescuer and **RENATA EISEN,** rescued by Italian soldiers.

7:00 PM Generation to Generation Sub-Committee of the
Holocaust Remembrance Committee
The Columbus Centre
J. D. Carrier Art Gallery
901 Lawrence Avenue West, Toronto

Film ***"COURAGE TO CARE"*** Followed by a panel discussion.

8:00 PM Royal York Road United Church
851 Royal York Road, Etobicoke

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8:00 PM Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue &
Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue
55 Yeomans Road, Downsview

"FAITH DURING THE HOLOCAUST: A PERSONAL TESTIMONY"

RABBI DAVID WEISS-HALIVNI, Lucius N. Littauer Professor of Classical Jewish Civilization, Columbia University.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

"JEWISH RESISTANCE"

PETER SILVERMAN, partisan and member of the Resistance. Author of *From Victims to Victory.* Program suitable for youth.

7:00 PM Temple Har Zion
7360 Bayview Avenue, Thornhill

7:30 PM Design Exchange
234 Bay Street - Dominion Centre, Toronto

"PRIVATE MOURNING IN PUBLIC ARCHITECTURE: MEMORY AND THE HOLOCAUST"

DANIEL LIBESKIND, acclaimed architect and Tenured Senior Professor of Architecture at UCLA, California. Architect of the Jewish Museum in Berlin (under construction). Tickets $10. Call (416) 363-6121.

"SCROLL OF REMEMBRANCE"

DONIA BLUMENFELD CLENMAN, poet, librettist, writer, and lecturer. She is the recent recipient of an honourary Doctor of Literature for "distinguished achievement in poetry" from the World Academy of Arts and Culture.

8:00 PM Shaar Shalom
2 Simonston Blvd., Thornhill

8:00 PM Beth Sholom Synagogue
1445 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto

"THE PSYCHOLOGY OF NAZI WAR CRIMES PERPETRATORS"

ALAN HELD, attorney with Gray, Plant, Mooty in Minneapolis. For almost six years, Mr. Held prosecuted Nazi war criminals in the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Special Investigations.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Film ***"CRIMES OF HATE"*** Followed by a panel discussion.

8:00 PM St. Leonard Anglican Church
25 Wanless Avenue, Toronto

Dramatic presentation by **MEDINA THEATRE ENSEMBLE.** Followed by discussion.

8:00 PM The North York City Hall
5100 Yonge Street, North York - Members' Lounge
(Park Home Subway Station)

8:00 PM Pride of Israel Congregation
59 Lissom Crescent, Willowdale

"MENGALE MEDICUS: MEDICINE'S CONTINUING NAZI HERITAGE"

DR. WILLIAM E. SEIDELMAN, Medical Director, HIV Ambulatory Program, The Wellesley Hospital, and Professor, Department of Family and Community Medicine, University of Toronto. Dr. Seidelman is one of the foremost experts on the history of medicine during the Nazi period and its continuing ethical challenges.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

"TRANSNISTRIA: THE GEOGRAPHIC FREAK AND THE HISTORIC REALITY BEYOND THE RIVER DNIESTER"
FELICIA CARMELY, Ph.D., psychologist, author and therapist. Founder and president of the Transnistria Survivors' Association.

7:30 PM Transnistria Survivors' Association
B'nai Torah Synagogue
465 Patricia Avenue, Willowdale

Film ***"CRIMES OF HATE"*** Followed by a panel discussion.

7:30 PM Forest Hill United Church
2 Wembley Road, Toronto

"WHEN MY MEMORY BECAME A PAINTING"
A video produced by Patricia Ben Ezra depicting the life of her mother, **GUTA TYRANGIEL BEN EZRA,** a child survivor and author.

7:30 PM Child Survivor Sub-Committee of the
Holocaust Remembrance Committee
Morris Winchevsky School
585 Cranbrook Avenue, Toronto

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"FINDING THE SIX MILLION: USING HOLOCAUST RECORDS TO IDENTIFY VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS"

PETER LANDE, Volunteer at the U.S. Holocaust Museum, Washington, D.C. There will be an opportunity to browse through Yizkor books, etc., at 7:30 p.m.

8:00 PM Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada
Shaarei Shomayim Congregation
470 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto

8:00 PM Holy Blossom Temple
1950 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"THE HOLOCAUST AT NUREMBERG"

PROFESSOR MICHAEL MARRUS, University of Toronto and fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

"CANADA'S ACCIDENTAL IMMIGRANTS: ENEMY WITH BEARDS AND PAYOS"

RABBI IRWIN SCHILD, Rabbi Emeritus, Adath Israel Congregation.

1:30 PM Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living
1003 Steeles Avenue West, Willowdale

Film *"THE LAST SEVEN MONTHS OF ANNE FRANK"*
Followed by a discussion led by **ANITA MAYER,** who is portrayed in this documentary film. She is the author of *One Who Came Back.*

7:30 PM Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Congregation
613 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill

8:00 PM Beth Tzedec Congregation
1700 Bathurst Street, Toronto

"MUSIC, THE HOLOCAUST AND THE HUMAN SPIRIT"

This lecture, recital and slide presentation addresses the role music played during the Holocaust, and how Hitler and the Nazis used music as a tool for propaganda.

DR. MICAH D. RUBENSTEIN, Chairman of the Music Department, Kenyon College, Gambier, Ohio. Dr. Rubenstein is an accomplished lecturer, published author, musician and conductor.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

"THE HISTORICAL ROOTS OF NAZI ANTI-SEMITISM"
PETER GILBERT, a doctoral student, Department of Religious Studies, University of Toronto and former Director of Christian Jewish Dialogue.

10:00 AM The Secular Jewish Association
131 Fenn Avenue, North York

"RISE OF NEO-NAZISM"
BERNIE FARBER, National Director, Community Relations Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region.

10:00 AM St. Peter's Anglican Church, Erindale
1745 Dundas Street W., Mississauga

"AFTER THE DUST SETTLED"
JACK KUPER, author and filmmaker will read from his memoir. "Books and Bagels" Reading Series.

8:00 PM Bloor JCC
750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto

8:00 PM Church of St. Simon the Apostle
525 Bloor Street East, Toronto

"50 YEARS LATER - HOLOCAUST DENIAL: THE NEW INTOLERANCE"

PROFESSOR IRVING ABELLA, Professor of History, Glendon College, York University. Professor Abella is the Past National President of the Canadian Jewish Congress, current Chair of CJC's War Crimes Committee, and a Member of the Order of Canada.

"MAUTHAUSEN AND THE CONSCIENCE OF A NATION: 50 YEARS LATER"
Reflections on the Holocaust by contemporary Austrians. **DR. FERN WATERMAN-SIEGEL** will discuss her visit to Austria and the death camp during the V.E. Day Commemorations.

8:00 PM Shaarei Shomayim Congregation
470 Glencairn Avenue, Toronto

"FAITH AFTER THE HOLOCAUST"
RABBI MICHAEL STROH, Rabbi of Temple Har Zion.

8:00 PM Congregation Darchei Noam
15 Hove Street, Downsview

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WORKSHOPS

"NEO-NAZIS AND HATE MAIL ON THE INTERNET"

Along with the light the Internet is bringing to this generation, there is an emerging dark side. These workshops seek to inform participants of the issues and information available from Neo-Nazis on the Internet. By travelling around the globe from our computer terminals, we will see the sinister side and what is being done in response.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 & 19
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
York University - Steacie Bldg., Room T107

Workshop Leaders: **STEVEN SHULMAN,** Associate Director, Community Relations Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, and **KEN McVAY,** Founder, Nizkor (Remembrance) Project.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
York University - Steacie Bldg., Room T107

Workshop Leaders: **BERNIE FARBER,** National Director, Community Relations Committee, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, and **KEN McVAY,** Founder, Nizkor (Remembrance) Project.

- **PARTICIPATION BY RSVP ONLY** - Limit 25 per session
- No computer experience required
- **Call SHAI SPETGANG at Jewish Students' Network (416) 512-0814**
- *Workshops sponsored by:* The Jewish Students' Network - Canada; The Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region; The Central Campus Service of Greater Toronto; League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada; and Jewish Student Federation of York University.

PRE-OPENING PROGRAMS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

"KINGDOM OF NIGHT"
Stories of Primo Levy and Yaffa Eliach, depicting the lost lives and culture of our people. **JEWISH STORYTELLING ARTS** performers.

7:30 PM Jewish Storytelling Arts (Ontario)
Beth Habonim Congregation
5 Glen Park, Toronto

"NOW AFTER ALL THESE YEARS"
Reflections of a survivor returning to his birth town in Germany.

"SO WE SAY GOODBYE"
Yachov leaves for Palestine, saying goodbye to his son and other family members in Poland.

7:30 PM Toronto Jewish Film Society
The Art Gallery of Ontario
317 Dundas Street West, Toronto

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Film *"COURAGE TO CARE"* Followed by a panel discussion.

7:30 PM Blessed Trinity Catholic Church
3200 Bayview Avenue, Willowdale

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

7:30 PM League for Human Rights of B'nai Brith Canada
University of Toronto, 1 Kings College Circle
Auditorium, Medical Services Bldg.

"KRISTALLNACHT 1938: LEGALIZED TERROR"

RABBI DR. EMIL FACKENHEIM, Fellow of the Institute of Contemporary Jewry, Hebrew University, Jerusalem. Professor Fackenheim, considered one of this century's greatest thinkers, was in Berlin during Kristallnacht.

ADDED PROGRAMS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Film *"COURAGE TO CARE"* Followed by a panel discussion.

7:30 PM Advent Lutheran Church
2800 Don Mills Road, North York

Film *"CRIMES OF HATE"* Followed by a panel discussion.

7:30 PM Ashbury and West United Church
3180 Bathurst Street, Toronto

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Film *"CRIMES OF HATE"* Followed by a panel discussion.

7:30 PM Ansgar Lutheran Church
3180 Bathurst Street, Toronto

WORKSHOPS • PRE-OPENING & ADDED PROGRAMS

PROGRAMS AT PUBLIC LIBRARIES

MILLIKEN MILLS COMMUNITY LIBRARY
7600 Kennedy Road, Unionville (at Milliken Mills High School)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 - 10:30 am
Survivor's Personal Testimony

BATHURST CLARK RESOURCE LIBRARY
900 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - 1:30 pm
Survivor's Personal Testimony

RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY
1 Atkinson Road, Richmond Hill

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 - 7:30 pm
Survivor's Personal Testimony

RICHMOND HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY
1 Atkinson Road, Richmond Hill

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - 2:00 pm
Survivor's Personal Testimony

DUFFERIN CLARK LIBRARY
1441 Clark Avenue West, Thornhill

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 - 1:30 pm
Survivor's Personal Testimony

FOREST HILL LIBRARY
700 Eglinton Avenue West, Toronto

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - 10:30 am
Artist Linda Goldman discusses her hand-made quilt depicting her family's history.

NORTHERN DISTRICT LIBRARY
40 Orchard View Blvd., Toronto

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 - 2:00 pm
Survivor's Personal Testimony

EXHIBITS

NOVEMBER 4-12

16th Annual *JEWISH BOOK FAIR*
Bathurst Jewish Centre, 4588 Bathurst Street, Willowdale
Call Helen Redner at (416) 636-1880

DECEMBER 2 - MARCH 1

AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU
Photo exhibit by Dr. Jack Burman. This exhibit has at its centre an extraordinary group of large-scale panoramic colour photographs of the most prolific killing ground in human history, taken in 1994.
Harbourfront Centre - The Photo Passage
235 Queens Quay West, Toronto

HOLOCAUST EDUCATION & MEMORIAL CENTRE OF TORONTO

Celebrating a decade of service!

Now in its 10th year, the Centre is committed to the advancement of public awareness of the Holocaust and its lessons, offering visitors of all ages an opportunity to share in the memory of the past, and the responsibility for the future.

Audio-visual presentations portray the experiences of European Jews before, during and after World War II; showcases hold memorabilia that enable visitors to witness first-hand the horror of the Holocaust; and, the Hall of Memories provides a quiet, reflective area where families have chosen to pay tribute to their loved ones by dedicating a tile in their memory.

Located in the Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst Street, Willowdale

Monday-Thursday	9:00 am - 4:00 pm
Friday	9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sunday	11:00 am - 4:30 pm

Admission Free; Donations Welcome
Groups and schools by appointment - Call (416) 635-2883 ext. 153

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Israeli security on alert

CJN News Services

JERUSALEM - Israeli security forces have reportedly gone on alert for possible reprisals in the wake of the assassination of the leader of the fundamentalist Islamic Jihad movement.

Islamic Jihad officials vowed to take revenge against Israeli targets around the world after Dr. Fathi Shakaki was assassinated last Thursday in Malta.

Israel declined to comment on whether it was behind the shooting.

Islamic Jihad said in a statement issued in the Gaza Strip, "This horrendous crime will make every Zionist, wherever they are on the face of the earth, a target of our amazing blasts and our bodies exploding in anger" - an apparent allusion to renewed suicide bombings of Israeli targets.

The Palestinian Authority called on the Islamic Jihad to refrain from retaliation, saying that it could ultimately hurt the self-rule government.

But Islamic Jihad officials rejected the Palestinian appeal. In its statement calling for revenge, it vowed to "set the ground on fire underneath the feet of the criminal Zionists."

Israel Radio reported security services had information of a young Palestinian intending to carry out a suicide attack. As a result, the entry of Palestinians into Israel from the Gaza Strip and the West Bank had been restricted.

The services were reported to have had the information that an attack had been planned for the period of the Jewish holidays. But now, after Shakaki's death, there were fears the suicide bomber would try again. Israel had given this information to the Palestinian Authority.

The threats of renewed violence by Islamic Jihad come days after

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CANADA ISSUES HOLOCAUST STAMP

Canada Post will be issuing a stamp on Nov. 9 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of the Holocaust and the anniversary of Kristallnacht. The 45-cent stamp, designed by the Toronto firm Q30 Designs Inc., presents a photo collage including various authentic artifacts, including the yellow Star of David and passport stamped "J". The items appearing on the stamp are part of the collection found at the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre in Toronto. *Photo - Canada Post*

Seeking missing millions

'We must not let them get away with it'

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO - Call it the case of the missing millions.

Years before banks in Switzerland recently announced that they were prepared to hand over accounts of Holocaust victims worth at least $34 million to their rightful heirs, Ron Singer was trying to recover his late uncle's fortune, which is apparently lodged in a Swiss bank.

Feature

If Singer, a Torontonian, is successful in his decades-long quest, he and an aunt in Toronto – his uncle's 92-year-old-sister, may well be the recipients of a $4 million (US) windfall.

Singer's uncle, Velvel Singer, a wealthy businessman from Poland who perished in Auschwitz in 1944 or 1945, was the co-owner of the Singer Sewing Machine Company in Lodz. Later known as Singer i Lachman, it had no connection with the Singer Sewing Machine Company in Germany, to the best of Ron Singer's knowledge.

Velvel's partner, his brother Morris, was Ron Singer's father. He died in 1982.

In 1945, when Ron Singer was seven years old, a stranger visited his parents' home in Montreal. The visitor, a former employee of Singer i Lachman, informed Morris that before Velvel was shot and killed in Auschwitz, he had told him that he had deposited $4 million in a European bank.

The visitor, however, could furnish no details - the name and location of the bank, much less the account number.

With nothing to go on, Morris scoffed at the claim. "My father," said Ron Singer, "never bothered to look into the matter. He thought it would be a waste of time."

Ron Singer, however, was intrigued. When he was 20 years old, he went to the Bank of England in London and staked a claim. The response was withering. "Basically, they said, 'get lost.' "

In 1987, Ron Singer contacted Terry Howes of Toronto, who describes himself as a "locator of missing heirs." Following an investigation, Howes reached the conclusion that Velvel Singer had probably deposited a large sum of money in a bank in Switzerland.

"Wealthy Jews in Lodz did their banking in Zurich," explained Ron Singer. "The odds are that the money was placed in a Zurich bank."

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REFERENDUM

This issue of *The CJN* went to press before the results of the Quebec referendum were announced. Look for extensive coverage in next week's issue.

U.S. Congress votes to move embassy — please see page 41

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CANADA

Article Offends

KINGSTON, Ont. — An article that appeared in the weekly engineering newspaper at Queen's University has drawn scorn from Jewish groups and the school's administration.

But editors at *Golden Words* say the article about being Jewish was written by two Jews and was intended to be "tongue-in-cheek."

The story made several stereotypical references to kosher food, the Holocaust and worldwide conspiracies.

Jewish groups at Queen's and nearby Royal Military College, a Kingston synagogue and Queen's principal William Leggett have condemned the piece.

But co-writer Elan Mastai defended the piece, saying it "blows up stereotypes to ridiculous extremes."

'Journalism in Peril'

TORONTO — The British Columbia Press Council's decision on a column written by Doug Collins "puts all journalism in peril," states a letter to the *Victoria Times-Colonist* by Sol Littman, Canadian spokesperson for the Simon Wiesenthal Centre.

"To excuse Collins' behavior on the grounds that he was merely 'engaging in the expression of opinion' when he breached the council's code of practice is to add confusion to ignominy," Littman wrote.

He criticized the press council for failing to order the *North Shore News*, which ran Collins' column, to publish a correction or an apology.

The Press Council found that in writing about the Holocaust, Collins misrepresented various sources. But the council went on to defend Collins' right to express his opinions.

ISRAEL

Crash Kills 10

JERUSALEM — At least 10 people were killed and two injured last Tuesday in a road accident northwest of Jerusalem.

Police said the crash was one of the worst in Israel's history. It happened when a tractor-trailer swerved out of its lane and into oncoming traffic, crushing and dragging at least two cars.

Police identified eight of the dead as Arab workers from Nazareth, where a day of mourning was declared.

Indictments Considered

JERUSALEM — Attorney General Michael Ben-Yair is reportedly considering issuing indictments against a number of senior Labor party officials, in connection with the government's investigation into alleged misuse of Histadrut labor federation funds.

Transportation Minister Yisrael Kessar, former Histadrut secretary-general Haim Haberfeld and former treasurer Arthur Yisraelovitch were among the officials named.

The investigation is based on allegations that previous Histadrut officials misappropriated millions of dollars of members' dues for their political campaigns.

Guards for Labor

JERUSALEM — Volunteers from the Histadrut, the Labor Young Guard and the United Kibbutz Movement will accompany Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and other ministers on all public appearances to prevent right-wing provocations and violence, it was announced last week.

The volunteers will also photograph those committing acts of violence and will present the evidence to the police.

Bar-Ilan Program

RAMAT-GAN — Bar-Ilan University has announced a new, fully accredited junior year program for overseas university students to begin next September.

Students in the "Junior Year of Jewish Heritage" program will engage in touring and extensive volunteer work in Israel in addition to their joint curriculum of Jewish and secular courses.

"We want them to feel like they're actively participating in Israeli society," said Robert Katz, Bar-Ilan's North American director of Academic Affairs.

For further information, contact Canadian Friends of Bar-Ilan University, 905-660-3563 or 514-731-7893

Immigration Tally

JERUSALEM — Some 2.5 million immigrants have arrived in Israel since 1948, the Central Bureau of Statistics said last week.

Of the total figure, some 59 per cent came from Europe, 19 per cent from Africa, 15 per cent from Asia and seven per cent from the Americas and Oceania.

Explanation on Pollard

JERUSALEM — Israel's High Court of Justice has ordered the government to explain why it turned down convicted spy Jonathan Pollard's request for Israeli citizenship.

Pollard, a former U.S. naval intelligence analyst, was sentenced in 1987 to life imprisonment for spying for Israel. He applied for Israeli citizenship in the hope, in part, that it would improve his chances for parole.

His request for Israeli citizenship was turned down by Interior Minister Ehud Barak last month.

Concern Over Farrakhan

JERUSALEM — Israel last week voiced concern over anti-Semitic statements attributed to U.S. Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan.

The Knesset voted unanimously to pass on several motions on Farrakhan to the foreign affairs and defence committees.

MK Yigal Bibi, who submitted one of the motions, said the "sounds and images coming out of the U.S. are reminiscent of the dark days of the rise of Nazism."

WORLD

Suit Dismissed

MUNICH — A German court last week dismissed a $28-million damage suit brought against the government by relatives of the 11 Israeli athletes murdered at the 1972 Munich Olympics.

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Shamir focuses on aliyah in low key address

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Those who expected another blistering denunciation of Israel's Labor government and the Olso peace accords may have been a bit disappointed with last week's speech here by former Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Shamir.

Instead of pumping up Likud and its supporters, and explaining how the party would handle negotiations with the Palestinians, Shamir read a prepared text on aliyah.

Before over 1,000 people at Beth Tikvah Congregation, in a talk presented by United Jewish Appeal, the former Likud PM called aliyah the "backbone" of Israel. Jewish immigration has injected the country with new blood and has bolstered Israel's scientific and technological abilities, he said, adding that the full effects of the wave of immigration since 1989 have yet to be felt.

The Arab world has viewed the great influx of immigrants "joylessly ... a tragedy. Today, we can safely say to the Western world that aliyah is no longer a utopian dream. Immigrants have been integrated and comfortably settled. The gap in the standard of living [between the West and Israel] is closing."

The only spontaneous applause came when Shamir said Jerusalem "will remain ours, under Israeli sovereignty, forever," and when he warned that "the Syrians know what will happen to Damascus should they attack us."

He called for Jewish unity — "a national front of the Jewish people" — in order to "strive and work together for our state of Israel."

The day will come, he said, when most of the world's Jews will live in Israel.

In Montreal two days earlier, Shamir delivered a fiery address in which he repeatedly slammed the peace process, and was met with standing ovations, cheers and waving of Israeli flags.

Shamir's talk left many in the audience scratching their heads. Questioner Max Brown said he and others were "puzzled" by the speech, and launched into a query on the peace process.

Shamir responded that "everything is linked to Jewish unity."

Responding to other questions, he said there is "no contradiction" between supporting UJA and Jewish settlers in the territories.

He said he will not discuss details of Likud policy, "but you know our principles and goals. We will act in this spirit."

Applause also came after Meir Halevi of the Jewish Defence League asked what Israel would do if Jews were killed in Hebron. Shamir answered that Israeli forces "will do whatever is necessary, not only in Israel, but all over the world."

At a press conference on the morning of his talk, Shamir told *The CJN* he's "not surprised" by current talks between the PLO and Hamas. But he called the PLO's decision to abstain from terror "a tactical move" that will simply "postpone" terror attacks against Israel.

He said an agreement between Hamas and the PLO will happen "one day."

LET THE SHOPPING BEGIN

Toronto Mayor Barbara Hall and 99-year-old Hadassah member Minn Sandler cut the ribbon at last week's Hadassah-WIZO Bazaar, to which Hall donated a velvet suit for a celebrity fashion auction. Flanking them (from left) are Vivien Sharon, president, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO; bazaar co-chairs Dora Kichler and Judy Winberg; and Sharon Kroft, vice-president, bazaar publicity chair. The 71st annual event was expected to raise $400,000 for medical services and research in Israel. [Frances Kraft photo]

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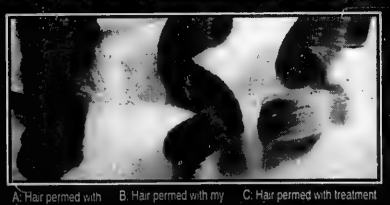
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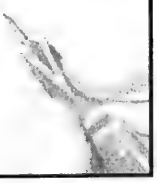

To be counted in a community is as much a responsibility as it is an honor. For, along with designation, come duties. The Torah emphasizes the importance of being counted, literally, among the group by describing two separate enumerations of the people during their wanderings in the desert.

But of course, there is another way to be counted among the group, not by designation, but rather, by deed, standing shoulder to shoulder alongside a friend, bearing the same burden, striving for the same cause, marching toward the same horizon. As most people can attest, to be needed by someone, or by some purpose and then to respond, creates that wonderful feeling of being counted in the group.

That "wonderful feeling" is the subject of an important work by Wendy Eisen called *Count Us In, The Struggle to Free Soviet Jews, A Canadian Perspective* (Burgher Books, 1995.)

Eisen has chronicled, in full, compelling detail, how countless communities around the world mobilized for three and half decades to rescue the Jews of the former Soviet Union. The book describes the campaigns waged both inside and outside the Iron Curtain.

Now, fully six years after that curtain crashed down, and as a new generation of children begins to flower without ever having known the cruel obstinacy of its malevolent, iron lock, *Count Us In* provides a replay of the struggle. The book is a primer in social activism and a record of Jewish history.

The names which were once the echoes of our heartbeats and the rallying cries for our assemblies fill the pages and evoke memories of the barricades we tried to bring down: Sharansky, Nudel, Begun, Brailovsky, Ovsisher, Edelshtein, Kuznetsov, Lerner, Slepak, Kosharovsky, Cherniak, Kislik, Uspensky, Lurie, Keis, Elbert, Rais...

As Eisen writes, "The largest aliyah movement in the history of the Jewish people was made possible by men and women who embodied the living spirit of the symbol of freedom. Collectively, they spent hundreds of years in prison and thousands of years in refusal. These Soviet Jews were courageous enough to protest; openly, when it was so much safer to remain silent."

Eisen eloquently captures the idealism, the drive and the urgency that we, as young college students, felt to improve the world. We needed to matter in the overall scheme of life and to make a difference in the lives of others. But more importantly, Eisen also provides the larger, more accurate dimension of the vast numbers of people - "ordinary citizens" - who were involved in the struggle for Soviet Jewry beyond the young and the restless of the campuses.

It was a cause in which very large numbers of good people took part. Most volunteered; few were conscripted. Throughout their involvement, they held in their hands, as Prof. Irwin Cotler states in the book "...the moral power of solidarity in a just cause..."

It was exhilarating. And it was unifying, tying together in common cause Chabad, the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and the World Union for Progressive Judaism (Reform). The only denomination that mattered was the denomination of those who wanted to be counted upon and counted in.

I found only one minor inaccuracy in the book which in no way detracts from its excellence but which does warrant comment, nevertheless. In describing the rallies of protests in Toronto and Montreal which were held on Oct. 19, 1982, in support of Anatoly Sharansky who was then on a hunger strike, the author wrote: "...and in Montreal, the refrain "We are leaving Mother Russia," an original song written about Sharansky by two American activists, was amplified and played repeatedly at noon, for one week, outside the Soviet Consulate."

Eisen couldn't know that one of the two American activists was in fact a Canadian. His story too is a tribute to activism, involvement, and the "moral power of solidarity in a just cause". I will write about him in a future column.

— MBD

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World turned blind eye to carnage in Rwanda

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — At the height of the carnage in Rwanda, more than 70,000 people were being slaughtered every day — twice the peak rate at which Jews were killed by the Nazis during the Holocaust.

In all, about one million people were killed "in a ruthless genocide" that shocked the world but which, like the Holocaust before it, did not prompt an outraged world community to act to stop it.

In fact, pointed out Prof. Howard Adelman, the Rwanda genocide was noteworthy for the abdication of responsibility by the world community, which knew of the plans for massacre and could have, with relatively little effort, nipped it in the bud.

Adelman, presenting the annual Harry Crowe Lecture at Toronto's York University, contrasted the relative ease of stopping the genocide in Rwanda with the difficulty of confronting the Nazis.

In Rwanda, you weren't dealing with a formidable fighting machine but rather with a presidential guard and a single battalion. The slaughter began with the United Nations present and "it could have easily been nipped in the bud, or at least mitigated," he said.

In fact, the world community's involvement in Rwanda is one characterized by the United Nation's bureaucratic inertia and timidity, lack of will and the perception that Rwanda was not strategically important to any of the world powers, Adelman said.

Furthermore, an incredible amount of "incredulity" was displayed by various nations which did not want to believe that genocide was taking place.

Adelman, founder and director of the Centre for Refugee Studies at York University, along with Astri Suhrke, a Norwegian colleague, recently completed a study on the early warning signs of the refugee disaster that befell Rwanda.

The report will be presented next week in Copenhagen to the report's sponsors, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Adelman told about 40 people attending the lecture that he titled his discussion, Never Again! Do We Mean It after visiting the Holocaust Museum in Washington.

About one third of the visitors who signed a book on departing the museum employed that phrase, but his research showed that the world community turned a blind eye to the killings.

The UN debated massive intervention versus complete withdrawal when a modest intervention would have turned the tables, Adelman said.

The United States, stung by the loss of its soldiers in Somalia, "delayed enormously" and even refused to label the killings "genocide," fearing that would have required them to take some action.

"Too few lessons were learned from the Holocaust," Adelman concluded. "Rwanda was a fairly easy [case]. It's changed me. You begin to understand Israelis who say when the crunch comes, they'll let you down."

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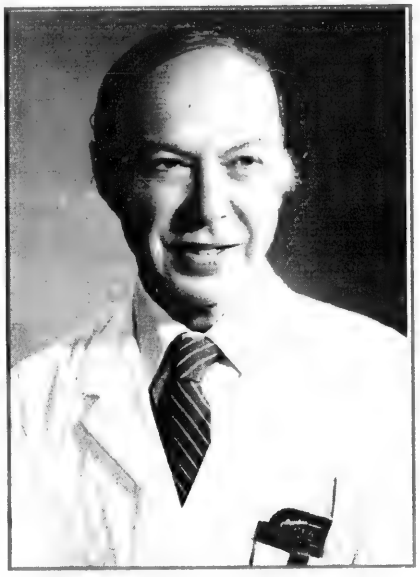

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Gianni Cappellano, 5, presents Marvelle Koffler with flowers to celebrate the opening of the Marvelle Koffler Breast Centre. Mother Anita urges him on.

Koffler Breast Centre opens at Mount Sinai

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Family and friends, government, hospital and community agency representatives joined Marvelle and Murray Koffler last week to celebrate the opening of the Marvelle Koffler Breast Centre.

The 10,000-square-foot outpatient centre is located on the 12th floor of Mount Sinai Hospital, in the Samuel Lunenfeld Research Institute. It includes facilities for medical, surgical, radiation and plastic surgery consultations; chemotherapy; medical and diagnostic imaging; psycho-social support for women with breast cancer or at risk for developing it, and their families; genetic counselling; a resource centre and library; and a research unit.

A stereotactic biopsy table combines needle biopsy with medical imaging. The two-dimensional image produced on a computer screen allows the depth of a tumor to be calculated without surgery.

A unique service is a boutique that offers accessories for those with breast cancer, such as prostheses, turbans and hats, fashionable mastectomy bathing suits, cosmetics and elegant wigs.

Theodore Freedman, president and CEO of Mount Sinai Hospital, described how "Marvelle Koffler saw the need to meet the needs of women with breast cancer with [a program of] compassionate and integrated care."

The centre, he said, was built completely by private donations, using no government funds. "It was a silent but effective campaign, coordinated by Marvelle Koffler."

Chairman of the Board Lloyd Fogler called the centre and the $3-million fundraising campaign "one of the most successful partnerships between a hospital and its community."

Ontario Minister of Health Jim Wilson, noting wryly, that "it is hard to find a hospital where a minister of health is welcome these days," thanked the Kofflers for their "good citizenship and the hope you brought to cancer patients."

Marvelle Koffler "didn't just survive [breast cancer herself] but added to the quality of life for others," he said.

Wilson pointed out that one in nine women gets breast cancer, and one in 23 dies from it.

"This government encourages self-examination and mammograms. The dollars are there for it."

Centre director Dr. Pamela Goodwin said the centre was intended to unite all the services for breast patients in one area, in a "comforting, relaxing and reassuring environment."

Murray Koffler, laughing at being referred to as not merely a generous philanthropist but "the husband of Marvelle Koffler," said "it was a privilege to have added another component to an already great hospital."

First patients

He stressed that the centre is "not just a Marvelle and Murray Koffler project. We thought it was an idea people would like to be part of," he said, thanking other major donors, which included Apotex, the Latner Family Foundation, Shoppers Drug Mart, the Lokash family and the families of Jerry and Carole Grafstein, Ralph and Roslyn Halbert, Morris and Miriam Kerzner and Carol and Barrie Rose.

In a touching conclusion, Marvelle Koffler was presented flowers by an exhuberant 5-year-old Gianni Cappellano, whose mother Anita was treated for breast cancer shortly after his birth, and whose aunt Marilisa Sears is one of the first patients of the centre.

The centre, designed by Rosalie Wise-Sharp in blond wood and black and jade furniture, is replete with paintings, sculptures, pottery, tapestries and prints. Many of the windows are of stencilled glass.

Hospital press officer Sara Taylor stressed that the centre is not just a breast cancer centre. "It is a centre for education and prevention of breast disease."

Greater Toronto Area

Branson president questions govt. cost-saving claims

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — There may be no money saved as a result of closing Branson hospital and merging it with York-Finch, despite the claim by the committee recommending the step that it would save $15 million a year.

That was the assertion Oct. 25 of Jack Gallop, president and CEO of Branson, at a Bernard Betel Centre meeting sponsored by the centre's social action comittee.

The $15 million should be cut in half, because the Metro Toronto District Health Council (MTDHC) used the larger figure without considering the merger and the resultant savings. In addition, the interest on the $60 million needed to effect the merger will reduce the saving even further, perhaps to $2.5 million, Gallop said.

"In fact, there may be no saving at all," said Gallop. He added that many beds at the new York-Finch hospital would be empty if residents in the Branson area choose to go elsewhere.

The Branson president said he questions the figures in the report, which show that the York-Finch hospital area residents have a lower income and a higher need than do the Branson residents.

"Have they taken an average figure of income in this area?" he asked. "Many of our patients are on fixed incomes."

Gallop disputed the committee's conclusion that Branson hospital is not "culturally sensitive" because Jewish people have the option of going to Mount Sinai hospital.

"We are culturally sensitive," he said. "We have 35 per cent Jewish patients and Mount Sinai has seven per cent, while 15 per cent go to North York General."

The claim that Branson doctors would have admitting privileges at York-Finch after the merger was ridiculed by Dr. Michael Henry, a Branson ophthalmologist.

During the question period, members asked if the contributions of Jewish residents to Branson for new equipment and renovations would be pointed out to the MTDHC. Gallop assured them it would.

"Why are you doing it?" asked one woman, directing her question to panelist Lorne Zon, MTDHC executive director. "Branson is a very busy hospital and we need it badly."

"There are no winners and no losers in the merger," said Zon. "The report suggests a new idea for Branson, that it become a hospital without beds, open 18 to 24 hours a day."

Zon said the report gives Branson the option of maintaining an emergency department, but this was later denied by Gallop.

Two thousand join rally to protest hospital closing

TORONTO — Some 2,000 people rallied here last Sunday against the closing of North York Branson hospital.

Speakers including North York Mayor Mel Lastman, Liberal MPP Monte Kwinter and Metro Councillor Norm Gardner warned of dire consquences for the surrounding community should Branson be closed.

And last Friday, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto said it is "distressed" at the possible closing of Branson, at a meeting at North York city hall to hear public submissions on the issue.

Federation vice-president Alan Sandler told the Metro Toronto District Hospital Council that the proposal to merge Branson with York-Finch hospital is not sensible since the communities served by the two hospitals are separate.

Closing Branson was also opposed by Moshe Greengarten, vice-president of the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, who said that many seniors at Baycrest rely on Branson for accute care.

On behalf of the Bernard Betel Centre, Rita Duenisch-Turner said that "seniors are being shafted" by the possible closing of Branson.

Observant Jews would be particilarly hard hit by a merger, according to Rabbi Jordan Pearlson of Temple Sinai Congregation, who said the added seven-kilometre distance from Branson to York-Finch would make it impossible to visit on the Sabbath.

Council member Carole Mucke asked Greengarten why the community is upset, since the recommendation is not to close Branson but merge it with York-Finch.

Greengarten replied that the distance factor was the critical element.

— B.R.

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Moving the embassy

Last week, the United States Congress overwhelmingly approved legislation requiring the American government to move its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem by the end of May 1999. There was no ambiguity in the vote. The Senate voted 93 to 5 in favor; the House of Representatives voted 374 to 38.

Whether the American legislators were motivated more by domestic considerations or foreign geopolitical ones is irrelevant. What counts now is the result. The most powerful nation on earth, the one whose support is vital for the parties attempting to make peace in the Middle East, has delivered a powerful signal to the international community and most especially to the Arab world, about Jerusalem's unassailable capital status within Israel.

The bill calls upon Jerusalem to remain forever united. It requires the State Department to allocate $25 million in 1996 and $75 million in 1997 towards the relocation of the embassy.

President Bill Clinton has publicly expressed displeasure with the timing of the congressional initiative at this juncture in the negotiations between Israel and the Palestinian Authority. However his displeasure is not so great that he will veto the bill.

For its part, the government of Israel is very happy.

Before last week, it had expressed a decidedly diffident, lukewarm, coy endorsement of the proposed American legislation, justifying its position on the basis of not wanting to prejudice the peace talks. But now that the bill has been passed, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin has breathed openly enthusiastic sighs of gratitude and congratulations. "In Israel, there is one subject on which there is no disagreement – the unity of Jerusalem and its continued status as Israel's capital. From our perspective, Jerusalem is not an issue for compromise." He then called upon other countries to follow the example of the U.S. Congress.

We urge the government of Canada to be one of those countries. Such a decision by Canada would help to provide an anchor of stability against the listing and the buffeting of the final stage negotiations, which are certain to be even more difficult and more emotionally charged than those to date.

The enemy within

In his column of Nov. 2, the editor-in-chief of *The Jerusalem Report*, Hirsh Goodman, writes of the dark, ominous developments creeping into Israel's political landscape. "The political divide has grown deep and wide and hysteria and hatred have replaced debate. Friends who think differently are shouting at each other and a culture of violence has permeated the atmosphere. The nation's leaders are being physically and verbally attacked wherever they go; rational voices on the right are being shouted down."

It is as much a cri de coeur as it is a warning. He expresses alarm that the roughhouse tactics are encroaching into the mainstream of political life and discourse. He openly worries that "it is only a matter of time before this country's democratic institutions are trampled in the gutter and chaos becomes the norm."

Goodman does not actually identify the extremists except to say that they are "a large and powerful group which has serious representation in the Knesset and the resources to act anywhere in the country." However, he does criticize both the prime minister and the leader of the opposition for generating the political anxiety so frighteningly exploited by others. He faults the prime minister for failing to address the fears of the settlers, he criticizes Benjamin Netanyahu for offering no alternative to the government's policies and for failing to control his over-zealous lieutenants.

The distressing deterioration in Israel of democracy's canons and society's civilities concerns Jewish people throughout the world. We have written on the subject, as has every other serious Jewish newspaper in the Diaspora. Much more will be written.

Goodman's conclusion cuts the heart with a shudder as cold as the moon. "Opinions can differ, but the commitment to the rule of law has to be universal; otherwise we will do from within what others have been unable to do from without – destroy Israel." God forbid.

Dry Bones

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Rittmeister deserves status of Righteous Gentile

With reference to Simon Schweitzer's letter (*CJN*, Oct. 12), I, too was a prison at Bunzlau. I remember Mr. Schweitzer as well as his brother. I was most puzzled after reading two letters written by Majer Siegman. As I had no recollection of the name, I checked with other former camp prisoners and not one had heard of this person.

My birth name is Meyer Dzialonszynski. Most everyone at the camp knew me and vice versa. I am in total agreement with Mr. Schweitzer and can attest to the kindness and thoughtfulness shown on the part of Rittmeister Willi Michael. I will forever be indebted to this gentleman, as on two separate occasions he saved my life. I was one of the first at the camp and recall that we nicknamed him "the Grandfather." He caused no one harm. Upon the advent of Yom Kippur, he inquires why we were not praying, allowed us this privilege and fell asleep overseeing the situation.

Towards the end, I was hiding in a barn with four others when the Germans started shooting prisoners attempting to escape. Rittmeister Willi Michael was away in Gorlitz Lower Silesia. When he returned, the shooting stopped.

As I too can attest to the extraordinary humanity shown by Willi Michael, I feel that he should have been given the status of Righteous Gentile.

Meyer Dial
Toronto

Jews must look after their own

I would like to comment on how the Mexican Jewish community is responding to today's economic reality, a reality that is familiar to all of us in the Canadian Jewish community.

The Mexican Jewish community is calling on its own members to get together to fulfil the mitzvah of *Ha'am Yisrael arevim zeh lazeh.*

The Jewish community in Mexico is appealing to all not to cut back on their support to the community. They are asking individuals who could do something to do it now! They are asking the *yishuv* to understand that these difficult times can unite the community and provide an excellent opportunity to show our children, and all the Jews all over the world, that Judaism is more than the simple meaning of giving. They are appealing to people to embrace the mitzvah of caring for one to another, including the creation of jobs and assisting with temporary financial aid (not charity) to families.

Perhaps it is time for our Jewish leaders to appeal to our community, young and old, to do something more than protesting "government cuts." I am convinced that the Ontario government can learn a great deal from our Jewish determination to put into practice our *Avinu Malkeinu* prayers. We must always protest against governments that treat us Jews differently than other citizens. A case in point would be Jewish education.

Our challenge today, I believe, is how not to get lost as a people. Let's embrace this challenge of caring one for each other with honor, and let us all take care of one another.

Simha S. Mendelsohn
Toronto

Dry Bones cartoon was offensive

At a time when the Jewish community should be building bridges, you are perpetuating stereotypes with your offensive analogy. (Dry Bones, Oct. 19)

We believe that choosing to run the cartoon comparing the O.J. Simpson trial to the release of Palestinian prisoners was an error in judgement.

Louise and Lorne Rachlis
Nepean, Ont.

Yiddish not a moribund language

That was an interesting article about the Bialik H.S. Yiddish department. We all appreciate their efforts.

However, I am sure you are aware that there are schools in Montreal were Yiddish is not a "compulsory course" but the everyday language of communication among the students from daycare to high school age. I teach in one of these schools, and I can assure you that no one there thinks Yiddish is a "moribund" language. How could it be moribund if it is used at home, in school and on the street?

Sarah M. Bauer
Montreal

Searching for music of the Holocaust

For a book on the various uses of music during the Holocaust (death tangos, partisan songs, camp concerts, the Terezin symphony, for example), I would appreciate hearing from anybody who has memories, music, scores, photographs or other relevant material.

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Does anyone know Galya Heifetz?

I am looking for a relative of mine Galya Heifetz, birth name, born in 1934. I don't know her married name. She emigrated to Canada in 1979 and works in a hospital as an administrator.

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Perspectives

Peace Process: Skeptic

Israel becoming tragically vulnerable

By RABBI REUBEN J. POUPKO

For anyone committed to Jewish unity and dignity, the past two years have been profoundly troubling. The debate over current Israeli policies has seen Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin branded as a traitor, the Diaspora critics of the Oslo accord referred to by Rabin as *mukzim* (loathsome), Netanyahu labelled a Hamas collaborator and settlers delegitimized through a barrage of invective. All of this not only sullies the political debate but has opened potentially irreparable fissures within the Jewish world.

It is widely assumed that the opposition of the Orthodox community to the Oslo accords is linked to the religious claim concerning the sanctity of Judea and Samaria. The assumption is that for the Orthodox Jew, the possession of biblical/ancestral land takes priority over the search for peace.

While this may be true for a small minority of the Orthodox community, I believe, that for the large majority, opposition to Oslo is based upon the belief that its risks outweigh its purported benefits. Specifically, that the pillars of the Oslo accords are built upon a combination of false confidence in Yasser Arafat, incorrect projections of future Palestinian Arab behavior and the sacrificing of vital security assets of the Jewish state.

The supporters of Oslo, on the other hand, prefer to speak of a new Middle East, where Israel is a full partner in the economic life, and dismiss these risks as outdated rhetoric of a bygone era.

What I hope to discuss, within the limited confines of this article, apart from the relative legitimacy of each of these approaches, is the underlying sensibilities which I believe informs the Orthodox perspective.

There has been a century-old debate within Zionism as to the ultimate goal of Jewish sovereignty. This debate is centered upon the understanding of the phrase "normalization of the Jewish condition." While all agree that this phrase expresses the essence of the Zionist dream, we do not agree upon the definition of "normal."

The majority of Zionists define normalization as the Jewish people's attaining their rightful place in the community of nations, erasing the indignity of statelessness and being accepted as a people equal to all others. A minority of Zionists, the religious in particular, define normalization as the successful achievement of Jewish sovereignty, ensuring that uniquely Jewish prerogatives could be affirmed and asserted in their most natural environment.

If normalization means acceptance, then the Oslo accords are a great success. Israeli police are invited to serve in Haiti; Israeli policies go uncondemned at the U.N. Women's Conference in China; the Arab boycott begins to crumble; and Israel's foreign minister dreams of becoming the U.N. Secretary General.

The cruel irony for these Zionists was the startling phenomenon that even with sovereignty, the Jew was still a pariah. The shtetl walls fell, only to be rebuilt, as the majority of countries refused to recognize Israel and labelled her very essence as racist.

For the Orthodox, however, acceptance by the world community was never the primary goal of Zionism. The barometer of the success of Zionism was the degree to which Jewish rights were achieved. When supporters of Oslo emphasize the warm embrace of the world community achieved in exchange for Judea and Samaria, many Orthodox Jews remain unimpressed.

The Oslo accords have made life for North American Jews much easier. We are no longer stigmatized by our association with a pariah state and are no longer obliged to defend unpopular policies. With American Jews relieved of this stigma and burden, it is no great surprise that they are supportive of current Israeli policy. For the Orthodox, who are accustomed to a lifestyle which is often in tension with prevailing norms, defending Israel's unpopular policies was never a burden and association with Israel never a stigma.

The specific policies of the current Israeli administration have provided little comfort to those with deep apprehension about Israel's future. The following are some of the areas of concern:

Security — By ceding Gaza and large swaths of Judea and Samaria, Israel has opened the door to a base of Palestinian terror in the belly of Israel. Egypt's Hosni Mubarak has already complained to Israel that Gaza has turned into a base of terror against his country (even with the Sinai desert as a buffer) and Israel's military has already begun planning for Katyusha attacks which would be launched from Gaza.

The appointment of "former" terrorists (including an individual involved in the Munich massacre) as security officials for areas under Arafat's control, cannot be viewed with equanimity. The impending release of thousands of prisoners, including those with blood on their hands and future terror in their hearts, is an act which can only be perpetrated by those drunk with false hope.

Trust — Arafat has never stopped calling for Jihad. He continues to glorify terror and has even proclaimed: "We are all suicide bombers." Oslo contains but one Palestinian concession — to amend the PLO charter, a concession Israel allegedly received more than two years ago. One can only wonder how many more times Arafat can use this as a bargaining chip.

Arafat continues to describe the Oslo accords in one of two ways: either as a tactical necessity to be exploited until the day Palestinians become strong enough to implement the Cairo plan, which calls for the destruction of Israel in stages, or by conjuring up the memory of the deal made between Mohammed and the Quraish (which Mohammed subsequently broke at his convenience).

In Oslo 1, Arafat agreed to extradite accused terrorists to Israel. This has never happened. He slyly circumvents this obligation by conducting his own midnight trials ending in lightning-speed conviction, often followed days later by quiet release.

Jerusalem — To have placed Jerusalem on the negotiating table, as was done in Oslo 1, is a direct assault on Jewish history and Jewish unity. Allowing, under Oslo 2, the participation of Palestinian Arab residents of Jerusalem in the upcoming Palestinian elections directly contradicts Rabin's proclamations that Jerusalem's status will not be altered.

All of this is symptomatic of a country desperately seeking normalcy and becoming, what one commentator has called, "beggars of hope."

An additional factor which contributes to my scepticism surrounding the Oslo accords is the utter lack of consensus in Israel, which should be present when enacting such dramatic initiatives.

I fear that this process has left Israel tragically vulnerable, with borders too tempting for Arabs to ignore. If this happens, its supporters will never blame Arafat or the Arabs. What they will say is: "Had we only been more generous ... had we only never allowed the settlements ... had we only done this sooner ..." The left has always found ways to blame us for our own persecution.

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Peace Process: Supporter

Jews always support *darchei shalom*

By RABBI HOWARD S. JOSEPH

I am cautiously in favor of the current peace process between Israel and the Palestinian Arabs. After 100 years of war, any peace process must be cautious, for the risks of failure can easily overwhelm the hope for success.

However, if those risks are solely based on security considerations, then I take comfort from the recent words of Yisrael Harel, chair of the Yesha council and an opponent of the peace process. In light of the position recently presented by some North American rabbis that concern for protecting the lives of the settlers precludes support for the peace process, Harel explained that the opposition to the peace agreements is not based on security concerns, but is ideological.

If the question were to be one of security, I would refrain from any comment, for as a rabbi I lack any security training. However, if indeed the question is ideological, then the values and teachings of Judaism are to be the area for Jews to ponder for guidance on the issue. Can we give up control of land that God has promised and given to us? Is this the paramount question? Or are there other religious considerations involved?

The peace process is a necessity because Jews should always be part of the promotion of peace. We have always given high priority to *darchei shalom*, the ways of peace; *darchei noam*, the ways of pleasantness; *kavod haberiot*, the dignity of human life; and numerous other fundamentals. These must be considered in any process. They are imperatives of our Sinai Covenant tradition. Jews cannot invoke them when convenient and forget them when approaching difficult issues. If these principles require us to make sacrifices then so be it. That is what having principles is all about.

I fully believe that this is indeed the land that God has promised to us. However, it may not be time yet for us to achieve the fullness of the promise. For example, if a fire rages in one's home, one will usually leave the home to save one's life. Only after the fire is extinguished would one try to return. Here too there is a fire of sorts, and it is not yet extinguished. It began with the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem almost 2,000 years ago and still continues. We are not yet living in the Messianic era when that fire will be finally and permanently put out. Meanwhile, we wait. That is our duty. "For even though he [the Messiah] may tarry I will still wait for him ..." One day the land again will be ours. Or the Messiah may tell us that we must share that land with others in the interest of the dream of Messianic harmony.

Modern society is riddled with impatience. Immediate material rewards and gratification motivate so many of our actions. Our moral tradition has always recognized the sad irony that this attitude can only lead to frustration and discouragement. Calls of "Mashiach now" are commendable, but we cannot lose nor betray the patience that kept us for centuries. We must want the Messiah now and be ready for this to happen. But we should not act as if that time is already here.

Indeed, the main religious opposition to Zionism was based upon worries about its Messianic thrust, its "forcing the end," so to speak. This critique helped maintain a more sober religious Zionism. We must still listen to it today, even after the inspiring events witnessed during the 1967 Six Day War which aroused Messianic fervor to a remarkable degree.

In this pre-Messianic era, the conditions of our return to the land are spelled out in the Talmud. One of those is to not revolt against the nations. The United Nations' sanction of the creation of the State of Israel in 1947 seems to fit with that requirement. That Israel will live securely within internationally recognized boundaries after a successful peace process would be a next step.

Already the standing of the state has increased. Numerous previously hostile nations have now recognized Israel and established diplomatic and economic ties. The respect for Israel has increased in the world. These events have religious value. They are answers to our High Holy Day prayer: Give honor to Your people.

Any lands being surrendered have never been formally annexed by any Israeli government. Nor does any major Israeli political party advocate such an action. There is not much room to think that matters would be very different if Likud were to gain power in the near future. They have been critical of current policy but have not suggested any alternatives. Nor will they satisfy the extreme nationalists, religious or secular, by incorporating the territories currently being administered into the state.

Territorial concessions that lead to peace will not bring discouragement to world Jewry. We will still be proud of Israel's numerous accomplishments over the past decades and inspired by the flourishing of a free secure land that will soon have the largest Jewish population in the world. We will still support numerous projects and institutions that help build the society and give us a share in that endeavor. We will visit and send our children to visit and study even more than we do today.

Meanwhile, we pray that Israel's leaders will be blessed with wisdom and the strength to stay the course. Their ability to walk the fine lines and risky paths of peace will seriously impact on our future. Strength and vigilance will still be necessary for decades to come until all the hostility of the past 100 years will be replaced by compatibility, coexistence and cooperation.

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Opinions

The kingmaker in 1996?

Many view the next Israeli election — which will be held in the fall of 1996 — as a critical choice between two visions of the future of the state. The substance of these arguments will be analyzed in depth between now and then, and all indications are that the election campaign will be heated and emotional. But in Israeli politics, like anywhere else, just as much is determined by personal political agendas and rivalries.

By Shira Herzog

In 1996, Israeli voters will cast two ballots for the first time. One will be for their candidate of choice for the position of prime minister, in a direct election. The second will be for their party of choice for the Knesset, in a system of proportional representation that has always been used. (This is the result of a compromise conclusion to a lengthy debate over electoral reform that failed to bring a constituency-based system to Israel.) A second, unusual phenomenon is the number of parties that will be running in the "space" between Labor and Likud, hoping to attract disenchanted voters away from both large parties.

Three such parties have already emerged, each with its own distinct message. They are the Third Way, led by Avigdor Kehalani and Dan Shomron, motivated largely by concerns over the future of the Golan; Natan Sharansky's party, motivated by concerns of new Russian immigrants; and David Levy's breakaway party from the Likud, the National-Social party, motivated largely by the personal rivalry and enmity between David Levy and Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

Levy, a veteran Likud politician who was viewed as a strong voice within Likud ranks for Israelis of Middle Eastern origin, was a cabinet minister in the Menachem Begin and Yitzhak Shamir governments and a contender for the Likud leadership against Netanyahu in a bitter and acrimonious race. The ensuing feud quickly became personal, and the inevitable result from both men's perspective was Levy's decision to break away. Levy, a warm, emotional populist leader who advocates an activist social agenda on behalf of disadvantaged Israelis, and who has been associated with the centrist, pragmatic elements in Likud, believes he can appeal to disenfranchised members of Likud, as well as to many Israelis who are floating somewhere between the right and the left.

In the Israeli system of proportional representation, where 1.5 per cent of the popular vote grants a party a Knesset seat, a party with three or four seats has often held the balance of power, and its choice of either of the two large parties as a coalition partner has determined who will lead the government. Any one of the three new parties in the "centre" may find itself in such a pivotal position. For Levy, there will be an added dimension. He has already announced that he also intends to run as a candidate in the direct election for prime minister, along with Netanyahu and Yitzhak Rabin.

For all practical purposes, only a leader of one of the two large parties can be prime minister of Israel. If only Netanyahu and Rabin compete in the election, one of them will get a majority on the first ballot. Other politicians may decide to help or hinder either of the two main candidates by joining the race. In return, they may get promises of a senior cabinet post from either of the main candidates who wants them to run — or withdraw.

Levy has not declared his choice of government leader in 1996. His stated purpose is to run and win in the direct election for prime minister and to head the next government. Realistically, though, he will have to decide which of the other two candidates to back. His positions on the peace process place him in the centre, but in themselves do not rule out cooperation with either Labor or Likud. He believes that Israel should proceed now to negotiate the final arrangements for the territories, and his map is a variation on the old Allon plan, including blocs of settlements that will remain untouched. He does not object to negotiations with Yasser Arafat. On the Golan, he has hinted at a willingness to consider territorial concessions, but he has also said he believes no breakthrough with Syria will take place before the next Israeli election. These positions are not much different from those of other "dovish" Likud members or "hawkish" Labor members. They are virtually identical to those of the Kehalani group, which is a breakaway from Labor.

But in the case of Levy, there is the apparently unbridgeable chasm with Netanyahu. This means that from Rabin's perspective, any vote given to Levy in the direct election for prime minister is a vote that isn't going to Netanyahu in what may well be a close race. If Levy steps out of the race after the first ballot, and in the process makes a deal with Rabin that will give him a senior cabinet post, he may advise his supporters from the first ballot to vote for Rabin on the second ballot. From today's vantage point, therefore, it appears that Levy may be the kingmaker in the election of 1996.

A frightening parallel

The Spanish Inquisition seems to be a never-ending attraction for researchers and history buffs. It represents one of the great enigmas of national, cultural and religious development. Here we find a country which, in the early Middle Ages, could be counted amongst the most tolerant of all societies anywhere, and a few hundred years later it had to be reckoned amongst the most intolerant lands of any period in history. As is so often the case, the Jews were the linchpins of this development and they represented the cogent proof that when something goes wrong with society, they are the first to suffer the consequences. That was most certainly so with Spain from the years 900 to 1500 and beyond.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

The eminent historian Benzion Netanyahu has now written his second book on the subject, and this time it is nearly 1,400 impressive pages long. Netanyahu, a renowned scholar, is the father of Benjamin (the head of the Likud Party in Israel) and of the late Jonathan, who led the raid on Entebbe in 1976 and was killed in the effort. His father dedicates the book to him "with unrelieved grief to the memory of my beloved son."

It was a historical given in the past that the Inquisition was primarily a religious institution, designed to wipe out heresy. But now Netanyahu has shown conclusively that religion was only the foil and the tool in accomplishing a totally different end. It was to get rid of a new successful and prosperous Spanish class which consisted primarily of men and women who had formerly been Jews and who, in most instances, had been good and faithful Christians for generations. Contrary to earlier wisdom, they were not Marranos in the sense of being hidden Jews. Far from it, they were loyal Christians, but their success made the old Christian leadership of the country their bitter enemy. The Establishment felt that they were being displaced by the newcomers and they encouraged the Church to do what they themselves could not do: eliminate untold thousands of their competitors by accusing them of being Jews at heart and in practice, and condemning them thereby to the *auto-da-fé*. In sum, this was a political, economic and cultural development which sailed under the title "Inquisition," but inquired only whether one's grandparents or great-grandparents were Jews. It became a racial pursuit and that was enough to condemn people to the fire. Being a faithful Christian meant nothing, for Jews were considered an evil race.

Needless to say, this interpretation of history raises the spectre of a similar development in our own century.

Netanyahu draws that parallel in no uncertain terms: Nazism rode to success on the back of racial anti-Semitism — and the latter too was fuelled not by religious, but by social, political and economic factors. Both Nazism and the Inquisition, having started with the annihilation of Jews, overreached themselves in the end and became self-destructive.

Erna Paris in her study, *The End of Days*, a well written and easy to read account of the same theme, reaches similar conclusions, which will be examined and discussed for some time to come. The book is distinguished by the comparison of Spanish times with our era and its potential for destabilization. The parallel is both frightening and challenging.

Healing needed after Quebec vote

As I write these words, the referendum is several days off. A sense of gloom pervades anglophone and allophone communities in Montreal. The vote is too close to call, with the Yes side gaining momentum since Lucien Bouchard took over the helm. The smug confidence of some federalist forces early on has given way to real concern, if not panic. The financial markets have already sent out their first signals, pushing the dollar down and interest rates up. I will make no predictions.

By Morton Weinfeld

English speakers, who are overwhelmingly No supporters, feel a sense of despair, of depression. In many English language institutions, such as schools or hospitals, the referendum seems to be on most people's minds. There is little laughter in their voices or bounce in their steps. In some places you can cut the tension with a knife. Even francophones are anxious; a colleague told me that her mother has not been able to sleep for a week.

Some federalists remain optimistic. They continue to predict a No victory, and this seems to be the view of professional pollsters and survey researchers. The argument is that the Undecideds will break largely to the No side. By this time, we will know if they are right. But even a close No victory will not lead to euphoria.

Jews in Quebec, who are also No supporters, share in the anxiety. Given the large numbers of elderly in the Montreal Jewish community, including a fair number of Holocaust survivors, the fear of abrupt political change, of social and economic instability, is even more acute. The Jewish community has allied itself publicly with the Italian and Hellenic communities on the No side. There will be strains on the Jewish community following the referendum, regardless of the outcome.

Nationalist community

What is unclear is whether a narrow No victory will help rebuild the self-confidence of the Jewish community. Regardless of the referendum vote, it will be important to mend possibly broken fences with the Parti Quebecois government and the nationalist community in general.

The issue of anti-Semitism is not one that has surfaced in public and does not seem to animate most Montreal Jews at this time. Most fear the general political instability, the economic uncertainty that surrounds the debate. They are devoted to Canada, with its tradition of tolerance. However, they are also increasingly integrated into Quebec society and speak French and share increasing personal and professional contacts with French Quebecers. The quality and the warmth of Jewish life in Montreal remain extremely high. What is uncertain is the nature of the surrounding environment.

Unsettling references have been made in the Yes campaign to the suspect vote of ethnic minorities or the need for more "white babies" in Quebec. One hopes that such comments will not be symptomatic of a renewed brand of exclusive, intolerant French nationalism.

In fact, the Yes camp is a coalition of many forces, some liberal and some conservative, and includes doctrinaire separatists and strategic supporters hoping for a more egalitarian constitutional arrangement. Regardless of the outcome, that coalition might not last after the referendum.

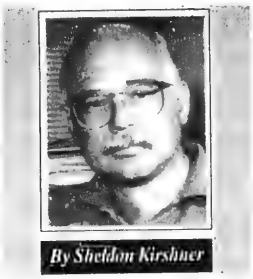
The Pequist leadership has a tendency to seek to blame others — usually Ottawa or English Canada — for any difficulties it encounters. Even the run on the dollar in the week before the election was not the fault of the threat of separation, but of colluding Bay Street financiers or Finance Minister Paul Martin's warning of one million threatened jobs.

If things go badly in a post-Yes Quebec, or if frustrated sovereigntists seek revenge after a close No victory, minorities, including Jews, might well be targeted. Jewish communal leaders in Quebec, and in the rest of Canada, should work to strengthen the liberal elements of French Quebec society, and hasten the healing process. It will be a difficult, delicate challenge.

The Kirshner File

Albert Speer regretted his Faustian bargain

In the second half of 1977, Gitta Sereny — a British journalist with an abiding interest in the Third Reich — received two unsolicited letters from Albert Speer, who had been one of Adolf Hitler's closest confidants.



By Sheldon Kirshner

The letters marked a watershed in Sereny's professional career.

They triggered a series of events which recently culminated with the publication of *Albert Speer: His Battle With Truth* (Random House, $45), an exhaustive examination of Speer's culpability in the extermination of six million Jews during the Holocaust.

"I probed Speer with a critical eye, probably more than any other Nazi has been probed," said Sereny in an interview at her publisher's office in Toronto, her 65th since she began to promote her critically acclaimed tome.

More than a decade in the making, the book is based on extensive conversations with Speer and his voluminous private papers.

It is a cautionary Faustian tale of an intelligent, educated, well-bred man who struck a bargain with the devil and lived to regret it.

For the rest of his days, Speer, who died in 1981, was tormented and obsessed by the Holocaust. "The murder of the Jews was central to his radical condemnation of Hitler, central to the awareness of his own guilt and absolutely central to his thoughts for 35 years," writes Sereny.

Speer, Hitler's architect, was appointed minister of armaments and munitions in February 1942, thus becoming the second most powerful person in Germany. Speer performed brilliantly, and Hitler appreciated his stellar contribution to Nazi Germany's war effort. By 1945, German factories were producing more tanks and planes and artillery pieces than they had in 1939. In this respect, Speer was instrumental in prolonging the war by at least a year.

At his trial in Nuremberg in 1946, Speer admitted responsibility for the use of slave labor by his ministry, but steadfastly denied all knowledge of the Final Solution. Found guilty of war crimes, he was sentenced to 20 years in prison. His deputy, Fritz Saukel, was executed. He had acknowledged that he had ordered the transport of Jews to concentration camps.

Following his release, Speer wrote two best-sellers — *Inside the Third Reich* and *Spandau Diaries*. Filled with contrition, they infuriated his former comrades in the Nazi movement.

In 1977, Speer, living in splendid retirement in Germany, contacted Sereny. She and a colleague had written an article for the London *Sunday Times* in which they had discredited the claims of David Irving, a British revisionist historian who had claimed in a book, *Hitler's War*, that Hitler had not known about the Holocaust until October 1943 at the earliest.

In his first letter, Speer not only thanked her for the article, but attacked Irving, saying it was "ludicrous" for anyone to claim that the genocide of the Jews could have been anyone's idea but Hitler's. The fact that there was no documentary evidence of a command from Hitler calling for the systematic killing of Jews was irrelevant, Speer said. Besides, he added, Hitler issued his most critical orders verbally.

Sereny, who had been raised in Vienna and educated in Britain, was intrigued by Speer, of whom she possessed some knowledge. She had personally seen him in the dock at Nuremberg. She had read his books. She had watched him many times on television.

Sereny, now 72, had no intention of responding to Speer. But after another one of his letters arrived in the mail, in which he confessed that her book on Treblinka commandant Franz Stangl had given him sleepless nights, she telephoned Speer.

This, in turn, led to an assignment from the *Sunday Times* for a profile on Speer. In April 1978, she and her husband, a renowned photographer, met Speer at his home in Heidelberg.

Sereny, who had witnessed the 1934 Nazi party congress in Nuremberg and had tended to displaced persons in Germany after the war, came well prepared.

"What I didn't yet know, and wasn't to learn until much later, was that he was consumed with guilt about the murder of the Jews. It was a long time before I grew to like Speer, but by the end of our first three weeks together, I fully believed, and loved, that feeling of guilt in him."

In *Albert Speer: His Battle With Truth*, Sereny claims that Speer was preconditioned to Hitler's anti-Semitic ravings, possibly because he was an "instinctive" anti-Semite himself. "Practically all Germans, especially the upper classes, were anti-Semites," she said of that period.

"I cannot understand anti-Semitism," Sereny mused. "It is so foreign to me. It is a feeling I cannot understand."

Speer, Sereny suggests, was an innate anti-Semite who harbored no particular aversion toward Jews. Indeed, he continued to associate with Jewish acquaintances after throwing in his lot with the Nazis. In addition, he was proud that his letters and speeches bore no anti-Semitic references, and that he had never taken part in anti-Semitic activities.

Nevertheless, the persecution of German Jews was of marginal concern to Speer. He was basically indifferent to the indignities and depravations they endured. Kristallnacht, for example, evoked in him a revulsion against disorder rather than a visceral reaction against barbarity.

In Sereny's estimation, Speer was not "consciously aware" of the Holocaust in 1942 when he was named minister of armaments and munitions. Speer, she argues, was entirely preoccupied with increasing war production, and associated the removal of Jews from German cities with "the needs for security, and for labor."

Yet Speer's professed ignorance of the Final Solution does not square with the facts.

He was probably present at a momentous meeting in Posen, Poland, in October 1943, in which Heinrich Himmler graphically spelled out the real meaning of the Final Solution. Speer admits that he was in Posen on the day of Himmler's speech, but cannot remember hearing it.

Even if this denial is true, and Sereny is not convinced it is, Sereny is certain that Hitler discussed Himmler's speech with Speer the day after it was delivered.

As well, Josef Goebbels' diaries prove that Speer heard Hitler speak of "liquidating" Jews "from Europe's life."

Hitler, Sereny observed, never directly told Speer about the Holocaust per se. He conveyed that damning information to only four collaborators. Moreover, Speer never really took Hitler's threats against the Jews seriously.

"Nothing I ever heard him say made me think, even for a moment, that he had any intention of killing them," Speer told Sereny. "Killing, that was unthinkable."

After Posen, however, Speer must have grasped the terrible truth. Yet Speer, who adored Hitler, was unable imagine a crime of such magnitude and blocked it out of his mind, Sereny said. As a result, Speer believed his own lies. "The blocking effect can make you believe you are not lying."

Speer's gradual disillusionment with Hitler was hastened by a visit to the infamous Dora labor camp, but even this traumatic event did not prompt him to break his ties with Hitler or to join the resistance movement.

In Nuremberg, in 1946, Speer confessed that he had "to share total responsibility for all that had happened" during the Third Reich. But it was not until 1977, in a deposition to the South African (Jewish) Board of Deputies that Speer came closest to associating himself, for the first time, directly with the Holocaust. As he put it: "To this day I still consider my main guilt to be my tacit acceptance of the persecution and murder of millions of Jews."

Speer, Sereny concludes, never forgave himself for having loved Hitler. But he doubtless assuaged his guilt by anonymously contributing to several Jewish organizations in Europe and by striking up a friendship with an eccentric German-born rabbi who respected his anguish.

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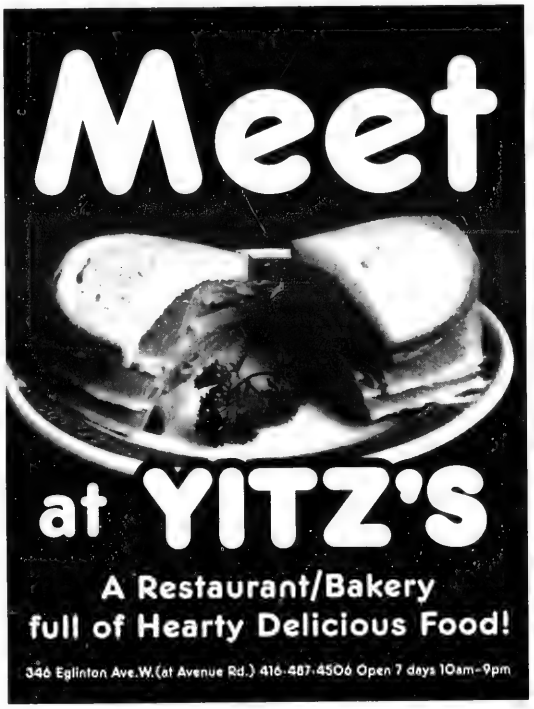
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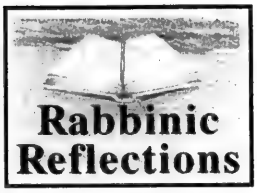

Torah's guidance key to Jewish continuity

By RABBI JOSEPH KELMAN

Several weeks ago we ended the High Holy Day season with Simchat Torah.

The actual name of the holiday and the manner in which we celebrate it was developed in the Diaspora after the talmudic period. This was done to give the second day of Shemini Atzeret a special celebration of its own and end the High Holy Days on a meaningful and joyous note.

Amongst the many reasons for Simchat Torah, I would like to suggest that perhaps the most important is to make sure that we continue to let the Torah be a guide and, as we say in our prayers, a tree of life and the support for the Jewish people.

During the first 23 days of Tishrei, we are very conscious of the need to strengthen our commitment to Judaism. We spend a great deal of time in prayer, as well as observing the rituals and mitzvot of the holidays both in the synagogue and at home.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur put us on a high spiritual plane. Then we celebrate Sukkot and through our material possessions, material blessings, calling it *z'man simchateinu*, the time of rejoicing and happiness. Leaving your home and going into a temporary sukkah teaches a fundamental lesson that happiness cannot be achieved which bring only momentary pleasures. Happiness comes from the realization that we must be grateful and appreciate the blessings we receive, which we far too often take for granted.

To help us in this regard, the Torah has given us concrete mitzvot, as well as teaching us right attitudes. We begin and end our day with prayers and recite blessings before and after we eat. We have laws to share material blessings and many others to remind us that we should be concerned not only to feed our bodies and enjoy a good life, but also to nurture and sustain our soul.

It is interesting that the editorial staff of *The Canadian Jewish News*, in establishing this column called it Rabbinic Reflections. One of the translations of the word reflection in Hebrew is *histakel*. This means to engage in self-introspection and reflect upon which direction in life we should take to make it meaningful to ourselves and express devotion to the Almighty.

As I reflect upon our Jewish life and upon the Jewish community in North America, I come to the conclusion that one basic perception of it is that it is a paradox. On the one hand, we can be great optimists and happy that there are more students going to day schools than ever before, more people engaged in Jewish studies and many expressing public pride as Jews living in a democratic society.

However, on the other side of the coin, probably more than 50 per cent of Jews in Toronto do not attend synagogue, even on Yom Kippur. Of those who do, a good percentage do not make synagogue and Judaism a high priority during the rest of the year.

Every day we hear the catch word continuity. Indeed, it is an important concept. To make it happen we should look at two other words with the letter C. Continuity will take place if we can successfully *communicate* to Jewish families the need to have a greater *commitment* to Jewish life. This means not only during the High Holy Day period, but with concrete observances of mitzvot at home and outside the home throughout the year.

Rabbi Joseph Kelman is the spiritual leader of Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue in Toronto.

Rosh Hashanah in Nantucket shul

By PATRICIA MYHAL
Special to The CJN

"Good evening friends. We're a big crowd tonight, so we're going to have to sit tuchis to tuchis."

With these words of the rabbi, my introduction to Rosh Hashanah services at the Nantucket synagogue began. I was there with the Blumensteins, ex-Torontonians now based in New York, who have just built a house in Nantucket.

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This announcement from the rabbi, a cheerful woman from Harvard, surprised me (I had expected a more sombre tone), but also delighted me. And the more I experienced of Rosh Hashanah, the more these words and the message behind them of family and friends feeling comfortable and at ease seemed absolutely right.

Only in the last 10 years have Jews on Nantucket been able to attend syngaogue. Nantucket (just off Cape Cod) has been for decades a quiet island with a unique flavor. In the last century, it became a vacation spot for the establishment of the north-eastern United States. It is the kind of place where people "summered," and those people on the whole shared the same cultural and ethnic background.

Until about 20 years ago, Nantucket was effectively restricted. There were some Jews who lived and vacationed there (although there were apparently no Jewish residents prior to 1920), but they were not open about being Jewish. They blended in, perhaps deliberately so. This changed some 10 years ago, when a small group of Jewish families decided to organize regular services.

Today the congregation of Shirat Ha'Yam (Song of the Sea) holds services in the basement of the Unitarian church. The church is lodged in an 1809 building that could be the model for the popular image of a New England church — white clapboard, tall steeple, fronted by an old brick sidewalk and just steps away from the cobblestone main street. Yet there is a synagogue in the basement; and the president of the synagogue, a take-charge lady lawyer from Pittsburgh, has persuaded the local bakery to make challah for Jewish holidays.

On the first day of Rosh Hashanah, some 300 people squeezed into every nook and cranny of the basement. Many of the men were wearing red yarmulkes. I learned later that these were designed especially for the congregation — in the well-known Nantucket red color, with a circle of whales around the edge.

What struck me most was the participation of children during the service. Lev, my friends' son, took an active part in the Hebrew readings, but then he's greating up for his bar mitzvah.

After the service, we went for dinner to the home of a Jewish woman who has been coming to the island for more than 20 years. I had the feeling that she may have been, until recently, one of those who blended in. I sensed also that she was pleased to now be able to practise her religion in a more public way. We were a dozen or so at dinner, almost all Jewish. We ate brisket, honey and apples (Lev explained that the apples represented the world) and honey cake. The synagogue service and the convivial dinner all seemed to be parts of one whole — a warm, family-oriented expression of goodwill.

On the next day there was the ceremony of *tashlich*. Under a bright blue sky, we gathered at a picture-postcard lighthouse in Nantucket harbor. After some remarks by the rabbi, we walked to the edge of the ocean where we tossed pieces of bread in a symbolic casting off of our sins. (Actually we had forgotten our bread, so we used crumbled cookies stolen from the kids' snack. But we thought that wouldn't detract from the gesture.) Later we learned that, instead of tossing bread, we could have turned out our pockets and hems, an even more personal symbol and one that to me, as a non-Jew, seemed particularly evocative of the Jewish experience in the 20th century.

The impression that remains with me is of the warmth and hospitality that infused this celebration and of a community's determination to create a public religious life in a place that, not too many years ago, was less than welcoming.

Patricia Myhal is a Toronto freelance writer.

Jewish Life

Rabbi known for *ahavas Yisroel*

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Rabbi Avraham Yaacov Glucowsky, a longtime teacher at Eitz Chaim Schools and a founder of the Lubavitch community in Toronto, died suddenly on Oct. 19, a few hours after his return from Israel. He was 66.

Born in Elizabeth, N.J., he began his teaching career in New York. He soon moved to Nashville, Tenn., where he met and married his wife, Frances. The couple moved to Detroit and finally, in 1959, to Toronto.

He taught at the Eitz Chaim night school as well as taking up duties as executive director of Chabad Lubavitch. In 1963, he became a full-time teacher at Eitz Chaim, where he remained until his death.

Former Eitz Chaim principal Rabbi Shneur Weinberg, a brother-in-law, called him a "real gentleman," whose "warmth and *ahavas yisroel* touched thousands."

He was a very effective teacher, Rabbi Weinberg said, and was always willing to give help to younger staff.

"He was a rare breed. He combined the professionalism of today with the *mesirat nefesh* [all-encompassing dedication] of yesterday."

Rabbi Glucowsky was known for bringing many back to Jewish observance through the warmth of his personality, his beaming smile and his non-judgemental nature.

Rabbi Yosef Gansburg, educational director of Chabad Lubavitch of Southern Ontario, said that at any gathering or at shul, "he would be the first to go over and welcome people."

As well, said Rabbi Gansburg, "he was a life force behind the [Chabad] organization in Toronto — he was a part of every major program we did.

"There will be a tremendous void with his passing."

His last High Holy Days were spent fulfilling one of his lifelong dreams — to lead Rosh Hashonah and Yom Kippur services in Israel, which he did at the Chabad synagogue of Rehovot, where his son is the rabbi.

Rabbi Glucowsky is survived by his wife Frances, children Rabbi Menachem Mendel Glucowsky of Rehovot, Rabbi Moishe Meyer of New York, Yechiel of Toronto, Lakey Silber of Chicago, Chana Odi Shagalow of New Hope, Minn., and 21 grandchildren.

He also leaves four sisters, Temi Beck, Simi Teigman, Marsha Tekuzener and Shulamit Budow.

A new page in Jewish history

TORONTO — Were it not for the creation of the State of Israel, Emil Fackenheim tends to think that Jews would have virtually disappeared as a result of the demoralizing effect of the Holocaust.

"The understanding of the horrors that took place during the Holocaust are only beginning to sink in now," the noted philosopher said in a lecture here last week sponsored by B'nai Brith Canada. "It doesn't get easier with the years. It gets harder."

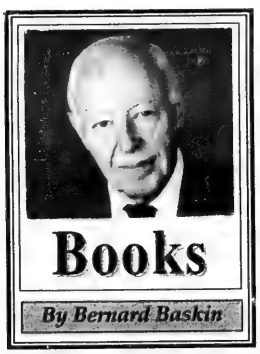
Fackenheim, a former professor of philosophy at the University of Toronto, made aliyah in 1983 and is now a faculty member of the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

What applies to individual Holocaust survivors who built new lives applies to Israel collectively, Fackenheim believes. "If we have the strength, hope and courage, then there's got to be a new page in Jewish history.

"Don't let the hope die a second time," he urged.

— By Frances Kraft

Yiddish literature lives on



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Found Treasures: Stories by Yiddish Women Writers, Second Story Press (paperbound)

For the better part of a millenium (900 to 1900), Yiddish was the principal tongue of Ashkenazi Jews, who by the end of the 19th century, represented about 90 per cent of world Jewry. Though it developed in central Europe, Yiddish does not have a clearly defined homeland. Most linguistic historians define it as a west-Germanic language.

It is estimated that in 1940, over 10 million Jews around the world spoke Yiddish. Forty years later that number had been reduced to about a third of that figure and most of these people were elderly and unable to pass the tradition on to their children. In ultra-Orthodox circles, Yiddish is still preferred for everyday secular use and approximately two million continue to use the language.

Stalin murdered the major Yiddish writers of the Soviet Union and Hitler murdered writers and readers alike. Tragically, a large Yiddish speaking mass is gone forever. A number of universities now teach Yiddish and an increasing number of North American-born Jews are learning Yiddish at school, rather than from their parents. But there is no likelihood that Yiddish will live and thrive as before.

About 100 new works of fiction, poetry and non-fiction are published each year in Yiddish — most of them in Israel.

Born in Poland in 1914, Dora Teitelboim came to the United States in 1932. For over 50 years, this prolific Yiddish poet expressed her deep concerns for the problems of humanity in her poems of social protest. She died in Tel Aviv in 1992.

This attractive volume of poems selected from eight of her books (1944-1991) contains both the original Yiddish and the sensitive translations of Aaron Kramer. The eminent Yiddish poet Abraham Shlonsky has praised her work as derived from the sounds of her particular *nigen* (tune), "from the wings of her imagination and from the colors of her style."

An Anthology of Modern Yiddish Poetry is a rich treasury of 20th century Yiddish poetry. This third bilingual edition, augmented by 20 new poems by women, highlighted the literary output of 14 Eastern European-born poets, most of whom eventually immigrated to the United States.

The 72 poems are lovingly selected and translated by Prof. Ruth Whitman. This definitive anthology will be cherished by all lovers of Yiddish.

Found Treasures contains stories by 18 Yiddish women writers who explore a wide variety of themes: daily life in the shtetls and cities of Eastern Europe; new challenges and problems in North America, Palestine and Israe; and survival during the Holocaust and afterwards. A brief review cannot do justice to the social, historical and cultural background of these writings — previously unpublished from Yiddish — that help retrieve the world of our foremothers.

The paperbound volume contains a glossary, bibliographies and photographs, as well as an introduction by Irena Klepfisz, entitled, *A Feminist Introduction to Yiddish Writers*. She indicates, "The classical writers left us images of Jewish life which lend themselves to nostalgia and to the fabrication of a coherent and orderly past. These women's stories do not allow for such fabrication. More resistant to nostalgia, they provide a past which cannot be romanticized and which, for women, does not differ in many ways from the 'liberated' present in its contradictions and challenges."

All three volumes under review underline the sentiments of I.B. Singer: "One can find in the Yiddish tongue and the Yiddish style expressions of pious joy, lust for life, longing for the Messiah, patience and deep appreciation of human individuality."

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DEADLINE REMINDER

What's New and About People deadlines: Thursday, Nov. 2, is deadline for Nov. 16 issue, and Thursday, Nov. 9, is deadline for Nov. 23. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Sunday, Nov. 5

PNAI MEETING

PNAI (Parents of North American Israelis) screens the video *Disputation* about a confrontation between a Catholic priest and a rabbi over issues separating Judaism and Christianity, 7:30 p.m., Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Synagogue.

BREAKFAST MEETING

At the Congregation Habonim breakfast meeting, musicologist **Morton Silverstone**, focuses on Rigoletto: An Operatic Guide Through a Father's Curse, discussing and demonstrating on piano and tape the musical highlights of the opera, 10 a.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glen Park Ave. Breakfast and lecture $6.

GRAND BAZAAR

Morris Winchevsky Schools bazaar features a tea room, bargains on produce, books, clothing, other merchandise, door prizes, 10 a.m.to 4 p.m., 585 Cranbrooke Ave. $2 admission.

NFJA ANNIVERSARY

New Fraternal Jewish Association celebrates its 35th anniversary with Yiddish, English and French folksongs by singer/producer **Stella Walker**, 7:30 p.m., Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St. Members $5, non-members $7. RSVP to **Anne Harris** 226-1166 or **Esther Naistein** 663-0497.

GIFT AND CRAFT SHOW

Temple Har Zion's fundraising Gift and Craft Show offers a wide variety of items, door prizes, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. $1, children under 12 free. 905-886-4460.

ART SHOW AND SALE

The Art Show and Sale Open House, 1-6 p.m. at the home of interior designer **Miriam Muller**, 246 Hammerstone Cres., Thornhill, presents art by international and Canadian artists. Raffle of a painting by **Dubi Arie**. Sponsored by Toronto Women's Division, Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation. Proceeds to Women and Infant Centre, Shaare Zedek Medical Centre, Jerusalem. 781-3584.

RUMMAGE SALE

National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section, gigantic rummage sale, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Council House.

Monday, Nov. 6

STRESS MANAGEMENT

Bikur Cholim health lectures on Stress Management continue with Less Stress Parenting by **Sarah Chana Radcliff**, 8 p.m., 3636 Bathurst St., party room. All women invited. $5. RSVP 783-7983.

DIABETIC DIET

Jewish Diabetes chapter, Canadian Diabetes Association, lecture, Fat and the Diabetic Diet: Pass the Fat, Please! with **Carol Seto**, dietician, Mount Sinai Hospital, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. **Esther Schwartz** 782-2176 or **Shirley Glatt** 225-1989.

SYMPHONY OF SIX MILLION

Beth Sholom Sisterhood meeting features the 1932 film *Symphony of Six Million* starring **Irene Dunne** and **Ricardo Cortez** and guest speaker critic/reviewer **Aldo Maggiarotti**, 8 p.m. $3. 783-6103.

BLOOD DONOR CLINIC

Blood donor clinic, Bathurst Jewish Centre, 2-8:30 p.m. Photo/signature ID required.

Tuesday, Nov. 7

KABBALISTIC INSIGHTS

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six-week course for beginner-advanced students with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin** introductory class, 8 p.m., Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. 905-886-0420.

MARCH OF THE LIVING

Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto March of the Living information session for students and parents, 7:30 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue. This year's March is April 14-28, 1996. **Karen Worb** 631-5731.

THIS LAND IS OUR LAND

Series exploring Eretz Yisrael: Past, Present and Future, continues with Gog and Magog: The Final Confrontation, with **Rabbi Isser Weisberg**, 8 p.m., Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, Thornhill. 731-7000.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

Kashruth Council of Toronto Kosher Cooking School features All-Weather Salads and Appetizers, 8 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. $15. 635-9550.

ADULT EDUCATION

Rabbi Moshe Stern speaks on Protest Demonstrations — Is this the Jewish Way?, 8 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

BOOK CLUB

Book club for single and married professionals, 25-45, to discuss books (Judaic and general), 7:30 p.m. **Barb** 784-0700 or **Fran** 783-6068.

POSSIBILITY OF PRAYER

As part of Beth Tzedec Congregation's 40th anniversary dialogues on the North American synagogue: **Rabbi Philip Scheim, Cantor A. Eliezer Kirshblum** and **Cantor Paul Kowarsky** discuss The Possibility of Prayer, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 8

YEMENITE EMBROIDERY

Pomeganate Guild of Judaic Textiles features a lecture and demonstration of Yemenite embroidery by **Haya** and **Elaine**, 8 p.m., Council House, 4700 Bathurst St.

TRIBUTE

State of Israel Bonds, Women's Division Golda Meir tribute event, Bonding with Art, honors mother and daughter Florence Cooper (left) and Tobie Bechor for their devotion to the Jewish community here and in Israel. Event takes place Wednesday, Nov. 8, 8 p.m., at the home of Joan and Martin Goldfarb. For information, Rose Shapiro or Gail Rosenberg 789-3351.

Thursday, Nov. 9

KRISTALLNACHT

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, rabbi emeritus, Holy Blossom Temple, speaks on Kristallnacht; and **Rabbi Baruch Frydman Kohl** and **Cantor Paul Kowarsky** conduct memorial ceremony and prayer, 7:30 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue.

And What Else Is New...

JEWISH BOOK FAIR

The 19th annual Jewish Book Fair runs Nov. 4-12, Leah Posluns Theatre, featuring over 20 authors of current books of Jewish interest, plus book sale. Tickets/information 636-1880, ext. 368.

JEWISH MUSIC EVENT

Adath Israel Congregation's annual Jewish Music Event, sponsored by the Beverley and Samuel H. Cohen Foundation, Saturday, Nov. 11, 8:45 a.m. features **Cantor Israel Rand** of Ramat Gan, Israel, accompanied by Adath Israel Choir.

TALMUDIC STORIES

Pride of Israel's adult education series continues Nov. 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, with **Rabbi Aaron Flanzraich** discussing Five Talmudic Stories — An Introduction to the Amazing, the Mythical and the Fantastic!, 7:30 p.m., 55 Lissom Cres. 226-0111.

SJA HAPPENINGS

Secular Jewish Association:

Friday, Nov. 3, Family Shabbat Celebration, 7:30 p.m., Banbury Community Centre, 120 Banbury Rd., Bring refreshments to share. Adults $5, children $2. Reserve 364-7002.

Sunday, Nov. 5, writer/broadcaster **Abe Arnold** speaks about From the Religious to the Secular, Jewish Book Fair, 7 p.m. $6. Reserve, 636-1880, ext. 368.

NEWS FROM SOLEL

Nov. 10, as part of Holocaust Education Week, **Gerda Frieberg**, past chair, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, speaks on Jewish Survival Against All Odds — A Life's Journey; Nov. 19, Sisterhood annual fashion show featuring vintage clothes; family services Friday, Nov. 3 and 17, 7:30 p.m.; regular services Friday, Nov. 10, 8:30 p.m., and Saturday, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 10 a.m.; Tuesday morning minyan with breakfast 7 a.m. 905-820-5915.

THE CHORALAIRS

The Choralairs of North York, a volunteer choir singing for seniors and the disabled, welcomes voices in all ranges. Rehearsals are Tuesdays, 8 p.m., Earl Bales Community Centre. Repertoire includes pop, Broadway and folk songs. Membership $45 person, $70 couple (tax receipt). First concerts of the 1995/96 season are Nov. 7, Carefree Lodge, and Nov. 28, National Council of Jewish Women's seniors' building, Bathurst/Prince Charles. **Fay Cohen** 633-7233 or **Mussey Eisner** 635-5566.

WOMEN IN JUDAISM

Nishma continues its study of Women in Judaism with a course on halachic distinctions between men and women in regard to parenting, Wednesdays, 8 p.m., Toronto Nishma Centre, 358A Wilson Ave, starting Nov. 8. Open to men and women. 630-0588.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study lectures at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. To register 905-889-6066.

Monday, Nov. 6, 8-9 p.m., Sarah. A Commanding Voice with **Chana Weisberg**, dean.

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 10:30-11:30 a.m., The Rambam on the World to Come with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin** begins with Olam Haba: The World to Come.

TAL AM

United Synagogue Day School (USDS) Grade I teachers and Hebrew resource personnel participated in a training seminar in order to implement the Tal Am program as of September 1995 in all three campuses. Tal Am stands for *Tachnit Limudim Am u'Moreshet* and integrates Hebrew language and Jewish heritage in a new curriculum. USDS is the first school using this program in Toronto.

POETRY READINGS

Donia Blumenfeld Clenman's reading tour based on her two new books, *A Scroll of Remembrance* and *Older and in Love: An Israel Odyssey*, continues Nov. 10, Notre Dame Secondary, Burlington; Nov. 12, Jewish Book Fair; Nov. 13, Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue; Nov. 15, The Art Bar; Nov. 20, Bernard Betel Centre.

For Seniors

Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets Friday, Nov. 3, 9:30-10:45 a.m., boardroom. **Paula David** 789-5131, ext. 2271.

LZA Seniors Club Chanukah party Dec. 16, Borochov Cultural Centre, tickets available. Discussion Group meets Tuesdays, 10 a.m., Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. Miami registration Wednesdays 10 a.m. **Libby** 782-2059.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Nov. 2 is the movie *The Woman Next Door* (English and Hebrew). Nov. 9 is reading in Hebrew on the theme 3,000 years of Jerusalem, chair **Aaron Dahari**. 661-4689.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Saturday dances Nov. 4, 11, 18; Sunday dances Nov. 12, 19; annual bazaar Sunday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.; Atlantic City casino trip Nov. 13-16. 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Monday, Nov. 6, 1 p.m., **Dr. Julie Righter**, psychotherapist specializing in group therapy, uses a drug-free holistic approach. Plans for Miami trip in progress. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Total Living Seniors all-inclusive package to Cuba at Siesta Guitart, Varadero. **Helen** or **Andrea** 633-0397.

Young at Heart Seniors winter Florida trip for one, two or three months, pick-up at airport and return in Florida. **Helen** 635-6343.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Sponsoring **Paula Caplan** speaking on her book *They Say You're Crazy*, Jewish Book Fair, Thursday, Nov. 9, 10:30 a.m.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre Sonnee Cohen Memorial Lecture, Recent Advances in Diabetic Care, with **Dr. Albert J. Kirshin**, Thursday, Nov. 9, 1:30 p.m.

Elder Abuse Support Group, Working Together for Change, begins Tuesday, Nov. 7, 3-5 p.m. $5. Information/confidential interview **Sandra** or **Sheila**.

Low Vision Support Group, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

at the JCC/BJC

Senior Adult Services, BJC, presents Choosing Books for Children — The Perfect Chanukah Gift, followed by visit to Jewish Book Fair, Tuesday, Nov. 7, 1 p.m. **Teme** 636-1880, ext. 364.

Senior Adult Services, BJC, luncheon, Tuesday, Nov. 14, 12:30 p.m. with folksinger/storyteller **Ritasue Charlestein**. Advance tickets necessary. **Teme**.

Good Age Club of Bloor JCC, An Afternoon of Light Hearted Humor, Thursday, Nov. 9, 2-4 p.m. Bring jokes, riddles, anecdotes. Members $1, non-members $2. Bagels and coffee.

BLOWING THE SHOFAR

During the High Holy Days, students in grades 1 and 2 took turns blowing the shofar at Congregation B'nai Israel in St. Catharines. From left, Cayla Fenig, Linzee Barch, Robert Rinkoff blowing the shofar, Jaclyn Banner and Kyle Silverman.

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בעיתוני ראש השנה בירך הממונה על שגרירות ישראל בקנדה את קוראי העיתון. כמקובל הוא איחל להם ולבני משפחותיהם את כל מה שמאחלים לעצמם אנשים: שלום, ביטחון, בריאות ו....כבוד, כבוד? כן, הוא אמר "כבוד"! ממתי יהודי מתפלל לכבוד? הרי אמרו חכמינו: "מי שרודף אחר הכבוד, הכבוד בורח מפניו." אולי היתה זו פליטת קולמוס של דיפלומט ואולי לא, מה שבטוח: הרבה אנשים מתפללים לכבוד למרות שזה בניגוד מוחלט לרוח היהדות. יותר מכך: בעוד שרוח היהדות מעודדת מתן בסתר, צניעות ושפל רוח, - מי שתורם לבית הכנסת סכומים גדולים זוכה לשבת ליד ארון הקודש ועולה לתורה. מדוע? האם אוהב יותר את בעלי הכבוד? באותו עניין סיפר לי חבר את הסיפור הבא: "בני למד בבית ספר יהודי בטורונטו. יום אחד צילצלה המורה ושאלה את אשתי: תגידי, נתת היום לילד עשרים דולאר לקופת הקרן הקיימת? אשתי נדהמה כשהתברר לה שבנינו 'תרם' סכום זה לקופת הקרן הקיימת. בירור קצר עם הילד בן השבע העלה שבבית הספר מקובל שהילד שתורם הכי הרבה לקופה זוכה בכבוד ומרים את דגל המדינה ודגל קנדה לפני כל בית הספר. מה עשה בנינו? הוא לקח מהארנק של אימו עשרים דולאר כדי לזכות בכבוד הנ"ל! למותר לציין שזה היה השבוע האחרון שלו באותו בית ספר." עד כאן החבר. סך הכל "חינך" בית הספר הנ"ל את הילדים שכסף קונה כבוד, כך שבשיהיו גדולים ירצו לתרום כדי לקבל כבוד. מדוע לא להעניק את הכבוד למי שעזר לחבר, או שסתם עשה מעשה טוב שלא על מנת לקבל פרס? לא נעים, אבל זהו חלק מביך ביותר בחוויה הישראלית והיהודית כאחת. הרבה אנשים מנופחים שמחפשים כבוד. אישית - לא יצא לי לדבר עם אלוקים, אבל אם הבנתי טוב את מה שאמרו נביאיו - הוא דווקא אוהב אנשים צנועים. אבל שישאר בינינו.

סימפסון :

אתם בטח זוכרים איפה הייתם כשנרצח ג'ון קנדי, וכשפרצה מלחמת ששת הימים? ויום הכיפורים 1973? עכשיו הצטרף יום חדש לרשימה: איפה הייתם באחת בצהריים, שלישי באוקטובר 1995, כשהודיעו על זיכויו של או ג'יי סימפסון. היום הזה יוכנס להיסטוריה שלכם, וילך איתכם תמיד לטוב ולרע. לא, לא אגיד לכם מה דעתי על הזיכוי, כבר שמעתם הכל. בשבילי כל הקרקס, המדיה, תכניות הראיונות, התעשיה של מאות מיליוני דולארים, היה כמו להציץ לעולמו של איזה שבט אפריקאני מוזר שחי על פי חוקים שאין בהם כלום עם מה שהיגיון מקובל מכתיב. הויכוח האם שיטת המושבעים עובדת הוא עתיק יומין ונכתבו עליו כבר ספרים רבים. קרוב לודאי שהמשפט הזה לא יביא לשינוי השיטה, כי התוצאה של המשפט היתה Politically Correct. לדעתם של רוב עורכי הדין שרואיינו, בשיטת המשפט הבריטית שנקוטה בקנדה ובישראל הוא היה מקבל שני מאסרי עולם. זה ממש מדהים!

עופרה:

במהלך הימים הנוראים, כשקצת נשבר לי ממשפט סימפסון, מהשאלה של קויבק ושאר נושאי חולין, דפדפתי לי בין ערוצי הטלביזיה בחיפוש אחרי משהוא לנשמה. ואז עליתי על שידור חוזר עם אמנית ישראלית שמביאה עונג לאנשים רבים בכל העולם. עופרה ! לא, סליחה, לא עופרה חזה, אלא דווקא נגנת הצ'לו עופרה הרנוי. יצא לי לראות את עופרה מנגנת מספר פעמים אך ללא ספק התוכנית הזאת "הוציאה" אותה בצורה מרגשת. היה תענוג לראות אותה מדברת בלהט על פרוייקט ויואלדי שלקחה על עצמה, ובמהלכו היא מקליטה את הקונצרטים הרבים שכתב ויואלדי לצ'לו ושרבים מהם לא הוקלטו מעולם. לטעמי האישי - מה שאולי לא עזר בעבר לעופרה להתפתח במהירות שהיא ראויה לה היא עובדת היותה, בנוסף לצ'לאנית וירטואוזית, גם אישה יפה מאוד. היא נטתה לבחור לא אחת מה שמסווג כ"מוסיקה קלאסית קלה". השילוב של מוסיקה כזו עם הופעתה החיצונית הנלבבת "עזר" למבקרים מוסיקליים ושאר שוטים לחדביק לה תוית של מוסיקאית "שטחית". סליחה - מה שאני ראיתי בטלביזיה היה רציני, מענג מאוד לא שטחי. השיחה עם עופרה היתה אינטלגנטית, עדינה ובאמת עושה טוב בנשמה. צ'לו, אם עוד לא סיפרתי לכם, הוא הכלי האהוב עלי בין כלי המיתר. אז אם אתם מחפשים רעיון כמתנה : תקליטים של עופרה הרנוי זו התשובה בשבילכם. גם ישראלי , גם מענג, וגם יחשבו שאתם אינטלגנטים. אבל שישאר בינינו.

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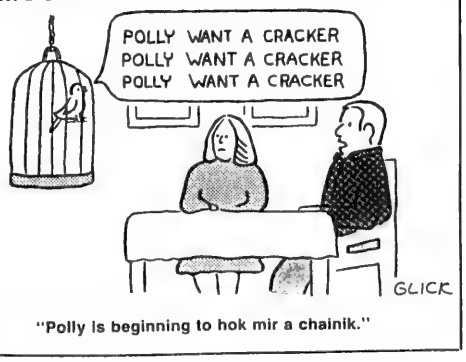

"Polly is beginning to hok mir a chainik."

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Three Year milestone for UJA Campaign pledges

Over $24 million has been pledged so far for the 1996 UJA Campaign. Including gifts secured for 1997 and 1998, the Three Year Vision total now exceeds $52 million as the Campaign heads into its final month.

For 1996 alone, the amount raised to date is well ahead of last year. However, Campaign co-chair Carol Kassel stresses that, "although the numbers seem impressive, the money we raise can barely keep up with increasing needs. We have a long way to go."

Provincial budget cuts, she pointed out, are imposing heavy financial demands on the Jewish community, which has always allocated funds to dignify the lives of the Jewish poor. Kassel cautioned that budget trimming is only going to get worse.

Campaign Co-chair Charles Gold is thrilled with the community's response to The Three Year Vision. "It's exceeding all our expectations," he said. "In some of our divisions, up to 80% of UJA donors have made three year commitments."

UJA adopted The Three Year Vision in order to create a stable financial footing for the future and free up canvasser time to contact non-contributors.

Toronto's United Jewish Appeal is the only one in the world to have embarked on a Three Year Vision.

Carol Kassel says "you can feel the excitement" surrounding this campaign. Kassel and Charles Gold are co-chairing the 1996 UJA Campaign.

Counting down the last stretch

With just three weeks to go in the 1996 Campaign, UJA is mounting an all out effort to canvass close to 15,000 remaining cards.

Countdown '96, from November 5-9, chaired by Richard Sadowski and Carole Sterling, is a week's worth of telethons for the final lap of the Campaign.

"Each telethon shift is worth $10,000," noted Sadowski. "That's a staggering figure. It covers one quarter of the total cost of supplying needy Jews in our community with Passover food and it helps 10 Ethiopian children attend a summer youth program in Israel."

Countdown '96 is providing prizes to volunteers through ongoing Bingo games at the telethons plus a light meal and free day-care (based on demand).

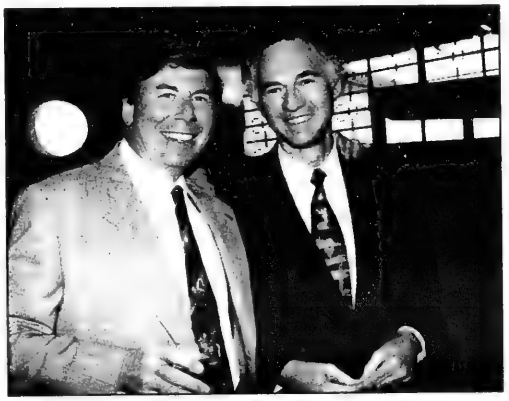
Although the co-chairs are working hard to create an enjoyable atmosphere for telethon canvassers, Sadowski is clearly focused on the significance of Countdown '96. "What we do is so important," he said. "I think the fun is a bonus. Every time I look at a vacant chair or a vacant phone I feel that we've come up short."

To become a Countdown '96 volunteer, contact Cindy Bogach at (416) 635-2883 ext. 190.

Cuts take toll

Reena President Rob Berkovitz recently offered UJA leaders a tough assessment of how provincial budget cut acks will affect his agency. He's predicting longer waiting lists and perhaps reduced service other speakers at the UJA Leadership Breakfast were JFCS board member Paul Forman, and Morris Zbar, Director of the Federation's Community Planning and Allocations Department.

UJA Division Highlights



The Professions Cabinet lead by Eric Bornstein (L) and Dr. Saul Kendal has topped $2.5 million in campaign pledges.

• The Major Gifts Division, chaired by **Michael Daren**, **Debbie Kimel** and **Charles Winograd**, has raised close to $6 million. On November 12, the Division will hold a gala event at the Canadian Broadcasting Centre's Glenn Gould Studio, 250 Front Street West. The gala, chaired by **Honey Sherman** and **Howard Sokolowski**, is sponsored by the Royal Bank of Canada Real Estate Banking Group.

• The Lawyers Division, under the leadership of **Rick Orzy**, **Earl Altman**, and **Bonnie Croll** has raised, to date, almost $800,000 for the 1996 Campaign. Fifty percent of the donors have committed themselves to the Three Year Vision. On October 24, renowned criminal lawyer **Edward L. Greenspan**, Q.C. spoke to 250 on the ethics of criminal law. The event was jointly organized by the Lawyers and Accountants Divisions.

• The Physicians Division, co-chaired by **Howard Price** and **Stephen Gottesman**, is doing exceptionally well for the 1996 campaign, raising $785,000 to date. Physicians Division members will be attending a private meeting at Queen's Park with Ontario's Health Minister, **Jim Wilson**, to discuss District Health Council restructuring and contract re- negotiation.

• To date, the Construction Professionals Division, co-chaired by **Lawrence Glazer** and **Henry Petroff** has raised $73,000 for the 1996 campaign and $175,000 for the Three Year Vision. On November 13, in conjuction with Holocaust Education Week, the Division has invited architect **Daniel Libeskind** to speak on Private Mourning in Public Architecture: Memory and the Holocaust at the Design Exchange, 234 Bay Street.

• The Arts and Entertainment Division, co-chaired by **Richard Ross** and **Howard Lichtman**, has raised $620,000 for the Three Year Vision and is planning an event for December 7 called *The Business of Entertainment.* Jointly organized with the Investment Division and Young Business Network, the event will feature **Moses Znaimer**, **Paul Godfrey** and **Robert Lantos** as guest speakers.

An address by renowned lawyer Eddie Greenspan captivated some 300 fellow lawyers and accountants at UJA's Outlook '96.

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Israel the prize for Three Year Vision subscribers

Ten lucky UJA contributors will soon be visiting Israel, thanks to Air Canada. They were the winners of a UJA draw last month in which everyone who made a three pledge before October 3 was eligible.

Sylvia Fine, a veteran UJA canvasser, could hardly believe her good fortune. She hopes to go in time for Passover and her nephew's bar mitzvah.

Stephen Lidsky, a former co-chair of UJA's Pharmacists Division and a 30 year volunteer, said "it was exhilarating to be picked as one of the winners."

"I've never won anything in my life," added Lidsky, who also plans to visit family in Israel.

"They didn't have to twist my arm to pledge", noted Elki Adler, "but it was really wonderful to have won the ticket." My niece will be having a bat mitzva in Israel soon and hopefully now I'll be able to join her for the simcha."

The other 7 winners were Rachel Nisker, Marla Kleinberg, Ruth Cohen, Scott Staiman, Liesa Collier, M.J. Dremer and Joanne Katz-Silverstein.

Marla Kleinberg, one of ten winners in the recent UJA/Air Canada draw

COUNTDOWN '96

KEEP THE PHONE LINES BURNING!

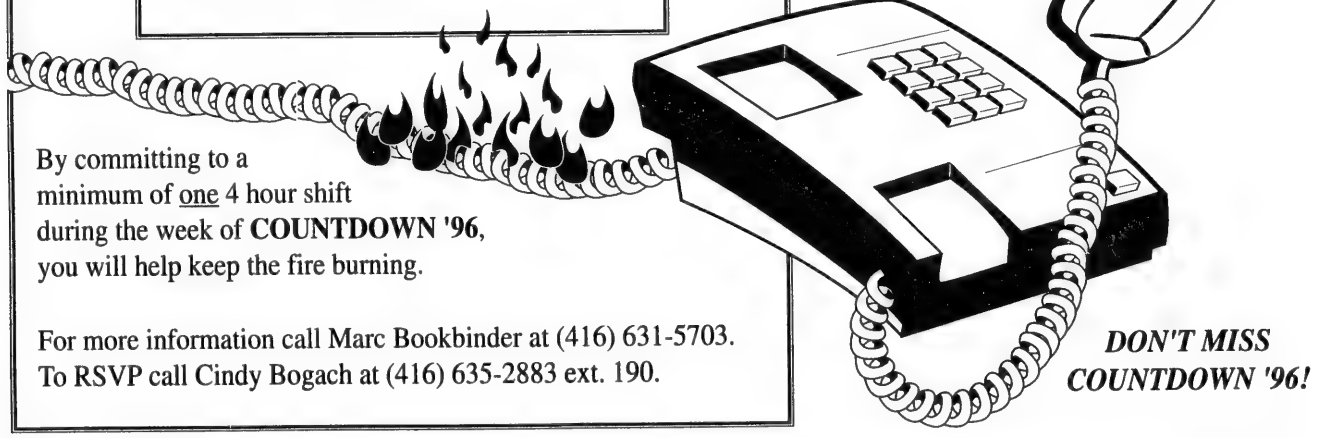
NOVEMBER 5 - 9, 1995

KEEP THE PHONE LINES BURNING BY...

- sharing The Three Year Vision
- helping to cover the remaining 14,000 cards
- participating in a community-building event that will make you feel good about helping others
- enabling others to show their support for the Jewish people

AND WE WILL FAN YOUR FLAMES BY OFFERING YOU...

- a flexible variety of shifts
- ongoing Bingo and many chances to win fabulous prizes
- free parking
- light meals and canvasser education
- the opportunity to meet and greet your fellow community volunteers
- free child care *(subject to demand)*



By committing to a minimum of <u>one</u> 4 hour shift during the week of **COUNTDOWN '96**, you will help keep the fire burning.

For more information call Marc Bookbinder at (416) 631-5703.
To RSVP call Cindy Bogach at (416) 635-2883 ext. 190.

DON'T MISS COUNTDOWN '96!

Major Gifts gala

UJA's Major Gifts Event is going to be a date with history.

On November 12, Major Gifts donors will be celebrating the past, present and future of our Jewish community. The event is being co-chaired by Honey Sherman and Howard Sokolowski.

The evening will feature a buffet supper and dessert reception featuring entertainment by the *Amici Quartet* with members of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and the *Sound of Music trio* starring Russian artists. Also scheduled is the presentation of an honour roll for Major Gifts contributors.

"Honey and I both think this event is a first class way of saying 'thank you' to our major contributors," said Sokolowski.

The gala, sponsored by the Royal Bank of Canada Real Estate Banking Group is taking place Nov. 12, 6 p.m. in the Barbara Frum Atrium and the Glenn Gould Studio at the Canadian Broadcasting Centre, 250 Front St. W.

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The UJA Women's Campaign

It's a life-giving gift

Marlene Axmith, Chairperson, UJA Women's Campaign

By Marlene Axmith
Chairperson,
UJA Women's Campaign

Several years ago I was fortunate to meet Danny Siegel known to many as the "mitzvah man". During our discussion, Danny introduced me to the following wisdom from the Talmud: *"Just as every single thread in a piece of cloth can become a part of a magnificent garment, so every coin - even a Perutah (the smallest unit of money) can add up to a magnificent sum for tzedakah."* (Bava Batra).

This saying not only speaks to the collective power of every individual, it characterizes the strength of Women's Campaign. In 1938, the founders of Women's Campaign raised $50,000. Today, we reach out to approximately 8,000 women, who contribute $4 million for use in our community, in Israel and around the world.

Our collective financial power is fueled by the dedication of more than 250 volunteers. On any given day, at almost any given hour, you'll find "woman power" at work on behalf of UJA.

In early spring, our Campaign team wholeheartedly adopted The Three Year Vision. Through the summer months, canvassers, realizing this new approach demanded new techniques, turned out for training in record numbers. Last month, they enthusiastically worked the phones on Super Sunday and many other scheduled telethons. In the months ahead, they will continue to demonstrate their dedication until Campaign's end.

Although raising funds is our major priority, it is not the only area in which Women's Campaign is involved. This year, we've introduced several new initiatives in conjunction with Jewish Women's Federation. Among them: co-sponsorship of a speaking engagement by Anna Rosmus - "The Nasty Girl", partnership in Shalom Toronto to welcome our city's newcomers, and a wonderful learning series, *Timeless Treasures*, for women, taught by women, based on Jewish text. We have formed a new Volunteer Placement Committee to reactivate women who have worked with us in the past, and our Young Women's Outreach program is ready to launch its winter/spring series.

Women have always understood the importance of tzedakah. Very often they have been at the forefront of social change. Today, as a community, we are at a crossroads. More and more we will be asked to give our support to those who need it. We are in the midst of a "crisis in caring" - one which I'm confident the women of this community will address through Women's Campaign. Unlike our early days, when donations by women were looked upon as "plus-giving", the $4 million we raise together today is "life-giving."

Women's Top Gifts raise $1.5 million to date

◄ *Charlotte Silverberg (L) and Buschie Kamin were among the 100 women who attended this year's UJA Lion of Judah/Atarah luncheon which was generously sponsored by Lillian Vine Glowinsky and Norman Glowinsky in their garden. 250 top gifts contributors to Women's Campaign annually raise $2 million for UJA.*

▼ *On behalf of Co-Chairmen Eleanor Appleby and Raina Silverberg, Lion of Judah Co-Chair Janice Langer introduces guest speaker Gordon Wolfe, Executive Director of Jewish Family & Child Service. Marilyn Gold, Maryka Weisz and Carole Herman Zucker co-chair Atarah this year.*

◄ *Toronto's participants at the North America-wide Lion of Judah conference held in Washington, D.C.: Bottom (L to R) Bonnie Goldstein, Karen Morton (Co-Chair of Toronto group), Anne Tanenbaum, Trudy Pekarsky (Vancouver), Harrianne Kronick, Paula Cohen; top (L to R) Lisa Morrison, Vicki Campbell, Barbara Bank, Carol Sheriff, Minda Feldman, Rachel Kerbel, Honey Sherman (Co-Chair, Toronto group), Rosemary Goldhar, Adrienne Offman. Not shown: Libby Dwor.*

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Holocaust Education Week breaks new ground

The 15th annual *Holocaust Education Week*, from November 9-19, has something for everyone interested in learning about the darkest period in modern Jewish history. The event is coordinated by the Federation's Holocaust Education Week Committee.

Lectures, films, workshops and discussion groups will be held throughout the city on topics such as Jewish resistance, the rise of anti-Semitism then and now and Canada's role in dealing with Holocaust refugees.

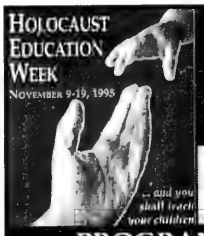
"We'll be dealing with a number of issues never addressed before in the context of Holocaust education," says Pnina Zilberman, Director of Toronto's Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre.

They include *Neo-Nazis and Hate Mail on the Internet*, a workshop on the proliferation of Internet hate propaganda and *Mengele Medicus: Medicine's Continuing Nazi Heritage*, a comparison between Nazi medical experimentation and current issues of medical ethics. This year, 13 of 40 programs will take place in local churches.

Doron Opher, co-chair of the Holocaust Education Week Committee, hopes to "sensitize future generations from all communities about the Holocaust's lessons. Although it happened 50 years ago, it's a very current issue," he explains.

Opening night will feature internationally recognized photographer Faye Schulman, speaking about her experiences as a resistance fighter during the Holocaust.

For more information on *Holocaust Education Week* call (416) 635-2883 Ext. 153.



HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK
PROGRAM CHANGES

Programming for the 15th Annual Holocaust Education Week was outlined in a supplement to the Canadian Jewish News (October 5th issue). To order a copy of this supplement or for more information, please call (416) 635-2883 ext. 153 or 301.

PROGRAM CORRECTIONS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
Holy Rosary Catholic Church
Film *"Courage to Care"*
NEW TIMES: 9:30 am MASS - 10:30 am PROGRAM
11:30 am MASS - 12:00 noon PROGRAM
12:30 pm MASS - 1:30 pm PROGRAM

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
Shaarei Shomayim Congregation
NEW TIME: 10:00 am
CHANGE OF PROGRAM: THE SURVIVORS OF THE SHOAH VISUAL HISTORY FOUNDATION
***"The Spielberg Project - From Dream to Reality"* A video narrated by Ben Kingsley and presented by JANET KLEIN SLAVIN, Regional Coordinator.**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12
Royal York United Church - Film *"Crimes of Hate"*
NEW TIME: 7:30 pm

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14
Medina Theatre Ensemble
PROGRAM DETAILS: Toronto Star prize-winning story *"The Ordinance"* by Marc Stone, directed by Fran Elliot. Discussion with author follows performance.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
Bloor JCC - Reading *"After the Dust Settled"*
NEW TIME: 11:00 am

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19
"Neo-Nazis and Hate Mail on the Internet" Workshop.
NEW LOCATION:
Ontario Institute for Studies in Education (OISE)
252 Bloor Street West, Room 214
NEW PROGRAM: Public Lecture by KEN McVAY, Founder, Nizkor (Remembrance) Project. Limited seating to 100 people. Call Shai Spetgang at Jewish Students' Network (416) 512-0814.
NEW SPONSORS: Department of History & Philosophy, OISE; Canadian Council of Christians & Jews; Computing Services Group.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22
Ansgar Lutheran Church - Film *"Crimes of Hate"*
CORRECT ADDRESS: 1495 Avenue Road, Toronto

NEW PROGRAMS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 8:00 pm
ISRAEL EDUCATIONAL & CULTURAL INSTITUTE
presents the premiere screening of the Israeli TV production *"The Seventh Million"* based on Tom Segev's book. Also, a short presentation by RICHARD BERMAN of the B'nai Brith League of Human Rights on *"Hatenet - Racists Go Hi-Tech."*
Photos taken during the 1994 March of the Living and memorabilia from the Holocaust will be on display.
B'nai Brith - 15 Hove Street, Downsview

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 8:00 pm
BLOOR JEWISH COMMUNITY CENTRE - THEATRE PROJECT
presents a staged reading of Marion Andres' *"Soldat Hans Stumpf."*
Bloor JCC - Wallin Lounge
750 Spadina Avenue, Toronto

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 7:00 pm
WAGMAN CENTRE MUSICAL RECITAL
Wagman Centre - 55 Ameer Avenue, Toronto

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 7:30 pm
HOLY CROSS ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
Film *"Courage to Care"* followed by a panel discussion.
291 Cosburn Avenue, Toronto

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 7:30 pm
KEW BEACH UNITED CHURCH
Film *"Preserving the Past to Ensure the Future."* Youth Program.
140 Wineva Avenue, Toronto

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 10:00 am
TEMPLE EMANU-EL presents
FRANK BIALYSTOCK, doctoral student, Department of History, York University and educational consultant on Holocaust curriculum.
120 Old Colony Road, Willowdale

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19 8:00 pm
TORONTO ASSOCIATION OF ISRAELIS, TZABAR-THE ISRAELI BOY AND GIRL SCOUTS FEDERATION AND THE ISRAEL YOUTH PROGRAM CENTRE
present a powerful & emotional one-woman show by YONAT KLAR, based on the book *"Childhood"* by Jona Oberski. PLAY IN HEBREW.
Lipa Green Building
4600 Bathurst Street, Willowdale

JEWISH STUDENT FEDERATION, YORK UNIVERSITY
HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK - NOVEMBER 6-9
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HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK NOVEMBER 13-17
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HOLOCAUST EDUCATION WEEK

Doron Opher & Michael Herman
Co-Chairpersons

Lilian Schacter
Past Chairperson

Dr. William Seidelman is one of the foremost experts on the history of medicine during the Nazi period.

More than a decade of Holocaust education

Holocaust Education Week began 15 years ago when several children of survivors decided to educate the community about the horrors of the Holocaust and the need to prevent a similar atrocity.

Eleanor Getzler, who was part of the group, remembers "realizing the time had come to educate the public."

"An important book about children of the Holocaust had just been published and we saw ourselves in that book," explains Getzler, chairperson of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee.

Holocaust Education Week was born when Rabbi Mark Shapiro approached the second generation with the concept of a community education and outreach program.

Now it's the only community-wide event of its kind in North America which has grown from 7 programs in 1980 to over 40 today.

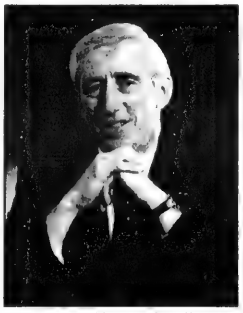
Community Matters

Closing Branson poses risk to community

North York Branson Hospital is fighting for its life and the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is backing the beleaguered facility. The Federation considers Branson too important for the Jewish community to lose, because Branson serves so many Jewish patients.

The District Health Council has recommended a merger between Branson, founded in 1957, and York-Finch Hospital. Branson would then become an ambulatory care centre.

In this interview with ***Community Matters*** *writer, Adi Waksman, Branson President Jack Gallop reveals his concerns about the hospital's possible closure.*



Branson President, Jack Gallop

Q: What is the importance of Branson to the Jewish community?

A: For 38 years the community has grown up around the hospital and the hospital grew with the community. Many Jewish residents moved into the area and recently a lot of Jews from Russia and other countries have moved into the area. According to our indicators, probably more older Jewish people come to Branson Hospital than to Mount Sinai.

Approximately 30% of our patients are Jewish and the majority of our medical staff is Jewish. We just started building a new chapel dedicated to them and this ties the hospital into the community in a very meaningful way. We provide kosher meals and we're looking at bringing kosher items into our vending machines.

Q: What steps are you taking in your fight to save Branson?

A: We have met with many of the Jewish leaders in the community such as the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, B'nai Brith and Canadian Jewish Congress to outline the issues as we perceive them and the potential impact on the Jewish community. We've also talked with local community groups and politicians.

"...more older Jewish people come to Branson Hospital than to Mount Sinai"

Q: What is the impact going to be?

A: The biggest problem as we see it, is the loss of emergency and acute care facilities to this community, which is probably among the most elderly of any service area of any hospital in the city. Approximately 26,000 people are over age 65 and in the next 15 years that's expected to increase to about 38,000. Those people often are admitted through emergency and we're concerned that if the hospital is removed from this area, then emergency facilities will go too. We don't want these people to be stuck in traffic during rush hour trying to get to a hospital. We treat 400 heart attack victims a year here. So many elderly in the Jewish community are well into their 70s and 80s and beyond and getting to care is a big problem for them. It is also difficult for spouses and other family members to visit. If the hospital is located at Finch and 400, these elderly people will have to travel very far. When you're 70 or 80, having to take a long bus ride to an unfamiliar area, especially in the winter, can get very difficult. There are also many people who will not drive on Sabbath and it means they're not going to walk from Bathurst and Finch over to the 400. So they will not visit the ones they love.

Q: Why would an ambulatory care hospital not be just as useful?

A: Ambulatory care is basically for people who come to the hospital for day treatment; for tests, examinations and some day surgery but no emergency services. The aging population needs ambulatory services but they also need in-patient care. We already have devoted much of our space to ambulatory care, but it can't be exclusively ambulatory care. We think this site can provide both.

Q: How will you be working with the Jewish community to save Branson?

A: We sincerely believe the community needs the hospital but the community has to decide whether it shares that opinion. And it appears it does. Surveys we had done before the report came out indicate that people don't go west for care, they go south into the city or they go east or north. Even if they build a $50 million structure at York-Finch, people will not go there in the numbers predicted by the report.

"We don't want these people to be stuck in traffic during rush hour trying to get to a hospital"

Q: Were you surprised by the recommendation?

A: We were shocked. We could not believe that considering the present and forecasted needs of the community, the committee would recommend the closure of the hospital.

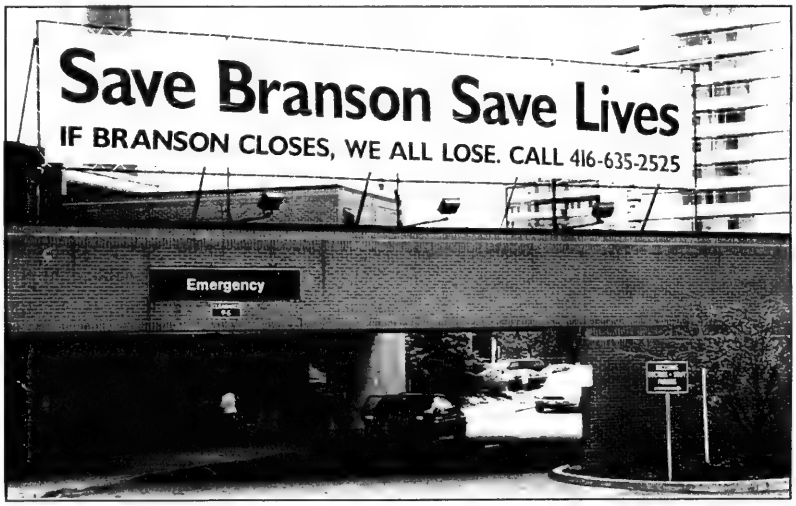
Q: Is there any validity to the argument that Branson is duplicating services?

A: The committee did not fully recognize the travel patterns of this community and the psychological barrier people have to travelling west. The York-Finch community and Branson community are very different.

There is some duplication because every community hospital is expected to provide that extra level of care. The question is whether that duplication is redundant. While we may do some of the same types of surgery for example, if this community needs access to emergency care, and we believe that it does, it naturally follows that it also needs in-patient support for emergency services.

Q: How are Branson's Jewish patients reacting to the report's recommendation?

A: The patients are very concerned and when doctors inform their patients, many of them are in tears. If this community needs this hospital then the community needs to makes its voice heard. It's more than simple inconvenience if this hospital goes. There's a real risk.



Branson Hospital is mobilizing the community in its battle for survival.

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Federation Agency revitalizes Jewish life on campus

◄ *Jewish Students from the University of Toronto, York, Ryerson and Seneca, on their way to a Jays game.*

▲ *Constructing campus history. For the first time ever, Jewish students at Ryerson and Seneca build a sukkah.*

There's more life to Jewish life these days on university and community college campuses, thanks to the Federation's Jewish Campus Services (JCS).

"We're offering everything from serious Jewish studies to just hanging out," explains JCS director Zac Kaye, who oversees the umbrella organization which works with campus groups on Jewish programs. "Students are beginning to recognize the Federation's commitment to them and they're responding to our requests for continuous sharing and interaction," says Kaye. "We have a group of tremendously dynamic and energetic individuals working to engage young people between 18-24 years of age."

During orientation week at York University, the Jewish Student Federation (JSF) distributed cards listing different interests for students to check off. Social action, the environment and coalition building were popular choices.

Since September, 800 Jewish students have signed on to the JSF's mailing list. The JSF recently sponsored one of the most successful events ever, a Bosnia-aid dance, attended by 900 students, which raised $5,000 for victims of the war in the former Yugoslavia.

However, according to JSF Director Pearl Gropper, "the greatest challenge remains getting the message out."

Joanne Levitt hangs out at York's Central Square and uses a hands-on approach to reach what she calls "the unaffiliated."

"Some students, especially those in residence can end up feeling isolated," says Levitt. "I'm here, as Director of Engagement, to help them make the Jewish connection any way I can."

Sidura Ludwig, who is in charge of York Jewish students in residence, finds that most programs are targeted to commuting students and more needs to be done for those who are living on campus. "Shabbat dinners, Chanukah parties and movie nights help make resident students feel more a part of the community," says Ludwig.

At the University of Toronto, reports Jewish Students Union Director Lance Davis, "we're trying to engage students at their own level with no expectations."

The JSU recently held a *Champagne and Chocolate Social* that lasted until 1a.m. in the Shaarei Shomayim sukkah, at which, according to Davis, "all types of students showed up and had a really great time."

Approximately 12,000 Jewish students are enrolled in Greater Toronto Area post-secondary schools. While the majority attend U of T or York, Jewish activity on other campuses is also growing.

Tammy Sitcoff, Program Director for Jewish Campus Services at Ryerson Polytechnic University and Seneca College, thinks the campus is "a great place for young people to discover their Jewish identity." This year, for the first time, sukkahs were built at the Seneca and Ryerson campuses. "We wanted to be more visible," says Sitcoff. "People are really coming out of the woodwork everyday and I've even had calls from Humber College and George Brown about starting similar programs."

Yiddish revival led by the young

In the high-tech 90's, dominated by computers with science fiction functions, many Jewish young people are rediscovering the language of another century. They're learning that Yiddish can enrich their lives and act as an important link to their past.

Kindergarten, elementary school, high school, university, and adult Yiddish classes are being offered throughout the Greater Toronto Area, with the help of the Federation's Committee for Yiddish.

University of Toronto Yiddish instructor Ellie Kellman says "after years of emphasizing Hebrew, young people are realizing that Yiddish is just as important, culturally and historically." Most of Kellman's advanced students are in their mid-20's and see Yiddish as a tool for discovering their roots.

"It really can be a great vehicle of continuity from generation to generation," observes Ellie Moidel, who has been teaching Yiddish for the North York Board of Education for 3 years. More than half of Moidel's intermediate students last year were young adults, some of whom continued their Yiddish studies at McGill, Oxford and Columbia University.

Yiddish student Reena Katz

One of them is 19 year old Reena Katz. She started learning Yiddish at 16 and has taken courses at both the University of Toronto and Columbia.

"My great aunts started teaching me the language so that I could learn more about my family history," explains Katz. "There's a large pool of history, especially about the Jewish women's labour movement, that will be more accessible to me now that I know the language."

Suzanne Socken took an introductory level course at U of T last year because she wanted to learn her mother's first tongue. "Yiddish is a unique language," says Socken, who hopes to continue her Yiddish language studies in the future.

Literature and cultural programs are also being offered through organizations such as Friends of Yiddish and The Kultur-Gezelshaft.

For more information about Yiddish programs contact the Committee for Yiddish at the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, (416) 635-2883 ext. 155.

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Rabbi with a cause: so no Jew is forgotten

Chief Chaplain Rabbi Ronald Weiss in front of the Federation's sukkah. Photo: Stephen Epstein

By Adi Waksman

Just another day for the handful of Jewish patients at the Queen Street Mental Health Centre. Some are talkative. Some are sullen and most seem unaware of their surroundings. All can expect a weekly visit from Rabbi Ronald Weiss, the Director of Chaplaincy Services, a UJA/Federation funded program run by Jewish Family & Child Service.

Using photocopied pages of Yom Kippur prayers, Weiss talked to his small audience about the importance of "having a clean slate" and "a fresh start".

After the service and a modest kiddush, Weiss proceeds to make his rounds and wish those patients he can reach, a happy new year. He leaves a note for one elderly man who refuses to open the door. "I'm not this man's favorite person," confides a good natured, undeterred Rabbi Weiss. "But I still have to try."

"It's not always easy to communicate with some of the patients but I try to connect in some way, even just by touching their shoulders gently."

From the friendly greeting one sick woman gave him as she ate lunch, Weiss is finally getting through. "He's my friend," she says, as the rabbi shook her hand and wished her Shana Tova and Refuah Shlema (full recovery).

"I give spiritual direction only when requested and I look for clues about what they need. Everybody has a soul so I try not to be judgemental and I just do the best I can."

For Rabbi Weiss, doing the best he can far exceeds what others are willing to do.

Ronald Weiss is not your typical rabbi. You won't find him leading a congregation and most of his inspirational sermons are delivered from somewhere other than a pulpit. They're delivered from the heart.

His mission is to provide spiritual guidance and outreach to people who, for one reason or another, feel alienated, abandoned and isolated from the rest of the Jewish community.

These people include hospital patients, the mentally and terminally ill, the elderly, and others who have had more than their fair share of bad luck and misfortune.

"Demand is growing every day for our services and as social upheaval continues, more people will seek the help of spiritual, social and psychological counsel," predicts Weiss.

The rabbi's responsibilities include much more than the usual rabbinical functions such as officiating at circumcisions, wedding ceremonies and funerals. He's also responsible for difficult questions of religious law and ensuring volunteer visits to Jewish people at 33 hospitals, 20 prisons and 45 nursing homes across the province.

Yet, Rabbi Weiss takes a typically modest view of his work. "I try to provide detached persons with some kind of link to Jewish life and the community," he says. It's the kind of understatement that overstates Rabbi Weiss' value to the Jewish community.

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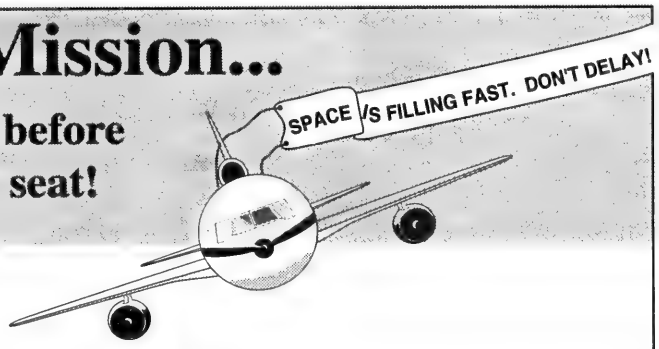

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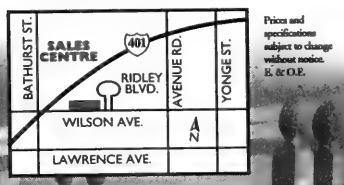

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Refugees' conditions explored

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Rabbi Gunther Plaut's latest book, *Asylum*, is an exploration of moral issues concerning refugees.

The senior scholar and former rabbi of Holy Blossom Temple, a recognized expert on refugee matters, reminded some 60 people at his recent book launch at Holy Blossom that he himself came to the United States as a refugee from Nazi Germany 60 years ago.

His expertise was sought by the federal government in 1984 when he was asked to do a study on the subject, he said.

"I identified with the refugees when I recommended the amalgamation of the Immigration Board and the refugee advisory committee."

Rabbi Plaut's report became the blueprint for the Immigration and Refugee Board, which was created by the Conservative government in 1985.

According to Rabbi Plaut, refugees bring two rights into opposition: the right of a nation to determine its welfare and the right of the individual. "The dilemma of the conflict is that there is no single answer," he said.

The mood of the country has changed since he finished writing the book a year and a half ago, he added. "The rejectionist temper was not as hard."

Other speakers were Susan Davis, national director of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services, and York University professors Howard Adelman and David Dewitt.

"Refugees are a characteristic of modernity," said Adelman, founder and former director of the Centre for Refugees Studies. "There is no more empty space. The world has been divided up."

Western nations must do something about the genocides and the flow of refugees he said. "We are obliged to help. It's in our tradition ... We seek moral principles as the basis of our actions."

A major dilemma for Canadians, Davis said, is "How generous can we afford to be?" She praised Canada for having one of the most generous refugee acceptance policies in the world: 50 to 60 per cent of all claimants are allowed to stay.

"We have erred on the side of fairness" and that has allowed for some "peculiar problems," she said.

Davis stressed the need for the Jewish community to assist refugees. Quoting Rabbi Plaut, she said, "The way in which Jews treat the stranger is one of the most often repeated themes in the Torah because we were strangers. *Tikkun Olam* refers to the whole world."

Asylum was published by the Centre for Refugees Studies at York University and jointly funded by the centre and Holy Blossom. Proceeds from the book will be matched by Holy Blossom and go towards a yearly scholarship for an undergraduate in refugees studies at York University.

Greater Toronto Area

Physician turns political activist

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Dr. Sheldon Hershkop

TORONTO — Sheldon Hershkop — bearded and bespectacled, with a speaking manner reflecting an intelligent mind and a habit of weighing his words — has recently taken on the unaccustomed role of political activist, to the point of being a speaker at rallies.

The 35-year-old physician is one of about a dozen people who constitute Jewish Action Coalition (JAC), a fledgling grassroots organization which co-sponsored three recent vigils in front of Toronto's Israeli Consulate to protest the Israeli government's handling of the peace process.

An outgrowth of Women in Green, the right-wing Israeli group whose Canadian arm is known as Canadian Friends of the Women for Israel's Tomorrow, JAC is preparing for its one-week solidarity mission to Israel from Nov. 8 to 15.

About 50 Toronto participants, to be joined by some 200 Americans, will be billeted with Jewish settler families for both budgetary and solidarity reasons. The cost of the trip, which will include a Jerusalem solidarity march on Nov 13, is $850 return airfare from Toronto.

The march will have a contingent leaving from New York; groups from England, South Africa and Australia have also been invited to attend.

What impelled Hershkop to become involved in JAC, despite his ambivalence about public protest, is his belief in the extreme danger posed to Jews in Israel by recent developments in the Middle East peace process. He also wants to express solidarity with and stand in place of Israeli protesters, some of whom have been beaten by Israeli police.

The day the Oslo 1 accord was signed in 1993, Hershkop, a religious Jew, fasted in mourning for what he perceived as a serious threat to Israel's security.

By the time Oslo 2 was signed this September, he felt compelled to express his concerns publicly.

"I would like nothing more than to be shown to be wrong, but in case I'm proven right, it's incumbent on us to get involved."

Hershkop isn't alone. At one weekend rally, about 100 people showed up. A large percentage were Orthodox Jews, as is the mainstay of JAC, but members insist that's just coincidental and that they welcome supporters from all segments of the community.

Although JAC members are "basically against land for peace," Hershkop said that if he sees Arabs and Jews living together peacefully in Israel, he would be "willing to discuss many things."

Members take no comfort from the apparent economic benefits of the peace process. "Having a prosperous country does not guarantee security. I think it's a brilliant PR ploy to deflect our concerns," said Hershkop.

"If peace is working, why do they have to shut down the territories to avoid terrorist attacks?" asked Anne Walker, founder of Canadian Friends of the Women for Israel's Tomorrow and a former "major dove." Walker joined Hershkop and fellow JAC member George Meister to meet with *The CJN*.

Although the number of terrorist incidents in Israel has decreased in the past year, the number of Israelis killed by terrorists has risen.

While left-wingers are heartened by the decreased number of incidents, Meister sees it as an ominous sign. "[The terrorists] are becoming more effective," he said tersely.

Meister is convinced that Jews must become more educated about the peace process and its implications.

He has approached Peace Now about participating in a large-scale "town hall" debate, even at the risk of losing some JAC supporters who might be swayed to the left.

He believes that most people fall into what he calls the "paralyzed ambivalent" category rather than right or left wing. "Many people find it ... easier not to deal with it. Our responsibility is to raise the consciousness of the Jewish community."

FOOD DRIVE

Leo Baeck Day School students with some of the food they collected for the North York Harvest Food Bank. From left, Zachary Teitel, Ely Rechtsman and Robert Trager.

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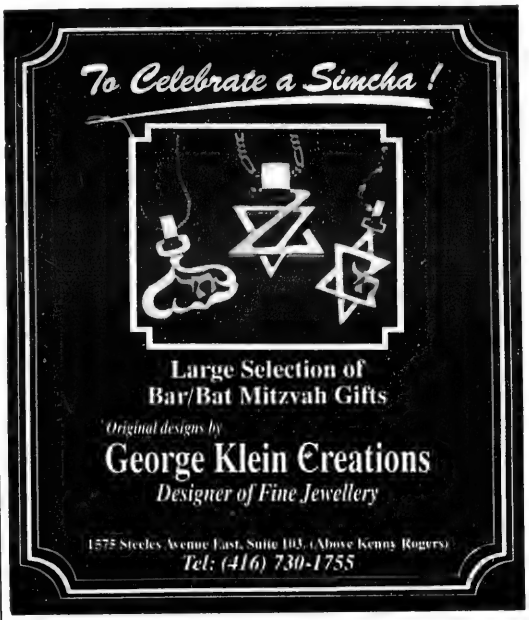
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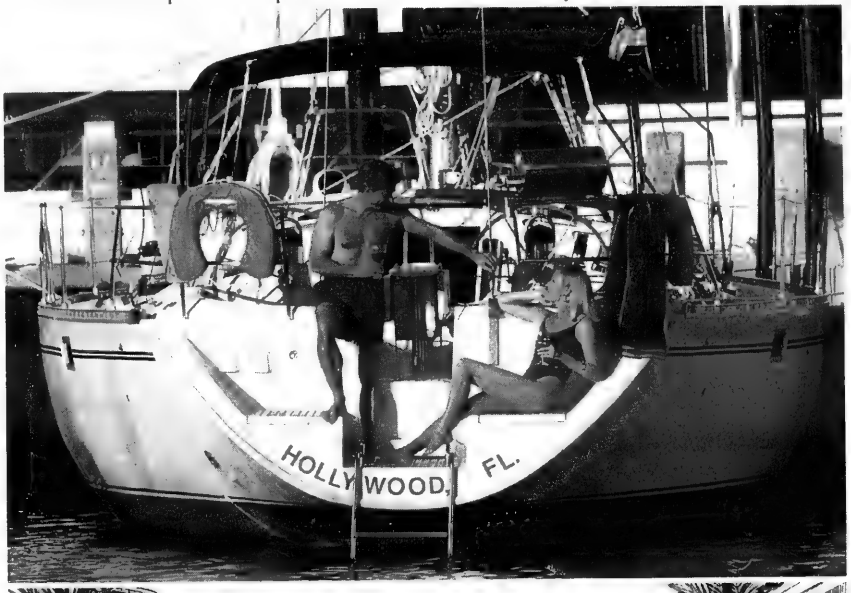

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Seniors' health discussed

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Some language functions and some narrative abilities improve in old age, a psychiatrist told a recent public health forum sponsored by the Baycrest Centre Women's Auxiliary.

Although in general elderly people learn well, their thinking processes slow down, there may be difficulty in retrieving information and there is some decreased ability to remember names, said Dr. David Conn, Baycrest head of psychiatry.

Memories of depressed patients improve once the depression is treated, Conn said, adding that many family doctors treat depression in the aged very well.

On a lighter note, he told the story of a man who visited his doctor to complain about his wife's terrible memory. "What's wrong with her memory?" the doctor asked. "She never forgets a thing," the man replied.

The forum also launched a new book by Baycrest staffer Evelyne Michaels, *Look to This Day, a Complete Guide to Health and Well-Being in Your Later Years*, published by Key Porter Books.

Michaels' preface deals with her Russian-born grandmother, Sarah Cantor, who lived to age 97, never suffered a major illness until she had her gall bladder removed at age 70 and died months after falling from a hospital bed and fracturing her hip. Her grandmother, Michaels said, had good luck and good longevity genes, escaping infection before the advent of antibiotics.

The author dedicated *Look to This Day* to her mother, Edith Michaels of Montreal, who attended the forum. "I hope I age as gracefully as she has," she said.

Baycrest's recent installation of a privacy room is in recognition of the fact that sexual urges do not disappear with age, said Dr. Michael Gordon, vice-president of medical services.

Studies have shown that a large majority of elderly people want to live alone, but close to their families, said Dr. Margaret MacAdam, social services' vice-president.

End-of-life decisions are looming as the next main problem for families, she said, citing as an example whether to keep a patient on tube feeding. Another troublesome area, she said, is when older parents decide to remarry or move in with someone. "Adult children then worry about estates, but they should recognize that people are lonely and relationships are important."

Eat more fruits and vegetables, particularly those of a dark color, more grains and cereals, and drink eight to 10 glases of fluid a day, was the advice of dietitian Carol Robertson.

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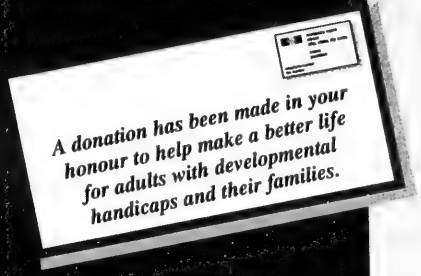
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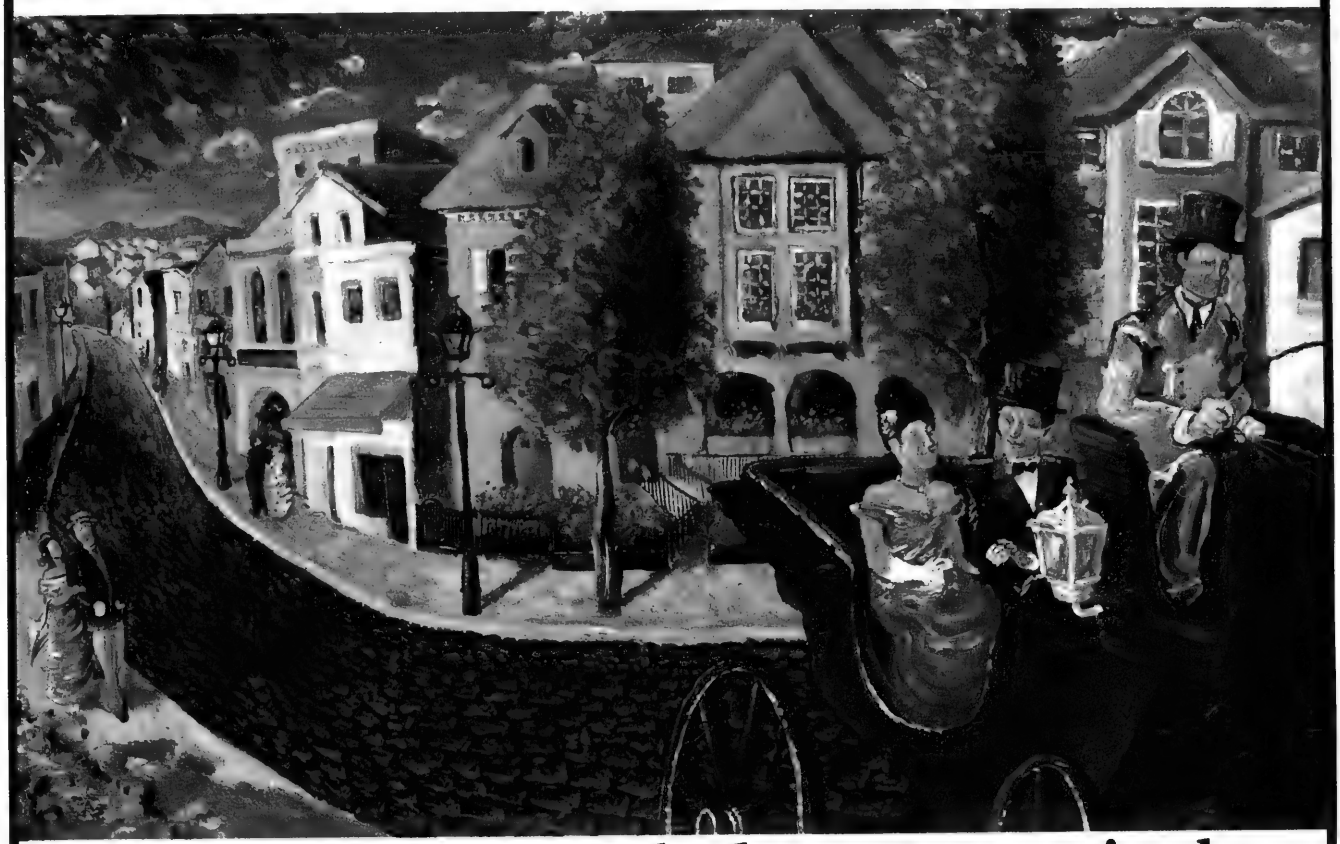

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Computer maven tackles racists on the Internet

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — If it were up to Ken McVay, federal authorities would scrap their proposal to criminalize the flow of hate propaganda on computer networks.

Not that McVay has any sympathy for the purveyors of hate-inciting material on the Internet.

On the contrary, McVay has spent the better part of the past four years actively opposing hatemongers' racist lies.

In the early years, he surfed the Net and confronted Holocaust-deniers *mano-a-mano*, arguing with them and refuting their lies.

From his Vancouver Island headquarters (he doesn't want to get more specific than that), he established the Nizkor Project, dedicated to the memory of Hitler's victims, with the mandate to fight hate propaganda on the Internet by disseminating truthful information.

He's spent untold hours entering data on his computer, developing carpal tunnel syndrome in the process, but giving curious computer users access to legitimate research on topics often raised by Holocaust-deniers and other racists. PhD candidates, anti-racist organizations and just plain computer enthusiasts have all accessed information provided by McVay.

The best way to discredit the purveyors of hate is to counter their lies with facts, he said.

"These guys are lying through their teeth," said McVay. "You don't have to be Jewish to be offended by them. It's best to let the idiots on the Net to make fools of themselves in front of thousands of people.

"We don't want them to go away," he continued. "We want to give them a hard time and expose them as idiots."

McVay, who was in Toronto as part of a five-week cross-country tour organized by B'nai Brith, believes that "if you try to enact a law, you make them martyrs and people say, 'What are the Jews afraid of?' "

Massive quantities of information will work best to counter hatemongers' lies. To that end, he has expanded a modest computer enterprise that at one time provided users with 3,000 files a month through electronic mail to the point where it now delivers close to 40,000 monthly "hits" on the World Wide Web.

Switching to layman's language, McVay explained that as of April 20, not coincidentally Hitler's birthday, the Nizkor Project became available to computer lurkers everywhere, and that information is being accessed from Nizkor's files 40,000 times a month.

Finding and entering all the anti-racist information available in computer databanks is a herculean task, and McVay has come to rely on more than 100 volunteers who provide him with information and who "look after the technical side of the Web."

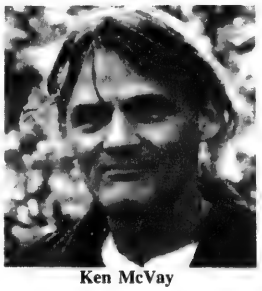
One of them, Jamie McCarthy of Kalamazoo, Mich., met McVay for the first time during his Toronto visit. McCarthy, who has started his own computer consulting business, was browsing the Net several years ago when he stumbled across material that offended him.

The material purported to quote the *New York Times*, but when McCarthy went to the library to check it out, he found the references were invented.

McVay has also established linkages to anti-racist organizations like B'nai Brith, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre in Los Angeles and a Toronto group called Artists Against Racism.

"There are a lot of people doing this. They're interested in dealing with historical realities," he said.

His dedicating himself to opposing hate has been recognized in his home province, which recently honored him with the Order of British Columbia.



Ken McVay

Running the Nizkor Project has become a full-time job for McVay and he attributes his interest in opposing racists to his bloodlines. His ancestors took part in the Boston Tea Party and his grandfather "taught me to value truth and integrity."

An Oregon policeman in his early 20s, McVay recalls how he tried to get his own sheriff arrested for illegal activities, but instead found himself fired from the force.

A one-time construction welder, McVay also served as a union organizer on Vancouver Island.

McVay said he has "no big agenda" in opposing Holocaust-deniers and racists.

"They're offensive. It's as simple as that. They offended me so I try to do something about it."

McVay's address on the world wide web is: HTTP//WWW. ALMANAC.BC.CA; FTP: FTP. ALMANAC. BC.CA.

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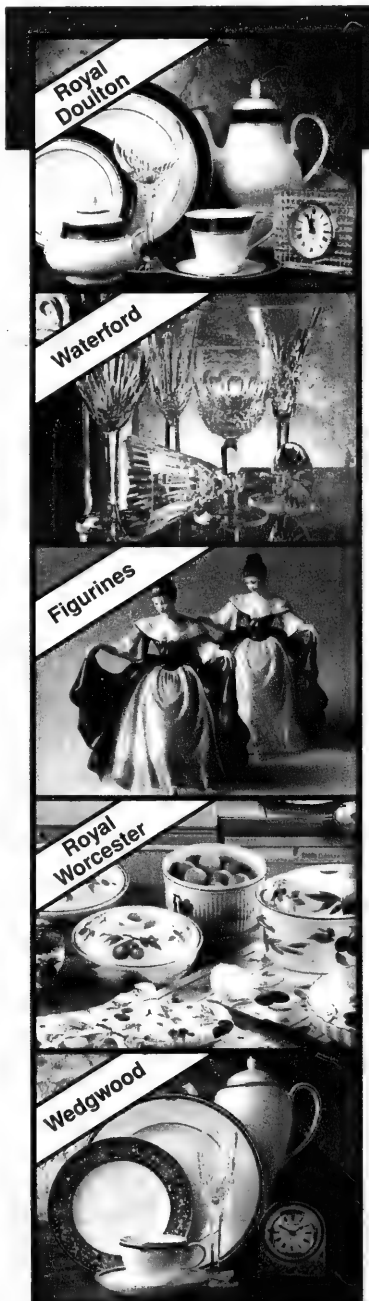

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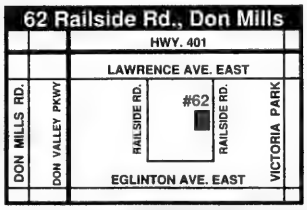

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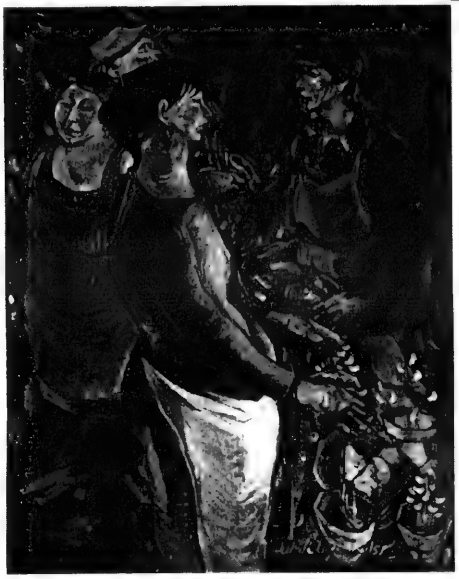

A market scene captured by the artist.

Yorkville gallery now hosting *Fifty Years in Kensington Market*

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Renowned artist and teacher Aba Bayefsky has captured the evolving scenes of the market that once was the heart of the Jewish community.

More than 30 of Bayefsky's drawings and paintings of Kensington Market, past and present, are on display to Nov. 14 at the Mitchell Gallery, in an exhibition titled Fifty Years in Kensington Market.

Bayefsky's lifelong fascination with Kensington Market began when he was in his teens and he sketched the area as a student under Arthur Lismer at the Grange Art Centre for children with special talent.

Now, more than 50 years later, he says that period "was the most exciting time of my life — my future was cast." He told *The CJN* he has never stopped following his destiny as an artist "and I never looked back."

For half a century, Bayefsky's ongoing work has captured the changing scenes of Kensington. He says that although his works were not intended to be a historical document, "they have become one." He estimates that he has done some 700 drawings and paintings of the market.

Describing the neighborhood as a "halfway house" for immigrants, where friendships were formed, protection was provided by people from the homeland and integration into the larger community was possible, Bayefsky says Kensington was "a bridge between their former life and their introduction to Canada."

His realistic interpretations capture the spirit of one of Toronto's most famous areas. He still visits the market three times a week before his dialysis treatments at Toronto Western Hospital, wandering through the market sketching the people and the architecture.

Many of the scenes of the past are disappearing, but Bayefsky takes us back to an era when Spadina Avenue was the main source of employment for newcomers who worked in the needle trade and College Street was a strolling and meeting place. Scenes of the *shochet*, the fruit seller, the fish monger and other shopkeepers and shoppers clearly recall the past.

Born in Toronto, Bayefsky attended Central Technical School and the Academy Julian Paris. He served in the Royal Canadian Air Force and was an official war artist. He completed a series of drawings and paintings of Bergen-Belsen in 1945.

He has had many one-man shows and exhibited around the world, and he is represented in permanent collections in major galleries. He has received numerous awards for his works which encompass many themes.

His mural honoring the Israeli athletes who were murdered at the 1972 Olympics in Munich is in the lobby of the Jewish Community Centre on Spadina Avenue.

His portfolio of lithographs titled *Tales of the Talmud* was presented to Menachem Begin by former prime minister Pierre Trudeau on behalf of the Canadian people, to commemorate the Israeli prime minister's visit to Canada in 1978.

When then president Tito of Yugoslavia visited Canada, he was presented with Bayefsky's portfolio *Faces of Earth and Sky*.

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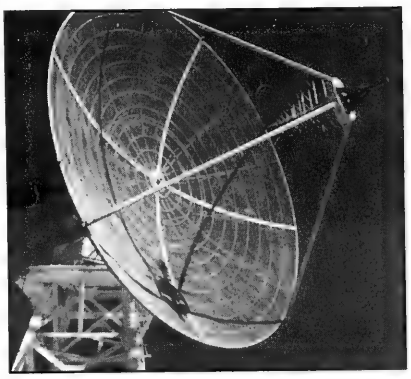

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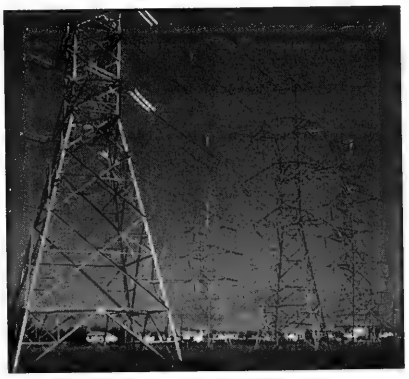

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Yalden emphatic on hatemongers

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Max Yalden makes a statement rare for any public official: "I have no problem with going on the record about this," says the emphatic chief commissioner of the Canadian Human Rights Commission. "Hate propaganda is not free speech. It is incitement. When you say the Holocaust did not happen, that six million Jews did not die, that's not historical debate. It's incitement to hatred."

Banning hate propaganda, he says, is not about freedom of speech. It's about common sense and respect for others.

But at the same time, Yalden is not so sanguine about the newest methods of disseminating hate. Telephone hate lines, some of which the commission has successfully shut down in the past, will never go away completely. "More keep cropping up," he concedes.

As for the Internet, with its freewheeling, global access, Yalden is confident that ways will be found to clamp down. Ottawa is now considering making it an offence to import or export hate propaganda via computer networks.

Max Yalden

In town recently to address the annual meeting of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, Yalden throws his hands up when asked whether there's confusion on the public's part as to the difference between the Canadian Human Rights Commission and its 10 provincial counterparts. It's obviously a question he's asked often.

The federal commission, he told *The CJN* in an interview, is for human rights complaints against any federally regulated body, be it a bank, Crown corporation the armed forces, post office or any telecommunications outfit.

Now in its 17th year, the commission, set up a year after the Human Rights Act became law, fields hundreds of grievances annually, ranging from sexual harassment and discrimination (the single biggest category, Yalden notes, with 373 complaints last year), discrimination based on disabilities in roughly second place, followed by complaints of unfair treatment based on race and age.

In February, a commission tribunal will hear a complaint from Mike Wychara, a Jewish letter carrier for Canada Post who claimed he was denied vacation time or unpaid leave to observe religious holidays.

While Yalden notes that the commission "is an alternative to the courts," it has no power of its own to impose penalties. But court actions have been taken, based on commission findings. In 1993, a court ordered the neo-Nazi Heritage Front's telephone hate line in Toronto shut down, after the group ignored a commission injunction to cease and desist. And last year, Heritage Front members were jailed and fined for again ignoring an injunction from the commission.

Despite the undeniable advances on the human rights front since World War II — most notably the progress of women in traditionally male-dominated jobs — Yalden believes we're still not out of the woods. Problems like time off to observe religious holidays or what he calls "an undercurrent of intolerance" for immigration policies persist, while new ones, like religious headgear in Canadian Legion halls, crop up.

Yalden, a former commissioner of official languages, would like to see the federal Liberals keep their election promise to strengthen both the Human Rights Act and employment equity laws.

But the "most pressing" human rights concern before Canadians, he says, is the plight of aboriginal people.

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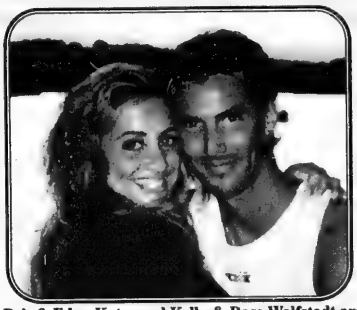
Hailey Cherise Merten celebrated her first birthday on July 7. We love you. Mommy & Daddy (Sharon & Selwyn), Bubbie Ruth & Zayde Jack Herman, Grandma Jenny Merten in England, Great-grandmother Celia Herman, big brother Ben, all your aunts and uncles, and your dog Sami.

Samantha Cooper, daughter of Lori & Danny, celebrated her first birthday on Sept. 21. Proud grandparents are Marty & Elaine Sone, Bonnie & Mel Shear, Flo Shear and Allan & Helen Cooper. Happy birthday with love Sami.

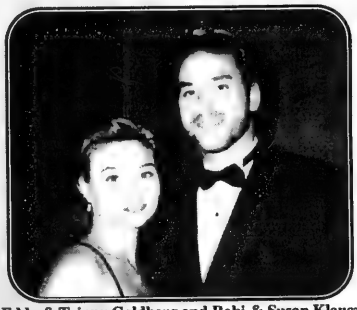
Haley Szereszewski, daughter of Marty & Cheri, celebrated her first birthday on August 26.

Jonathan David Frydman, son of Judy Weiss & Larry Frydman, was called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on August 19 at Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto. Proud grandparents are Bella & Larry Weiss and Renie & Stanley Frydman.



Bob & Edna Kates and Kelly & Rose Wolfstadt are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Allison and Mark. The wedding is planned for March 1996.

Mr. & Mrs. Eli Strassler, Mr. & Mrs. Ayouch Azulay and families wish Flo & Sheldon a happy first wedding anniversary.



Eddy & Tzippy Goldberg and Robi & Susan Klausz are proud to announce the engagement of their children Michelle Goldberg and Steven Klausz. Thrilled grandparents are Sam Goldberg, Bertha Komorami and Edith Frankfort. An August wedding is planned.

Jo-anne Masselson, daughter of Beryl & Norman Masselson, and Jeremy Cole, son of Bruce & the late Sharon Cole, were married on August 27. Grandparents are Lilo & Gunter Morgenthal and Rose Grader.

Debbie & Roni Edri celebrated their first wedding anniversary on Oct. 23.

Ana Silva, daughter of Abillio & Maria Silva, and Steven Offenheim, son of Arthur & Carole Offenheim, were married on Sept. 3.

Alla, daughter of Regina & Gregory Kaminsky, and Mark, son of Asia & Ilia Fainblum were married June 25. Proud grandparents are Tany & Aizik Geylikman, Lucy & Lona Intelegator of Germany, Tanya Kaminsky of New York and Anna Fainblum of Israel.

Henry & Sylvia Shanoff celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Oct. 25. They are seen with granddaughters Chelsea and Haley.

Zayde Bernie turns 70! Your wife, children, in-laws and grandchildren wish you and your twin brother Harry Waldman mazel tov.

Marilyn & Bert Raphael celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Sept. 11. Congratulations from their children, Sheree Raphael, Mark Raphael, Lisa & Edward Leavens and grandchildren, Daniel and Samantha Leavens.

From coast to coast

Newfoundland university honors two survivors of the Holocaust

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Corresondent

HALIFAX — It's a long way from a Polish shtetl to the stage of the auditorium at Memorial University of Newfoundland.

And 50 years ago, receiving an honorary degree from a Canadian university was farthest from the minds of two persecuted Jews from a war-torn but liberated Europe.

Recently, Moishe Kantorowitz and Grunia Ferman were conferred honorary degrees to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II and, more importantly, the contribution each had made to Newfoundland and to Canada.

"They are special people who deserve to be honored," said Ern Condon, a guidance counsellor at J. R. Smallwood Collegiate in Wabush, Western Labrador. Condon, who nominated Kantorowitz and Ferman, was friends with Grunia Ferman and her late husband Lewis for many years, watching the two immigrants reshape their lives after their arrival in Newfoundland in 1947.

"They were very caring people," said Condon. "Lewis had muiltiple languages and volunteered to translate for Russian and Polish sailors when they needed medical, legal and political assistance."

Grunia Ferman, who now lives in Toronto, said humbly that it will be a "happy and a sad time. I feel my husband deserves this more than I."

Yet she also participated in humanitarian work, helping Lewis tend the sick and injured seamen.

"Lewis was the first in Canada to organize a memorial to the Warsaw Ghetto uprising," said Ferman, who, with her husband, survived the war as Polish partisans and underground fighters.

"Every April he brought together clergy, students, university professors, even [former member of parliament] John Crosby and [former Newfoundland premier] Joey Smallwood, to speak at these memorials."

Kantorowitz spent more than two years in Auschwitz, Mathausen and Gussin before being liberated in 1945. He is the sole survivor of his family, having lost 51 relatives, as well as friends and neighbors.

Arriving in Canada in 1948, he came to Newfoundland in 1956 and established a drygoods business.

"I find this overwhelming," he said recently from Toronto, where he moved in 1989. "I'm just an ordinary fellow who tries to do his best to promote racial acceptance."

His best included 33 years of speech after speech to Newfoundland school and community groups about the Holocaust.

"The last words my mother said to me were, 'Should you survive, make your way to the United States and tell my brothers how we suffered and what we went through.' My mother's inspiration made me survive. I saw my uncles, told them the story and have told it thousands of times since."

He said memories constantly flood back. "The night of a speech at a school I don't feel so great. But it is a mission in life for me."

He's also written 800 pages, in Yiddish, of his memoirs, a story his children tell him should be translated to English and printed.

During the convocation weekend, a Holocaust education seminar was held in St. John's co-sponsored by B'nai Brith of Canada and the Newfoundland and Labrador Human Rights Association. Ferman and Kantorowitz spoke at the seminar, as did Rochelle Wilner, national education chair for B'nai Brith Canada.

JEWISH JUDGES NAMED

In Winnipeg, Freda Steel, (left) a former University of Manitoba law professor, has been appointed to the Manitoba Court of Queen's Bench, while Vancouver lawyer Risa E. Levine has become the first Jewish woman to be appointed to the British Columbia Supreme Court. [Photo of Levine by Brock MacDonald, *The Western Jewish Bulletin*].

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Hamilton temple to hold scholar-in-residence weekend

By MOURA WOLPERT
Special to The CJN

HAMILTON — Temple Anshe Sholom will hold its first-ever Scholar-in-Residence Weekend Nov. 10 to 12.

Prof. Judith Baskin, chair of the Department of Judaic Studies, State University of New York at Albany, will be the scholar-in-residence for the weekend, which will address the theme, The Modern Jewish Family: Where Have We Been, Where Are We Going?

A tribute dinner will honor Alice Sorger, an active member of Temple Anshe Sholom and founder of its social action group, TASSAG.

Prof. Judith Baskin

Baskin is the eldest of the three children of the temple's rabbi emeritus Bernard Baskin and his wife Marjorie.

Raised in Hamilton, Baskin received her PhD in Medieval studies from Yale University in 1976. She is the editor of *Women of the Word: Jewish Women and Jewish Writing* and the author of *Pharaoh's Counsellors: Job, Jethro and Balaam in Rabbinic and Patristic Tradition*, a book comparing Jewish and Christian views in late antiquity.

At the tribute dinner, Baskin will speak on Women's Contribution to the Jewish Community, Past and Present. Following the dinner, there will be a study and discussion session on Jewish Family Values in Traditional Jewish Texts.

On Nov. 10, Baskin will speak on Challenges Facing The Modern Jewish Family: What Can We Learn From the Past? The weekend will conclude with a lecture and discussion on Defining Jewish Identity in a Hostile World, based on definitions of Jewish identity and family values in the autobiographies of Jews of early modern Europe, Glueckel of Hameln and Solomon Maimon.

The weekend is being organized by Rabbi Irwin Zeplowitz, who initiated what it is hoped will become an annual event, with Dr. Ronnie Miller, Temple Anshe Sholom director of education, and Dr. Anthony Macfarlane, first vice-president.

The members of **Jerusalem Branch 26, Farband Labour Zionist Alliance**, mourn the passing of our member **Morris "Lefty" Kates** ז"ל on August 19. Our sympathy to his wife Fay and Family. He was a dedicated member; Vice-President and Social Chairman.

Rabbi brings holistic approach to shul

By SUSAN MERSKEY
Special to The CJN

Rabbi Larry Lander

LONDON — Rabbi Larry Lander is settling into his new position as rabbi of Or Shalom Synagogue.

Born and raised in Calgary, Rabbi Lander was formerly assistant rabbi at Rosh Pinah Synagogue in Winnipeg. For the past seven years, he has been rabbi and educator at Har Tikvah Congregation in Brampton, Ont., and the Jewish chaplain at Whitby Psychiatric Hospital. He holds a Masters degree in Social Work, with special training in marital counselling.

Rabbi Lander believes he brings a holistic approach to Judaism. His vision for Or Shalom is that it should be a place where people of all generations come together to celebrate, work and learn in a congregational family environment.

He says he looks forward to working in cooperation with the other rabbis in the community, is a willing advocate for Jewish concerns with educational, municipal and other groups, and is eager to help facilitate public education.

Recently, the congregation officially welcomed him and his wife Susan. Rabbi Neal Rose, a professor at the University of Manitoba, installed Rabbi Lander at Shabbat services.

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Joan Stevens (left) of Toronto has been appointed Canadian chair of the 1996 March of the Living. Stevens was chair of Toronto's 1992 March of the Living contingent. She succeeds Stanley Plotnick of Montreal, who was Canada's chair of the 1994 march. Since 1988, more students have traveled to Israel through the march than any other Israel experience.

From coast to coast

Palestinian envoy steals show

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — The Winnipeg chapter of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University's (CFHU) recent second annual symposium on the peace process in the Middle East was an historic occasion, for it marked the first time in Canada that representatives of Israel, Egypt and the Palestinian National Authority sat together on one panel.

It was all in an atmosphere of friendship and cooperation — and the new Palestinian envoy to Canada, Baker Abdel Munem, stole the show.

Following the panel, each participant was presented with a cap bearing the logo of the Winnipeg Goldeyes baseball club. As a token of friendship and in a gesture that was well-received, Munem walked to the audience and gave his cap to Ike Chamish for one of his grandchildren in Israel.

Chamish had earlier asked what guarantees the Palestinians could offer for his grandchildren's future.

Munem arrived in Canada as the official representative of the Palestinian Authority (PA) in August, after having represented the PLO in Japan for 12 years. An author and academic with three PhDs, he has been a member of the Palestinian National Council since 1993.

In his presentation, Munem drew an imaginary picture, with those Palestinians in support of the peace process on one side in a white area, those opposed in black on the other side, and shades of gray in the middle. As facts on the ground change, he noted, the waves in the picture push more people to either support or oppose the peace process.

Dr. Eli Yerushalmi, Israel's acting ambassador to Canada, outlined highlights in the peace process that led to the most recent agreement, signed in Washington last month, on Sept. 28, going back to the disengagement in the City of Suez immediately after the 1973 Yom Kippur War.

"For us, this is a moral rather than a political decision," he said. "Israel is strong enough to take some short-term risks for long-term peace. We have freed ourselves from controlling the destiny of another people."

He cautioned, though, that extremist violence has to be stopped.

He described the Oslo accords as an "experiment" in peaceful coexistence, noting that in Gaza and Jericho, armed Israeli and Palestinian military and police forces jointly patrol roads and protect buses as well as yeshivah students in Jericho.

After Palestinians hold elections next May, he said, the negotiations will begin on the tough issues — repatriation of Palestinians, Jewish settlements on the West Bank, sharing of water resources, Palestinian relations with other Arab countries and the status of Jerusalem. "We hope to complete the process by 1999," Yerushalmi said.

Egypt's ambassador to Canada, Dr. Mahmoud Farghal, spoke of the strengthening of Egyptian-Israeli relations as a model for peace between Israel and other Arab countries. He emphasized the need for jobs and economic development for the Palestinians if the attraction of extremism is to be overcome and the peace process to succeed.

Egypt, he reported, is proposing the establishment of a regional bank to finance development projects in the Middle East.

He also spoke of Egypt's role as a stabilizing force in the region and its role as intermediary, not only between Israel and the Arabs, but also between Arab states.

Farghal called for more Arab/Muslim-Jewish dialogues such as the CFHU panel and reviewed the common values that unite Jews and Muslims.

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From coast to coast

Sault's Jews celebrate shul's 50th anniversary

By JEFF ARBUS
Special to The CJN

SAULT STE. MARIE — The Jewish community here recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of Congregation Beth Jacob.

About 50 former members of the community returned for the reunion. Under the leadership of Bryna Coppel, the organizers arranged various events including Shabbat services and an Oneg Shabbat.

After Havdalah, a dinner was held, with speakers representing four generations of the community. Recognition plaques were presented by Ron Irwin, MP, on behalf of the prime minister; Tony Martin, MPP, on behalf of the premier; and Sault Mayor Joe Fratesi.

Canadian author Morley Torgov reminisced about his boyhood years in Sault Ste. Marie and expressed the sentiments of the returning guests when he said how much this renunion meant to him. Student Katrina Holkko told of her pride in knowing that the actions of her grandfather, who helped to build the synagogue, meant that today she has a place to attend Hebrew school.

Others told tales of the earlier days of the community and the struggles which were faced as two congregations became one; letters of congratulation were received from those who could not attend; community members now deceased were fondly remembered.

The vitality of the current community was recognized by the speakers and all agreed that the Jewish community of Sault Ste. Marie has a bright future.

Jewish merchants began to settle in Sault Ste. Marie about 100 years ago. For many years, there were two congregations, which would hold services in homes or vacant space in the building of one of the merchants.

In 1945, the congregations merged and built the Beth Jacob Synagogue. The community had about 60 families at one time. Today there are about 35 families.

"This reunion has given us the confidence that the Jewish community in Sault Ste. Marie will be around to celebrate its 100th anniversary, said Bob Cohen, Beth Jacob president.

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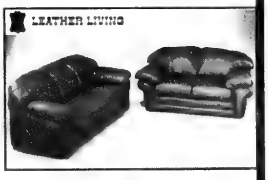

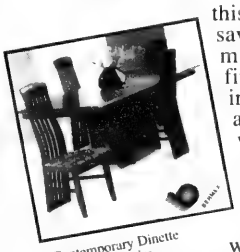

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Nine Jews made their mark in the majors in '95

By NEIL KELLER
Special to The CJN

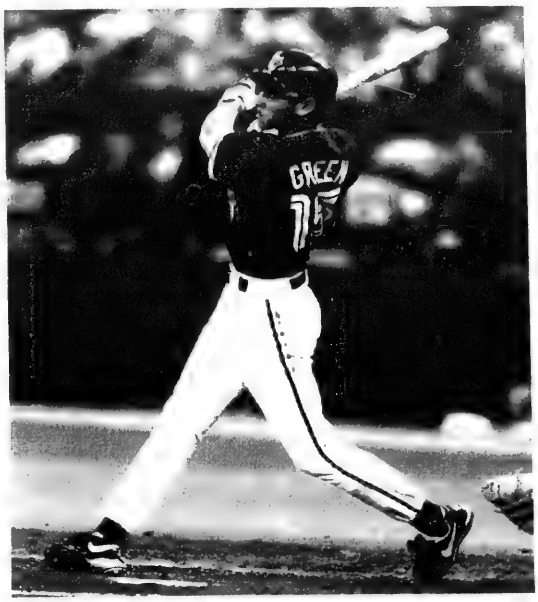
ROCKVILLE, Md. — Jewish athletes have been involved in baseball since it became a big-time sport in the 1800s. In fact, Lipman Pike, a Jewish player, is considered the first athlete ever to have been paid for his baseball ability.

The tradition continued in 1995, as nine Jewish players made appearances in the major leagues. Here is a review of how each player performed.

Shawn Green is perhaps the premier Jewish player in the majors. Not yet 23 years old, the right fielder appeared in 121 of 144 games this season for the Toronto Blue Jays.

In his first full season in the majors, Green had a .288 batting average and 31 doubles, four triples and 15 home runs. Due to his many extra base hits, he led the team with a .509 slugging average. Many analysts predict that Green could be a future superstar.

Another Jewish player who had an excellent year was Brad Ausmus of the San Diego Padres. The Padres catcher began the season with a sizzling .350 batting average. He simmered down through the year and finished at .293.



Shawn Green

Ausmus, 26, was very steady behind the plate and committed only six errors all season. He was also one of the leading catchers in terms of stolen bases, with 16.

The Cleveland Indians had their best year since 1954 when they were led by Jewish slugger, Al Rosen. The Tribe finished 30 games ahead of the second place Kansas City Royals and had the best record in the majors. Cleveland was also the only team in the majors with two Jewish players on their roster.

Jesse Levis and Ruben Amaro, Jr., performed for the Tribe this season. Both players were in the Indians' minor league system for most of the season but contributed whenever they were brought up.

Statistically, Levis had the highest average of the Jewish players. The catcher finished with a .333 batting average, but only appeared in 12 games. He had six hits in 18 at-bats.

Amaro played in 28 games for the Tribe. The outfielder had 12 hits in 60 at-bats — including one home run — for a batting average of exactly .200. The 30-year-old has spent most of his time in the minors but still shows the talent to rise in the majors.

It was a rough season for Jose Bautista and the entire San Francisco Giants team. The Giants finished in last place and the pitching staff often gave up a lot of runs.

Bautista won only three games out of 11 decisions this year, down compared to 1993, when he won 10 and lost only three. However, the Giants showed their confidence in Bautista, as he was second on the team in number of appearances with 52. His earned run average was 6.44.

Another Jewish catcher in the major leagues is Eric Helfand of the Oakland Athletics. He appeared in 38 games and had 14 hits in 86 at-bats.

Jose Bautista

Other part-timers included Brian Kowitz of the Atlanta Braves, who was brought up for a few games when star player David Justice was on injured reserve. Kowitz finished with a .167 batting average by getting four hits in 24 at-bats. The 26-year-old outfielder has performed very well in the minor leagues and should see more action in the majors next year.

Brian Bark has a lot in common with Kowitz besides sharing the same first name. Both players are from the Baltimore suburbs and played together in the Braves' minor league system. This year, Bark was traded to the Boston Red Sox and appeared in three games. He pitched a total of 2⅓ innings and gave up no earned runs. Statistically, Bark had the lowest ERA in the majors.

A few years ago, Eddie Zosky was considered one of the top shortstop rookies to enter the majors. Unfortunately, nagging arm injuries have kept the 27-year-old in the minors. This year, he had a very brief stint with the Florida Marlins. He had one hit in five at-bats for a .200 batting average.

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U.S. Congress votes to move embassy to Jerusalem

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WASHINGTON — The U.S. Senate last Tuesday overwhelmingly approved, by a 93 to 5 vote, a bill to move the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem by May 1999.

Senate Majority Leader Robert Dole, who sponsored the legislation, called last Tuesday "an historic day for the U.S. Senate. Long discussed and long promised, [it] marks the day a U.S. embassy in Jerusalem will be a reality."

The House of Representatives passed an identical bill, sponsored by Speaker Newt Gingrich, by a 374 to 37 vote.

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres welcomed the the congressional passage of the bill, saying, "If there is one issue Israel is united around, it is a united Jerusalem as the capital of Israel."

"We don't have the slightest doubt that not too far away in the future, most embassies will go to Jerusalem and Jerusalem will be recognized as it should be: the united capital of Israel," Peres said in a statement.

He noted that the "Jewish people have never had another capital but Jerusalem, and Jerusalem was never an Arab capital in the past. So this, I believe, is in compliance with history, geography and reason."

A senior U.S. administration official said President Bill Clinton has not yet decided whether to sign the bill. One option, officials say, is for the president to not sign the bill, thereby allowing it to become law automatically after 30 days.

That move would preserve the president's waiver authority while presumably not sending the message to the Palestinians that Clinton supports the move to relocate the embassy to Jerusalem.

Under the Dole bill, the president, beginning in October 1998, may suspend the embassy's move for six months if he informs Congress that doing so "is necessary to protect the national security interests of the U.S." There are no limits on how many waivers may be issued.

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JERUSALEM — Last week's congressional passage of the bill to move the American embassy to Jerusalem is unlikely to have any immediate impact on the Israeli-Palestinian peace process.

Opponents of the legislation within the Clinton administration — and within the Israeli government — had warned during recent months that passage of the bill might trigger vigorous opposition within the Palestinian community and within the wider Arab world. They warned that it could throw the entire peace process into turmoil.

In all the Israeli-Palestinian negotiations, there is no hotter issue than the future of Jerusalem.

The issue is so delicate that the framers of the Declaration of Principles signed by Israel and the PLO in September 1993 postponed discussion of the future of the holy city until the final-status talks, slated to start in May 1996.

These trepidations fueled controversy around the bill, generating much heat within the American political arena, within the U.S. Jewish community and between the Israeli government and its friends in Washington.

But when the legislation overwhelmingly passed, there were no demonstrations by Palestinians. The Palestinian Authority did not publish a formal condemnation of the law, as had been expected.

But Faisal Husseini, the PLO's top official in Jerusalem, did speak out against the move, saying that it could harm Israeli-Arab peace efforts.

He told a television interviewer that the United States had promised the Palestinians it would not take any steps that could affect the final status of Jerusalem.

Ottawa's embassy to stay put

OTTAWA — Canada has no plans to move its embassy to Jerusalem from Tel Aviv, a spokesperson said last week.

The status of Jerusalem "can be resolved only as part of a general settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute," Rodney Moore of the Foreign Affairs Department told *The CJN*.

Moore said Canada has regarded eastern Jerusalem as "occupied territory" ever since Israeli forces reunited the city in the 1967 Six Day war.

Moore said the U.S. Congress' decision last week to transfer its embassy to Jerusalem is "an internal matter for the United States."

IDF truck convoy heralds first phase of redeployment

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The first phase of redeployment of Israel Defence Force troops began in Jenin last Wednesday, as a convoy of trucks evacuated equipment from the police station and a district coordination office opened for business.

Some stones were hurled, slightly injuring a border policeman, and three firebombs were thrown at the police station, but in general, there were few disturbances.

"The Palestinians understand there are many problems we need to sort out and that an orderly transfer of power is preferable to a hasty pullout," said the Jenin brigade commander, adding that bypass roads for Jewish settlers have been finished.

While the police station, a Jerusalem-stone structure surrounded by cypress and pine trees, was evacuated, the Palestinians will only begin using it when redeployment in the city is completed, no earlier than mid-November. In the meantime, it was transferred to the IDF.

Earlier in the morning, while equipment was being loaded on trucks, an IDF officer scanned the crowd waving Palestinian flags.

"It looks as if they have liberated Palestine, but nothing is changing for them," he said.

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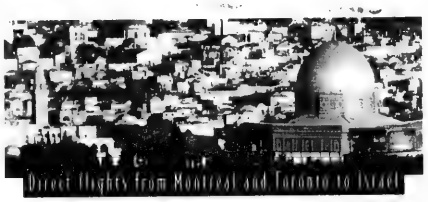

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War in Lebanon takes a heavy toll

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Israel's ugly little war in southern Lebanon continues to take its toll.

Last month, nine Israeli soldiers fell in two separate incidents within four days. Not since August 1993 had so many Israeli troops fallen in so short a span. So far this year, 22 have died, compared to 21 in all of 1994.

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

Hezbollah, Israel's chief foe, has steadily escalated the conflict. From 160 attacks in 1993, the figure climbed to 200 in 1994 and has risen to more than 400 this year.

In its unremitting attempts to end Israel's military presence in the security zone, which Israel has controlled in conjunction with the South Lebanon Army for the past decade, Hezbollah has laid ambushes, fired mortars, rockets and missiles and planted roadside bombs.

And on occasion, Hezbollah has targeted Israeli settlements in the Galilee. In the last incident of its kind this past summer, Katyusha rockets rained down on a Club Med resort near Nahariya, killing a French chef.

"This is a war," declared Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, the Israeli chief of staff, in the wake of the latest flareups in mid-October.

In the first armed encounter, three Israeli soldiers were killed when a Hezbollah squad ambushed a convoy at close range, peppering it with anti-tank rockets and machine gun and automatic rifle fire. In the second, six Israeli troops died when their armored personnel carrier ventured off a road and hit a mine.

Although the casualties sting Israel, Israelis, for all practical purpoases, have become inured to the violence. They are cognizant of the fact that the Lebanese front, once so peaceful, has metamorphosed into Israel's "hottest" border.

Before the Six Day War in 1967, Israel's frontier with Lebanon was blessedly tranquil. By 1968, this was no longer true, as the PLO gained a foothold in Lebanon and began to infiltrate Israel's border.

The problem grew by leaps and bounds when, following the 1970-71 civil war in Jordan, the Arab Legion ousted the PLO from Jordanian territory. Rebounding from defeat, the PLO established a network of bases in Lebanon, from which it attacked Israel.

These assaults prompted Israel to launch a series of retaliatory raids, a mini-invasion in 1978 (Operation Litani) and a full-scale invasion in 1982. Israel did not achieve all its objectives, but did succeed in temporarily destroying the PLO's infrastructure.

By overstaying its welcome in Lebanon, Israel antagonized the largest religious sect in the country, the Shi'ites, who had previously regarded the PLO as their main enemy. The Shi'ites formed several militias, including Hezbollah, to defend their interests.

In 1983, when it was still unclear when or even whether Israel would withdraw from Lebanon, Hezbollah — an Islamic fundamentalist group — inaugurated what proved to be a successful guerrilla war against the Israeli army entrenched in southern Lebanon. Syria and Iran supported the onslaught.

The fighting did not stop with Israel's almost complete withdrawal in 1985. Since then, it has waxed and waned, triggering Israeli responses on land, at sea and in the air.

In July 1993, following a week of fierce artillery exchanges (Operation Accountability), Israel and Hezbollah reached an informal agreement mediated by the United States and Syria. Under the pact, Israel promised to refrain from hitting Lebanese civilians north of the security zone and, in return, Hezbollah pledged not to fire on the Galilee.

With several notable exceptions, the agreement has held. However, the military confrontation between Israel and Hezbollah in the security zone has not been affected by the fragile 1993 truce.

Israel has asked Syria to rein in Hezbollah, but the Syrians have refused, regarding Hezbollah's operations as legitimate efforts to liberate southern Lebanon. Indeed, Syria has warned that further tension there may sabotage its fitful peace negotiations with Israel.

As for the Lebanese government, its view is that the cycle of bloodshed can only be broken if Israel dismantles the security zone and abides by a 1978 United Nations resolution to leave Lebanon.

Killing field

Israel has offered a phased withdrawal over nine months, provided Lebanon disarms Hezbollah and guarantees to keep the border quiet. But no deal has been struck.

In the absence of one, Israel remains mired in southern Lebanon's killing field, facing two military options.

Israel can escalate the conflict, but the risks are great: overextending itself and exposing the Galilee to a further barrage of rockets and mortars. As we know, this tactic did not work, either in 1978 or in 1982.

Alternatively, Israel can hew to its present strategy of trying to keep Hezbollah (and its rejectionist Palestinian allies) off balance by limited strikes. But this option, obviously, is not a deterrent.

Nearly everyone agrees that a *political solution*, backed by Syria, is Israel's sole hope of extricating itself from the morass. But such an agreement will remain elusive as long as Israel and Syria are at odds over the terms of a bilateral peace treaty.

The Week in Israel

Oct. 23

• Israel announced the signing of an agreement with China to cooperate on a number of hi-tech projects. The agreement set up a $5-million (US) fund for research in the areas of biotechnology, space technology and computers.

• The Knesset returned from its summer recess for its fifth and final session before the elections scheduled for 1996. All signs point to a tense and stormy assembly.

Oct. 24

• *Maariv* reported that King Hussein of Jordan is planning to visit Israel in November.

• *Davar* reported that Qatar had approved a deal with Israel to establish a natural gas pipeline from Qatar to Eilat. Some of the gas will be used by Israeli consumers; the rest will be transported to other countries.

Oct. 25

• *Yediot Aharanot* reported that the IDF killed two Hezbollah gunmen in southern Lebanon Tuesday night who were preparing to cross the border into northern Israel. No IDF soldiers were injured.

• A heated exchange of words took place between President Ezer Weizman and Labor MK Saleh Tareef during a meeting with Arab Israeli leaders. In a discussion concerning the release of female Palestinian prisoners, the president reiterated that he does not intend to grant clemency to prisoners convicted of murder. He also strongly criticized the Interim Agreement with the Palestinians.

Oct. 26

• *Ha'aretz* reported that the coordinator of government activities in the territories, Maj.-Gen. Oren Shahor, advised the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee that even though preparations for West Bank elections are in high gear, technical difficulties might prevent them from proceeding as scheduled on Jan. 20.

Oct. 27

• Israel's media announced that U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher will visit President Hafez al-Assad in an effort to reinvigorate stalled peace talks between Syria and Israel. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres did not pin any hopes on Christopher's visit to Damascus, but said "it was worth trying."

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Israelis, Palestinians speak language of accommodation

By STEPHEN VICTOR
Special to The CJN

Stephen Victor

OTTAWA — The signing of the Oslo 2 accord by Israel and the PLO on Sept. 27 has engendered a range of reactions and emotions in the Jewish community in Canada, reflecting, to be sure, the range of reactions within Israel itself.

While Jews everywhere are united in their quest for lasting peace in the Middle East, there is a diversity of opinion on precisely how this is to be achieved.

Despite this fact, the historical record of the past 20 years shows a clear pattern by both Likud and Labor-led governments of striving for peace agreements with all of Israel's Arab neighbors. The psychological breakthrough achieved when Egyptian president Anwar al-Sadat boldly travelled to Jerusalem in the fall of 1977 paved the way for the Camp David accords and the 1979 Egypt-Israel peace treaty negotiated under then Likud prime minister Menachem Begin.

The autonomy provision of the Camp David accords were never realized, mainly because the Palestinians rejected them at the time. However, finding a workable formula for facilitating self-governing authority for the Palestinians remained a core objective of subsequent Likud, Labor and national-unity governments. This was finally accomplished in the May 1994 Gaza-Jericho First agreement.

Under Oslo 2, Palestinian self-governing authority will be extended to parts of the West Bank, while at the same time permitting the IDF to continue to defend Jewish settlers and areas crucial to Israel's national security.

This is a testing period and there is legitimate concern about how the new arrangements will evolve. The IDF redeployment from Arab centres, upcoming elections for the Palestinian Authority (PA) and the next Israeli general election will all have a significant bearing on subsequent negotiations for the permanent status of settlements, borders, refugees and Jerusalem. It is this uncertainty that is driving the current debate in Israel, a debate that has been conducted for the most part within the parameters of acceptable political behavior.

For all its uncertainties, the process initiated at Oslo is the most comprehensive attempt ever to achieve a peaceful settlement between Israelis and Palestinians, one that seeks to reconcile Palestinian national aspirations with Israeli security requirements and the intense Jewish attachment to ancient holy places in biblical Judea and Samaria. At last, after so much strife during the past 100 years as they vied for a small but precious plot of land, Israelis and Palestinians are speaking the language of compromise and accommodation.

They deserve our support and the support of the government of Canada, as they go about the difficult task of trying to transform the vision of peace into a lasting reality.

Stephen Victor is the national chair of the Canada-Israel Committee.

Israel on alert

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the spiritual leader of the militant fundamentalist Hamas movement called on his followers to abandon terror.

In an interview from his jail cell last Friday, Sheik Ahmed Yassin asked his followers to stop attacks on Israel and run in the upcoming Palestinian elections.

Yassin, a wheelchair-bound Muslim cleric serving a life sentence in Israel for ordering the deaths of Palestinians suspected of collaborating with Israelis, founded Hamas in December 1987.

The Islamic Jihad statement was the first confirmation that the man shot outside a hotel in Malta was indeed Shakaki.

Authorities in Malta initially reported last Friday that a man identified as Libyan businessman Ibrahim Shawesh had been shot five times in the head by two men on a motorcycle.

On Sunday, Maltese officials identified the victim as Shakaki after they had asked Israeli police to provide fingerprints of the Islamic Jihad leader.

The Maltese authorities described the assassination of Shakaki as a "professional job."

Shakaki, 43, had reportedly stopped in Malta on his way back to Syria from Libya, where he had met with Libyan leader Muammar Gadhafi to discuss Tripoli's recent expulsion of Palestinians from Libyan soil.

According to some reports, Islamic Jihad and Gadhafi had conspired together on the expulsions, meant to undermine the Palestinian Authority's peace moves with Israel.

While declining to comment on possible Israeli involvement in the shooting, Israeli leaders said they were not sorry the Islamic Jihad leader was dead.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin told reporters that Shakaki had led "a murderous terrorist group that committed murderous attacks against citizens."

Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said he did not think the killing would be detrimental to the peace process.

"I think his business was murdering; so if there will be one murderer less, I don't see how it's going to affect the peace process," he said.

Peres added that he was not concerned about the Islamic Jihad threats of terrorist attacks.

"The threats existed all the time," he said. "There's nothing new about that."

Shakaki, a medical doctor who was born in Gaza, established the Islamic Jihad in the early 1980s.

After being expelled by Israel to Lebanon in 1988, Shakaki set up his base of operations in Syria.

The Islamic Jihad, which violently opposes the Israel-Palestinian peace accords, has carried out a number of terrorist attacks against Israel.

This year, the Islamic Jihad claimed responsibility for the Jan. 22 suicide bombing near Netanya, in which 21 people were killed and 60 others wounded.

The group also claimed responsibility for the April 9 bombing of a bus near the Jewish settlement of Netzarim in Gaza. Seven Israeli soldiers, along with American student Alisa Flatow, were killed in the explosion.

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Seeking missing millions

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Ron Singer — the director of York University's graduate program in theatre and the artistic director of the Randolph School of the Arts, the only private musical theatre school in Canada — has no hard evidence to back up his claim.

But he is reasonably convinced that it is grounded in the truth.

"The Swiss banks have done a masterful job of concealing these (pre-war) accounts. A whole generation of Swiss bankers is living off the backs of Holocaust victims."

Driven by this conviction, Ron Singer intends to continue his search. "I won't give up, though I realize the odds are against me. It's important to pressure the Swiss. We must not let them get away with it."

In his view, the World Jewish Congress, the Israeli government and the international media were instrumental in pushing Swiss banks to try to resolve the issue once and for all.

Ron Singer is hopeful because banking secrecy laws in Switzerland are scheduled to be relaxed on Jan. 1, 1996.

The new regulations will make it easier for people such as him to file claims.

Sergio Karas, a Toronto lawyer who has expressed an interest in the Singer case, said that the Swiss Banking Association now recognizes that virtually none of the claimants can provide incontrovertible proof to support their claims.

A pre-war photograph of Velvel Singer (centre), seen with his wife (left), who was killed in the Holocaust, and their son Itzhik, who also perished. The girl in the picture remains unidentified. The woman on the right, Velvel's sister Sarah, lives in Arizona.

Under the proposed system, information provided by claimants will be compared to existing bank records for a possible match, said Karas, whose own family is originally from Lodz.

Ron Singer is optimistic that this method will weed out fanciful claims from real ones.

On Dec. 17, Ron Singer plans to travel to London and Zurich to do whatever he can "to further things."

His aunt Mary, a resident of the Baycrest Centre, has encouraged him in his efforts. But almost every other member of his family is frankly skeptical that the claim will finally be accepted.

Essentially, Ron Singer is driven by two motivations.

"First, a desire to force the Swiss Banking Association to deal honestly with survivors' savings. There are possibly billions of dollars in Swiss coffers.

"And, of course, there is a search for an inheritance."

Israel assailed at summit

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

AMMAN — Mideast leaders launched their regional economic summit last Sunday by plunging into the ongoing dispute over Jerusalem and Israeli treatment of the Palestinians.

While Israel and Jordan urged rapid progress toward modernization of the economies of the Middle East to attract foreign investment, Egypt and the Palestinians used the podium to call for Israeli withdrawal and a Palestinian state.

But the rhetoric did not halt the proceedings, and by mid-afternoon, delegates announced the establishment of two regional bodies: a tourism centre and a business council. Tourism Minister Uzi Baram represented Israel in signing the charter of the tourism centre, along with envoys from Jordan, Egypt, the Palestinian Authority (PA), Cyprus, Tunisia and Morocco.

PA Chairman Yasser Arafat changed the businesslike tone of the conference opening by reciting a litany of complaints against Israel. In a harsh speech, he accused Israel of destroying Palestinian infrastructure since 1967, and condemned the extended closure of the territories. He said the Palestinians are losing $6 million daily because of Israeli restrictions on workers trying to cross the Green Line.

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Contact maintained with Sarajevo's remaining Jews

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Forty children from the Jewish community of Sarajevo sent a poster-size letter house as a thank you to Helen Marr, president of the International Council of Jewish Women (ICJW).

On receiving the card, Marr said she felt privileged to hold her position, adding "The relationship with the children of Sarajevo is one which evokes deep emotions of love, humility and — yes — anger, anger and outrage caused by the inhumanity of war and the devastation wrought on the innocent women, men and children."

Marr, who has travelled extensively for ICJW, is in communication with Sonja Elezar, a leader in the Sarajevo Jewish community.

Recognizing the desperate plight of the residents of Sarajevo, Marr began sending school supplies, hygiene products and other needed items. She says the postage costs more than the items.

"Sonja is working to make the lives of the children more pleasant and helping them maintain their Jewishness," Marr says.

Since the break-up of the former Yugoslavia, which had an affiliate of the ICJW (now divided into several affiliates, one being Sarajevo), the 500 remaining Jews in Sarajevo have suffered from shortages including footwear, warm clothing and medical supplies. There is no transportation and they can't travel from one city to another.

In gratitude for the parcels, the children created the letter house, with a window that opens to show the pictures of the children. A letter enclosed in the doorway of the house is addressed:

Helen Marr

"Dear Aunt Helen.

"Thank you very much for your letter. We were not able to answer you on time, but now send you our letter house.

"You can see us in our community on Purim's masquerade. We are alive and good as we can be, except one friend, Ljiljana Jancic (12 years old). She was killed in her garden during grenading.

"Thank you so much for your help and thinking of us. With love, Children from Jewish Community of Sarajevo."

"I'm struck by their optimism which is manifested by the very bright primary colors of the letter house — all in the face of indescribable and unthinkable adversity," Marr says..

She says she just received a fax from Elezar "telling me of the need for warm socks, slippers, and warm clothing."

To help, please call Marr at Council House, 416-633-5100.

Plundered billions said to be in West European banks

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — In addition to money already discovered in Switzerland, "billions of dollars" in cash and property plundered from European Jews during and immediately after World War II is in banks and under government control in other Western European countries, *U.S. News and World Report* says in its next issue.

The money is in financial institutions in France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg, Italy and Scandinavia, the report says.

Edgar Bronfman, president of the World Jewish Congress (WJC) and head of an international drive to reclaim Jewish assets taken during the Holocaust, noted that vast sums were also stashed in banks in neutral Sweden before and during World War II, the magazine added.

The deposits, according to independent studies, included assets that Jews had sent for safekeeping and money and gold stolen by the Nazis from Holocaust victims.

Bronfman says these deposits, which were unclaimed at the end of the war, are still held by the Swedish banks.

WJC Secretary-General Israel Singer adds that the rightful owners of much of the booty can be traced, because of the Germans' obsession with keeping records.

Bronfman wants the assets to go to heirs of the victims, European Jewish communities and worldwide Jewish communal needs.

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Ophuls film lays bare France's wartime disgrace

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

In retrospect, *The Sorrow and the Pity* is no longer really shocking. But when it burst upon France in the early 1970s, it became a *cause celebre*.

Those who were displeased with Marcel Ophuls' documentary were indignant because it laid bare Vichy France's shameless collaboration with Nazi Germany.

In the immediate post-war period, the French had created a self-serving myth about their allegedly exemplary conduct during the German occupation. *The Sorrow and the Pity* ruthlessly exposed this fiction, and France was revealed as a nation which had not only submitted itself supinely and with alacrity to Germany, but had zealously persecuted its Jewish population.

Ophuls' four-hour film, part of a retrospective of his body of work, will be screened at the Art Gallery of Ontario on Nov. 5 at 1:30 p.m. under the auspices of Cinematheque Ontario.

The Sorrow and the Pity pulls no punches, despite being rather low-key and subtle. Based on file footage and contemporary interviews with such personalities as Pierre Mendes-France and Anthony Eden, it builds a convincing case against the mendacity of the Vichy regime.

What is beyond doubt is that latent anti-Semitism surfaced during this benighted period. The bourgeoisie embraced the view that it was preferable to live under Hitler rather than under Leon Blum, the Jewish politician who had been prime minister of France shortly before the war.

"You can't imagine the prejudice of that time," muses Mendes-France, a Jew who went on to serve his country as prime minister.

In 1940, Vichy France passed a series of punitive anti-Semitic laws which reduced the Jewish community to second-class citizenship and worse. Eventually, Jews were rounded up by the French police and shipped to concentration camps.

As Jews were eased out of France's cultural milieu, Jewish names were erased from French film credits and a French-language version of *Jud Suss* — a notorious anti-Semitic German movie — appeared.

As *The Sorrow and the Pity* notes, the French did not dwell on their stinging defeat too long. Life returned to normal, as race tracks, theatres, restaurants and shops reopened. "You couldn't get a table at Maxim's for love or money," observes one man who recalls the era.

The French underground notwithstanding, personal relations developed between the French and the Germans. Indeed, one German officer remembers that there was little opposition to the German army's presence in Alsace-Lorraine, which had been retaken from Germany in World War I.

In short, France disgraced itself, letting itself be lulled into the belief that it was better to collaborate with than to resist Germany.

In addition to *The Sorrow and the Pity*, Cinematheque will screen five other documentaries by Ophuls.

They are: *The Troubles We've Seen: A History of Journalism In Wartime* (Nov. 3 and 4);*November Days* (Nov. 8); *The Memory of Justice* (Nov. 12); *Hotel Terminus* (Nov. 19); and *A Sense of Loss* (Nov. 20).

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Beloved Yiddish songs presented on CD with TLC

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — *Rising Towards the Seraphim* is a CD of 15 beloved Yiddish songs that represents five years of tender loving care lavished on the language by Toronto singer Honey Novick.

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Now available in many stores, *Rising Towards the Seraphim* is addressed primarily to women, but it includes early social protest songs and other topics which cover all genders. One of these is *Steam, Steam, Steam* which starts out as a tenant's complaint to the landlord about lack of heat, but soon turns into a generalized satire on the human condition.

Another in this genre is *Dire-Gelt* (Rent Money) which is as subtle about society's ills as a blunderbuss.

Other titles are *Di Mezinke Oysegegbn, A Malekh Veynt, A Tribute to Sholom Secunda, Mickey Matzi, Yiddish iz Mayn Loshn, The Birth of Moses, A Shnirele Perele, Ma Yafim or Palestinian Nights, Di Arbuzn, Neyn Name!, Her Nor Du Sheyn Meydele, Der Fodim* and *In Der Finster*.

Accompanying Novick on the CD are musicians Brahm Goldhamer and Richard M. Sacks. Brina Rose and Misha Allen helped with the translations. For information, 416-782-7944.

Israel's economy enjoying a boom

JERUSALEM — Israel's economy, fueled by robust immigration, will grow by 6.8 per cent this year, far more than initially predicted and one of the highest rates in the developed world, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced.

Business production is expected to be up eight per cent this year, an increase similar to last year's figure, while personal expenditure is expected to rise about four per cent per capita, after a six per cent rise last year.

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Ampal now seeking institutional investors

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The American Israel Corporation (Ampal) is a holding company whose emphasis is on involving its investors in a profitable relationship with Israel.

Ampal acquires businesses located in Israel or that are Israel-related. Its parent company, Bank Hapoalim, currently owns 71 per cent of the company.

With an estimated net asset value of $291 million, Ampal has equity in 11 public and 26 private companies in the fields of hotel and leisure, real estate, basic industry and high technology.

Ampal's Toronto-born chairman of the board Shlomo Recht, an accountant, recently spoke with *The CJN*.

Recht joined Ampal in 1981 as the VP of accounting and became chairman of the board in 1994.

His mission in Toronto was to raise the company's profile with institutional investors, he said. "The professional institutional investor is looking for emerging markets. If people become aware of what Ampal is, they'll buy the stock."

Some of Ampal's assets include a 46 per cent interest in Moriah Hotels, one of Israel largest hotel chains; a 50 per cent interest in Coral World International, a marine park developer and operator; a 21 per cent interest in Davidson-Atai Publishers; and a 54.7 per cent interest in Pri Ha'emek, a food processing company.

Most of the companies Ampal invests in are established private companies, Recht said.

Ampal invests in hi-tech industries through its 50 per cent ownership of Trinet Venture Capital Ltd. and through direct acquisitions. Its holdings include a 10.6 per cent ownership of Teledata Communications, 4.25 per cent of Memco Software and 4.1 per cent of M-systems Flash Disk pioneers.

The profit from hi-tech investments is disproportionate to the investment because of its higher risk, Recht said.

The company invested in Coral World because the concept of a marine park with an underwater observatory was innovative, he said. "We're in the tank and the fish are looking at us from the outside." The first park opened in Eilat 20 years ago. Today there are four locations and with a fifth to open in 1997.

Ampal stock — it trades on the American stock exchange under the symbol AIS.A — is seriously undervalued according to analysts at Lehman Brothers, a New York investment bank, Recht said.

"The stock is trading at 27 per cent below the net asset value."

The stock is low is because of the uncertainty as to who will gain control of the company, Recht explained. The government requires Bank Hapoalim to reduce its holdings to a 25 per cent share by 1996.

"[In the investment business] you can't win everything. What you have to do is win a lot," Recht said. "Our principal interest is to make money. Our investors are doing something for Israel, but they're also doing something for themselves."

All figures are in Canadian dollars unless otherwise stated.

Tender Issued For Int'l Phone Services To Compete With Bezeq

JERUSALEM — The Communications Ministry has issued the long-awaited tender for international telecommunications services to compete with Bezeq.

Bezeq has enjoyed a monopoly in the highly profitable field of international services, which accounts for about a third of its $1.5 billion in annual revenues.

The ministry plans to choose two additional carriers. Each group is to be made up of local and foreign partners. So far, only one consortium - headed by Aurec Software Co., a local firm, Southwestern Bell of the U.S. and Italian giant Stet - has announced its intention to take part.

Abjac Announces Gas Find

JERUSALEM — Oil and gas exploration firm Abjac Mazal announced recently that it had struck a mixture of methane and water at its Esther 3A site near Kibbutz Neot Mordechai.

The gusher erupted from a depth of between 78.5 and 80.5 metres, as logging equipment was being removed from the drill site. In the past the Hula Valley has produced gas in commercial quantities.

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Nov. 26 Memoirs of a River (Hungary 1989, 147 min) Hungarian with English sub-titles. Co-presented with Cinémathèque Ontario.
Jan. 21 Martha and I (Germany, France, 1990, 106 min) German with English sub-titles. Co-presented with Cinémathèque Ontario.
Feb. 11 To Be or Not to Be (USA 1942, 99 min)
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Mar. 10 Wall of Silence (United Kingdom)
April 14 Jewish Entertainers on Film (Canada, Aldo Maggioroti, 80 min)
June 2 Song of the Siren (Israel, 1994, 91 min) Hebrew with English sub-titles.
Oct 28 Mirele Efros (USA, 1933, 80 min) Yiddish with English sub-titles. Co-presented with the Friends of Yiddish
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Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

Mikvah Found On Nevis: An old, one-storey building behind the modern administration building in Charlestown, Nevis, may possibly be a *mikvah* (ceremonial bath) and part of the oldest Jewish synagogue in the Caribbean, according to Dr. Vincent K. Hubbard, a local historian.

The original function of the building had been forgotten perhaps as much as 150 years ago, and recently the building was used as a government storage site.

In 1993, a U.S. archeological team traced the building's history to one of the two oldest Jewish settlements in the West Indies. Historic documents in Holland reportedly establish the existence of a synagogue on Nevis prior to 1688.

David Robinson, curator of the Nevis Historical and Conversation Society, is credited with rediscovering the site. Walking to work one morning, he noticed that the usually locked wooden-planked door was ajar and curiosity got the best of him.

Upon entering, Robinson noticed three stone barrel-vaulted ceiling panels supported by three stone columns topped by arches that extended to the walls. Robinson recognized immediately that the structure had no resemblance to typical Nevisian masonry and felt certain he had rediscovered the island's "lost Temple."

Nevis shul traced to 1688

Because of Nevis's relatively large Jewish population in the 17th century and its well-known Jewish cemetery, many scholars and historians believed a synagogue existed but didn't know exactly where. Records in Amsterdam making reference to the Nevis synagogue in 1688 make it older than the 1732 synagogue in Curacao, believed to be the oldest in the Caribbean. The Jewish communities on both islands can be traced back to the 1650s.

The earliest date on the 19 tombstones in the Jewish cemetery on Nevis is 1658. A stone-walled path, known locally as Jews Walk or Jews Alley, originates at the archeological site and terminates at the cemetery less than 100 yards away.

Headed by Dr. Robert Zeitlin, the archeological team has determined that the double-vaulted ceiling is of Spanish origin. A large cistern could have collected rain from the roof or might have been used to warm water for bathing in a *mikvah*.

The foundation for what could have been a synagogue was revealed next to the building after the archeologists removed an enormous quantity of stone and rubble. According to Hubbard, there is considerable private sector interest in restoring the building as an historical site.

For tourist information on Nevis and St. Kitts, call 800-582-6208. In Toronto, call 416- 921-7717.

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England's Peak District: The Peak District of central England is a popular area for walking. The southern edge of the region, with its moorlands, dales and meadows, provides especially intriguing terrain. Two companies offer walking tours.

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Paris Hotels: The French Tourist Office (416-593-4723) has released a list of eight "very French, very quaint, very presentable" hotels in excellent Paris locations, all offering double rooms for $135 per night.

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Barnes Returns Home: After touring selected cities including Toronto, the famed Barnes Collection of impressionist paintings reopens Nov. 11 at the Barnes Foundation Gallery in Philadephia. For information, call the Philadelphia Convention & Visitors Bureau, 800-537-7676.

Party Planner Corrections

In last week's Party Planner there were a couple of mistakes worth correcting. On page B18, it should have said the owner of **The Invitation List** (905-764-1371) is Brenda Cooper-Geffen. On page 27, we mispelled the name of Arlene Shessel, the owner of **Face Up To It** (905-660-7695). *The CJN* apologizes for any embarrassment caused by these errors.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Peretz Remembered: Eighty years after the death of acclaimed Yiddish writer Y.L. Peretz, several Jewish organizations are sponsoring a lecture in his honor by Yiddish scholar Itche Goldberg.

Trained as a lawyer, Peretz wrote short stories, sketches and essays during the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Although his literary activities were centred in Warsaw, his works were widely read in the Yiddish press, both in Europe and the United States.

A recurrent theme in his writing is the demand for justice, even if that means challenging God to provide more of it.

Goldberg, an expert on Peretz, is a professor of Yiddish at City University of New York. He speaks Nov. 5, 1.30 p.m., at the Jewish Book Fair, Leah Posluns Theatre, North York. Sponsors include the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, Friends of Yiddish, Kultur Gezelshaft and the Laybl Basman Fund. Tickets $6.

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Quotable Quotes: In case Livent Inc. needs more quotable quotes, here are some laudatory comments about *Sunset Boulevard*, the musical now playing at North York's Ford Centre for the Performing Arts.

What makes the North York offering outshine the London production, which (readers of *Eye On Arts* may recall) both exhilarated and disappointed us last year? Beyond doubt, it's the extraordinary cast.

Diahann Carroll gives an awesome, full, dramatic portrait of faded film-star Norma Desmond — "Now that's a performance!" we exclaimed as we left the theatre — and a masterful, always credible Rex Smith provides perfect ballast as screenwriter Joe Gillis. Walter Charles as Max von Mayerling, Anita Louise Combe as Betty Schaefer, John Braden as Cecil B. DeMille and the other supporting actors are pillars.

The set is exquisite, the staging a technological marvel, the orchestra in perfect tune, the story as taut as a riveting Greek drama. Andrew Lloyd Webber's music — like his transmogrification of Billy Wilder's superb 1950 movie script into a '90s musical — is excellent but uneven.

Director Trevor Nunn et al have wisely removed some bits of stage business that cluttered the London production. Don't be dismayed that this musical is weighted down with all the technological accoutrements that modern audiences are supposed to like. It's still highly worth seeing. 416-872-2222.

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Fellowship Offered: The Marie Syrkin Fellowship in Letters in Jerusalem, which provides transportation costs and a month's residence for a writer in Jerusalem, is accepting applications for 1995. It is open to writers in all the forms.

Applications should include a statement of purpose and a sample of recent work. Materials should be sent to Melanie Rehak at The New Republic, 1220-19th St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. Judges are John Hallander, Ruth Wisse and Leon Wieseltier. Deadline, Dec. 1.

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Two Holocaust Films: *Now After All These Years* (Germany, 1979) chronicles the experiences of a Jew who returns to the German village of his birth to meet with and confront its townspeople. *So We Said Goodbye* (Israel, 1991) is about Yaakov saying goodbye to his son and recalling farewells to family members in Poland 50 years before.

The Toronto Jewish Film Society is screening both films (with English subtitles) at the Art Gallery of Ontario, Jackman Hall, Toronto, Sun. Nov. 5, 7.30 p.m. 416-924-6211.

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Jewish Book Fair: This year's fair, opening Nov. 4 at the Leah Posluns Theatre, North York, features an embarrassment of literary riches. Speakers include Rabbi Simon Jacobson, Robert Eisenberg, Pearl Abraham, Meron Benvenisti, Wendy Eisen, Erna Paris, Faye Schulman, Phyllis Bronfman Lambert, Senator Jerry Grafstein, Dr. David Leibow, Eric Koch, Dr. Elaine Dembe, Dr. Paula Caplan, Morley Torgov, Geraldine Sherman, Michael Marrus, Donia B. Clenman, Rhea Tregebov, Allan Wargan, Ken Sherman and more. 416-636-1880, ext. 368.

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In Brief: The first illustrated Haggadah printed in Prague by Gershom Cohen in 1526 goes on the auction block at Sotheby's New York this week. Estimates of its value run as high as $100,000 (US).

Scrabble With the Stars, an evening of word play in aid of Canadian Literacy takes place at Toronto's Westin Harbour Castle Hotel, Monday Nov. 6, 7.30 to 11 p.m. Celebs in attendance include Bluma Appel, Mark Breslin, David Frum, Paul Godfrey, Marci Lipman, Charles Pachter, Bob Rae and Beverly Slopen. 416-201-3945.

Creative Arts Sale, Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care, Nov. 7, 4 to 8 p.m., and Nov. 8, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 416-785-2500, ext. 2550.

Medina Theatre Ensemble presents dramatic readings of the stories *Jacob Comes Home* by Minnabel Haneford, and *The Ordinance* by Marc Stone, for Holocaust Education Week. North York City Hall, Members Lounge, Tues. Nov. 14, 8 p.m. Free.

Ullman opus set for Nov. 2

The Penderecki String Quartet will be performing Viktor Ullman's String Quartet op. 46, No.3 on Nov. 2 at the Glenn Gould Studio.

Ullman was one of the renowned group of composers held at the Theresienstadt concentration camp during World War II.

A highly respected and critically acclaimed conductor and composer of his time, Ullman was taken to Theresienstadt in September 1942. He completed the string quartet in January 1943. Sensing his fate, Ullman was able to hide a copy with friends at the camp. Ullman and his wife were gassed at Auschwitz on Oct. 16, 1944.

Ullman's work is said to be a textbook, classic case of the triumph of the human spirit over unspeakable evil.

The Penderecki String Quartet are considered by many to be Canada's premiere string quartet. The youngest member of the group is their violist Dov Scheindlin, 25, of Montreal. He is currently artist in residence at Wilfrid Laurier University in Waterloo, Ont.

The concert is part of a three-concert series at the Glen Gould Studio, 250 Front St.W. They will be recorded for later broadcast on the CBC Stereo program *The Arts Tonight.*

Other compositions to be played Nov. 2 are Joseph Haydn's String Quartet No.78 in C major and Antonin Dvorak's Quintet in A Major for Piano and Strings, op.81.

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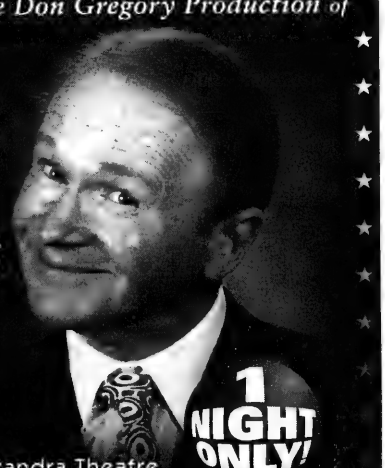
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Business Profile

Barry Sherman built multi-million dollar enterprise

Pharmaceutical kingpin always in a hurry

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When Barry Sherman went into the pharmaceutical business fresh out of university, his mother put up all her assets as collateral so that he could get a business loan.

"My mother had the utmost confidence in my ability," he said, admitting that she had taken a tremendous chance on him. "We could have gone broke."

But her gamble paid off. Today he heads the privately-owned Apotex, a pharmaceutical company that manufactures predominantly generic drugs. With 30 locations around the world and 2,000 employees, the company's annual sales exceed $600 million worldwide.

Sherman, 53, expects sales to hit the $1 billion mark within two years, he said recently at the company's headquarters in Weston.

Prescription drugs are an estimated $6-billion-a-year industry in Canada. Generic drugs account for $750 million or 13 per cent of sales. Apotex has a 40 per cent share of the Canadian market with $300 million in sales.

Sherman recently changed positions from president to chairman of the board and CEO, promoting Jack Kay, a former vice-president, to president and chief operating officer in charge of day-to-day affairs.

With the growth of the company, he's had to divest himself of this responsibility, Sherman explained. "There used to be only two of us in the beginning. I did the books and swept the floor."

He'll be concentrating on corporate expansion, scientific development and the supervision of all the litigation, he said.

"It's the nature of the industry. They [the big multinational drug companies] are all trying to thwart our growth."

Sherman is active in product development — he's self taught as a pharmaceutical chemist — and he has 12 patents pending on technical inventions for making tablets.

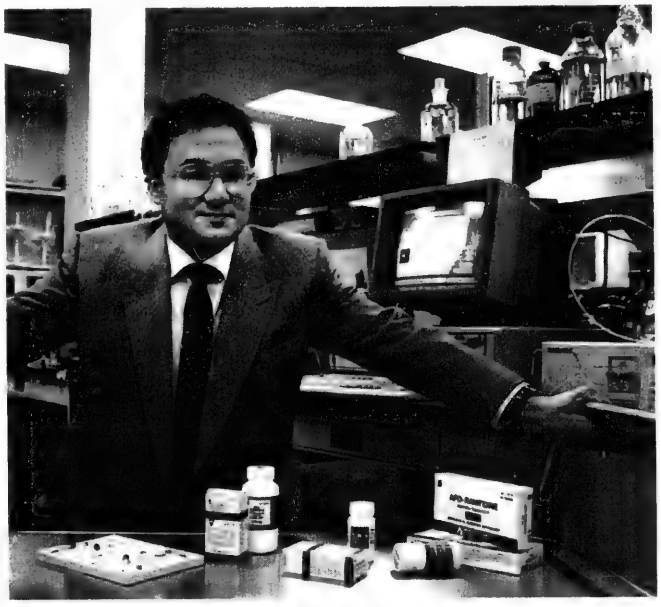
He said he's well-suited to this industry because he has a knack for business, science and law. But his venture into pharmaceuticals came about more by chance than by design.

A gold medalist, Sherman graduated from engineering at the University of Toronto (U of T) in 1965 and went on to get a PhD in aeronautical engineering from MIT. He finished his masters and doctorate in two and a half years — for both degrees.

"I was in a bit of a hurry, he said. "I have always been in a hurry."

He had planned on getting into a science-related business and went into pharmaceuticals because a business opportunity arose shortly after he completed his studies.

As a student he had spent many summers working at Empire Laboratories, which was owned by his uncle Lou Winters. Winters died in 1965, leaving the company in the hands of trustees who "ran the company into the ground," Sherman said.



Barry Sherman is the CEO of Apotex. [Daniels & Glionna photography]

He bought the company's assets with some partners in 1967. He said he thought he could make a go of it because it was a business he knew.

At 24, Sherman became president of Empire Laboratories, a generic drug manufacturing company.

Clients coming to see him were surprised by his age, he said. "They would ask me where my father was when they had an appointment to see the president. Now I'm one of the old men in the industry."

He and his partners sold Empire in 1973 after making it modestly profitable, he said. "I felt if I started from scratch I'd be a lot better off. I knew what to do right to run a progressive and efficient business."

When Sherman founded Apotex 21 years ago, the laws were particularly favorable for generic drug companies, he said. In 1967, the Liberal government under then prime minister Pierre Trudeau instituted compulsory licensing to reduce the cost of drugs — generic are half the price of patent drugs.

The generic companies bought licences from the multinationals to produce patented drugs, paying a royalty fee on their sales.

They still had to do four to five years of research to get government approval for a generic drug, Sherman explained. "There's no difference in the quality of the drug. The quality is assured by the health protection branches of the government."

The major turning point for Appotex came in 1980 when it became the first generic company to sell propranolol, a heart and blood pressure medication, he said.

"We're very aggressive. We were first on the Canadian market with most of the major generic drugs."

He attributes the company's rapid growth to its heavy investment in research. "We've ploughed everything we could earn and borrow into research." The company also develops new products.

Sherman claimed the growth of Apotex has not yet been hampered by Bill C-91, the law passed by the Conservative government in 1993, which ended compulsory licensing and extended patent protection to the multinationals.

The law has reduced the competition among generic drug companies, Sherman noted. "Ironically, in the short run it's been good for us. We're big enough to get around the barriers. It's not good for us as an industry in the long run, or for the health system."

The foreign companies do as little as possible to develop Canadian technology but import everything they sell, Sherman said. "Their *raison d'être* is to exploit the Canadian market. We're a Canadian company. We like to create job opportunities in Canada."

He said he's committed to establishing a strong Canadian pharmaceutical industry: he is building $130-million state of the art manufacturing plants in Etobicoke and North York, and he plans to expand Apotex' Winnipeg-based bio-technology division.

He also wants to create opportunities for scientists in Canada. This week the Medical Research Council of Canada announced it will be giving a $5-million grant to the Toronto Cell Group at U of T. Eighty per cent of this money will come from Apotex.

In 1993, the company gave $2 million to Mt. Sinai Hospital for a research chair in oncology and this year it pledged $6 million to Baycrest Centre's new Cognitive Disorder Centre.

"We expect to be the largest funder of medical research in Canada in the next 10 years," Sherman said. He also supports United Jewish Appeal, Mount Sinai and the Weizmann Institute.

He doesn't have time to be very active in the community, but his wife Honey is involved with a number of community organizations, he said. "She does the work. I write the cheques."

He has to work hard because the pharmaceutical business is very complex, he said. "Things change so rapidly. New products that are important one day are not as important the next and government policies change."

Sherman is a self-professed workaholic. "I'm an obsessive Type A. I work 9:30 to 10 six days a week and it's not enough," he said. "My wife says to me, 'Stop working so hard: life is short. I tell her, life is short: I have to work hard to get the work done.' "

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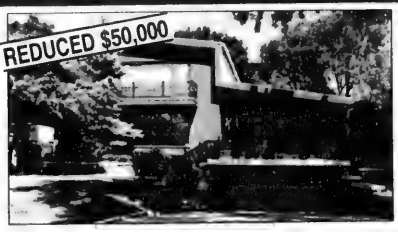

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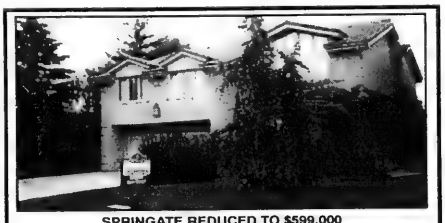

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Dykopf, Henry on October 17, 1995
Kader, Ida on October 19, 1995, late of 38 Hillholm Blvd.
Friedman, Gwendolyn on October 19, 1995, late of 35 Cedarcroft Blvd. #605
Gluckowsky, Abraham on October 19, 1995
Szepesi, Iren on October 19, 1995
Rlaman, Ernest on October 20, 1995, late of 57 Tanjoe Cres.
Wilson, Bertha on October 20, 1995, late of 6171 Bathurst St. #1206
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Next year we'd like to say no. By the way they never reciprocate or invite us to their home! Any ideas?

Schnorred Out

Dear Schnorred Out,

I understand that you don't want to hurt your brother-in-law's feelings and that you are afraid of embarrassing yourself, but everyone has a right to privacy.

Your weekends are your own. They are your free time with your family to do with as YOU choose. Don't feel uncomfortable saying no. It is your right and it is not unreasonable. Don't let your brother-in-law rob you of the weekends that you are entitled to.

Explain to him that you would like some time alone with your family and you will give him a call when he and his family can come over.

There is no way around it. You have to tell him so you can be free to enjoy your weekends as you please.

Readers may submit their questions to Ella at The CJN. *But Ella is not a professional counsellor. She brings to the questions posed by readers her unique brand of earthy wisdom. Her advice is not a replacement for medical, legal or any other advice. For serious problems, consult a professional.*

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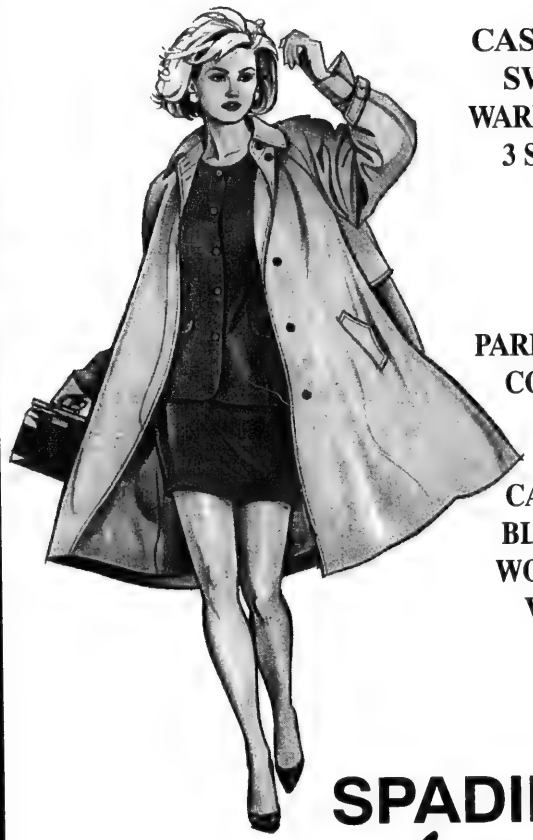

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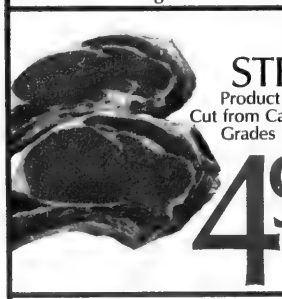

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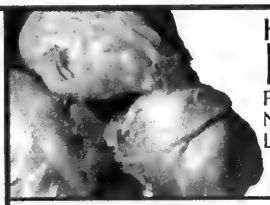

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DO THE RIGHT THING

UJA's Young Leadership Network is urging young adults to "do the right thing" and support the campaign's Three Year Vision. For the first time, donors are being asked to pledge not only for 1996 but for each of the next two years as well.

Even though many young adults, according to YLN co-chair Gord Wiseman, are "in transition" and "don't even know whether they will have jobs next year," he's confident The Three Year Vision is going to be a success. "It will," he says, "free up time for volunteers to cultivate new gifts and spread fundraising responsibility to a wider group of people."

YLN's other co-chair, Robin Kachuck finds "a definite interest in the concept and an understanding of what it's all about."

"The Three Year Vision has been going really well," reports Young Business Network co-chair Wendy Woods. "We want to sell the idea because it makes so much sense."

The figures themselves support Woods. Nearly 60% of young adult donors who have pledged to date, have committed to the Three Year Vision.

"It's particularly nice to see the Campaign having so much success in the tremendously volatile construction sector," Young Construction Network co-chair Les Aaron tells inT.O. "Canvassers themselves feel more comfortable than ever about selling the concept." ★

Adi Waksman

STREETS ARE SWEET FOR SIMON KALKSTEIN

For a self-confessed "downtowner," Simon Kalkstein's job couldn't be better.

As supervisor of the Jewish Family & Child Service downtown branch, Kalkstein conducts a lot of his work where he feels most comfortable.

"I like the streets," he admits. "I grew up downtown. I know many of the downtown characters."

There's Florence, for example, who lives anywhere on Bloor from Christie to Spadina. Kalkstein will always stop to chat with her, making sure to leave a loonie in her hand before wishing her well and saying goodbye.

JF & CS Downtown Branch Supervisor Simon Kalkstein in front of a graffiti decorated wall on the city streets he loves. (Photo: Stephen Epstein)

After graduating with his Masters of Social Work from U of T, Kalkstein started with JF&CS 19 years ago. He was appointed head of the downtown division in 1989, and he's seen a lot of changes.

"I thought the downtown Jewish community would be mostly indigent and elderly, but it's become much more middle class."

If anyone understands Jewish life in the city core, it's Simon Kalkstein. There's no place he would rather be. ★

WORKING ON THE MARGINS OF JEWISH SOCIETY ★

Living downtown may be trendy, but for Simon Kalkstein and his six social workers, there's another side of city life which isn't so cool.

Kalkstein supervises the southern branch of Jewish Family & Child Service, where his case load of 300 represents nearly 3% of the estimated Jewish population below Eglinton. A third of JF&CS downtown clients receive supplementary financial assistance, funded by UJA.

These days, Kalkstein and his staff spend a lot of time assisting 40-50 ex-psychiatric patients. "A lot of them don't feel connected to the Jewish community," he tells inT.O.

JF&CS is in the midst of an innovative outreach program to find Jewish ex-psychiatric patients and provide services for them. JF&CS has invited them to a Rosh Hashana meal, and earlier this year, conducted a Passover seder on their behalf. As well, two downtown apartments have been set aside for seven one-time patients who are successfully living together.

"A lot of chronic schizophrenics are not that interesting to psychiatrists," Kalkstein says. "Sometimes we have to be like their surrogate family."

For nearly two decades, JF&CS has been running a Wednesday morning bagel club at its downtown Bloor Jewish Community Centre headquarters. For the club's regulars, according to Kalkstein, the bagels, coffee and conversation are just like home.

"Six or seven people show up every week. One guy has been coming for 15 years."

Kalkstein and his crew have seen just about everything. They've helped runaway girls who rejected their Orthodox upbringing, a young Jewish woman who married a drug pusher and even non-Jews who have heard impressive stories about the work JF&CS does.

The job can be rough, especially when you're trying to help people who have severe psychiatric problems.

"I have very senior staff," stresses Kalkstein. "There are some very difficult clients here...some marginal clients. When someone is hearing voices, it's very difficult to deal with him." ★

Simon Kalkstein stops to talk with a street woman whose home is anywhere on Bloor between Christie and Spadina. (Photo: Stephen Epstein)

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRS

YLN MEANS MORE THAN FUNDRAISING

Welcome to inT.O., the voice of UJA's Young Leadership Network. We are the umbrella group that includes four young fundraising networks - Young Adults Division (YAD), Young Business Network (YBN), Young Construction Network (YCN) and Young Professionals Network (YPN).

YLN focuses primarily on education and leadership development in order to nurture a meaningful and lasting spirit of giving. Highlights of the past year include an intense mission to Prague and Israel, Yachdav in Israel for young adults from around the world, an informal four part series on current Jewish issues, a full day leadership retreat, a fun filled social evening and the first National Young Leadership Conference in Montreal.

Our generation's relationship with the Jewish community differs from that of our parents and grandparents. Many of us lead secular, assimilated lives, yet we feel the importance of being Jewish. We are proud of our heritage but somehow we have trouble expressing this in words and actions. Often our ties to the community are only through Jewish fundraising organizations such as UJA.

YLN tries to bring another element to traditional fundraising. Through speakers, events, direct service projects and missions to Israel, we are creating stronger connections to the community. We know that our community can always count on the support of YLN members and with that support, the link to our past and our future will never be broken. ✸

Gordon Wiseman and Robin Kachuk

UJA DOLLARS WORK FOR IMMIGRANT TEENS IN JERUSALEM

If you're looking for a quick history of Israel, visit the Israel Goldstein Youth Aliyah Village in Jerusalem.

Established in 1949, the UJA - supported centre mirrors the country's immigration patterns since independence.

Today, 125 teenagers from both Israeli and immigrant backgrounds go to school and live in the village. Many of the local youngsters are from troubled or economically deprived families. Yet, according to spokeswoman Judy Segal, living in a youth village has no negative implications. "There is no stigma attached to it," she says. "In fact, people are proud of it."

Dana Bitan, 16, came to the village from Ethiopia after a traumatic voyage 11 years ago. Dana's little sister died en route, while she walked with her grandparents to Sudan. "We travelled at night and hid by day," she remembers.

In the spring of 1990 and throughout the following year, the village accepted waves of children from the former Soviet Union. One of them was 14 year old Olga Chertok, who arrived in Israel alone when she was only 10. Her father is an engineer near Beersheva.

The arrival of kids from Bosnia, starting in 1992, posed several unprecedented challenges for the village. The children were rushed away from a war zone without their parents and there was virtually no way to communicate with them. "The biggest problem was finding out if their parents were alive or dead," recalls Esther Pinto, who became a volunteer mother figure for the children. "They needed to talk in their language," which was something Pinto could do. "They cried a lot. One boy told me he felt like an orbiting satellite that had just crashed. I taught them what to do, what to eat and how to handle the bureaucracy."

Eventually, most of the parents found their way to Israel and the Bosnian immigrants are adjusting well.

The Israel Goldstein Youth Aliyah Village is one of 60 across the country - many of them heavily financed by UJA through the Jewish Agency. ✸

Dana Bitan

GETTING INVOLVED

United Jewish Appeal is committed to help mould the future leadership of Toronto's Jewish Community in addition to providing interesting and educational programs. Our Young Leadership Network is made up of four groups, and we're sure you'll find one that's right for you. Each of the "Young" (under 40) networks has a dual mandate - outreach/programming and campaign related activities.

CHECK THE CHART BELOW TO FIND OUT WHICH GROUP IS PERFECT FOR YOU, THEN CALL US AT 631-5700 AND GET inT.O. YLN!

YAD - Young ADULTS Division

Activities Include:	Cultural/social events, workshops
Co-Chairs for 1996:	Richard Lewin, Cindy Pink
Vice-Chairs:	Lyle Abbott, Jay Stochinsky
Membership:	A wide cross-section of young Jewish adults in the 22-35 age group

YBN - Young BUSINESS Network

Activities Include:	Programs with speakers from the business community
Co-Chairs for 1996:	Gil Palter, Wendy Woods
Vice-Chairs:	Mark Klajman, Ronitt Katz, Alissa Podheiser, Yaron Haik
Membership:	Young members of UJA business divisions in the 25-40 age range

YCN - Young CONSTRUCTION Network

Activities Include:	Industry related programs, networking, telethons, etc.
Co-Chairs for 1996:	Les Aaron, Stewart Lesser
Vice-Chairs:	Vered Fleischer, David Rash Kovan
Membership:	Young people, 25-40 years old in the Construction, Development and Real Estate industries

YPN - Young PROFESSIONALS Network

Activities Include:	Special interest programs focusing on topics of current concern
Co-Chairs for 1996:	Anne Gottlieb, Howard Rosenberg
Vice-Chairs:	Steven Benmor, Judy Steiner, Eva Ingber, Joni Rosenthal, Bruce Freeman.
Membership:	Over 2,000 young accountants, allied health professionals, community workers, dentists, doctors, education professionals and lawyers, 25-40 years old

UJA's South African Network Co-chair Antony Karabus and Sheri Wilder at the new network's first event.

Ready, Set, Shake. Leadership Development Award winners Barbara Bank and David Barkin congratulate each other at the UJA-Federation Annual Meeting. (Photo: Stephen Epstein)

Horsing around in Jordan. Howard Gilbert joined this year's Yachav Mission which brought young adults from around the world to Israel, with a side trip to Jordan.

Obviously retirement doesn't suit past YLN Co-chair Miriam Rosenberg who took on Super Sunday this year with Bill Kassel. (Photo: Stephen Epstein)

SINGLES REGISTRY... TAKES TORONTO BY STORM

There's always something new and exciting happening at the Jewish Singles Registry of Toronto. This month is no exception for the community based Jewish organization, which offers its members the easiest and least threatening way for Jewish singles to enter the dating scene.

In just over two and a half years, the Registry has become Toronto's largest Jewish singles dating service, with over 800 members. Already, 9 couples who found each other through the Jewish Singles Registry have gotten married; 36 couples are dating steadily and close to 70 phone numbers are given out each week.

What makes the Jewish Singles Registry so attractive? Its pro-active approach to dating. Most services require clients to wait while attempts are made to match them up. At the Registry, members do their own choosing. With hundreds of detailed biography profiles (including photographs) at their fingertips, they decide who's right for them. Members have the option of going on as many or as few dates as they wish, provided of course that both parties say yes. With membership constantly increasing, there are always new people to choose from. The J.S.R. "minimum date guarantee" lets new registrants join the service virtually risk free.

Most singles realize that meeting someone special does not happen by itself. Now they have a chance to take the initiative. At the J.S.R., you get to preview every potential date before any phone call occurs.

The office is open six days a week, including evening hours. If you cannot reach a J.S.R. representative on your first try, just leave a message and someone will get right back to you. It's that simple! The phone number is 416-398-7068. ✸

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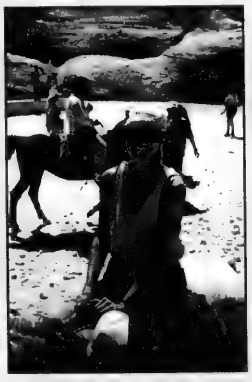
YACHDAV 1995 - DISCOVERING OUR COMMON BOND

It's not often that you get the opportunity to see Israel, while meeting young Jewish people from all over the world. Yachdav, sponsored by UJA, which took place during the first week of August, was one such experience. It's an international trip to Israel which takes place every 3 years. Of Yachdav's 500 delegates from 20 countries, the Canadian contingent, at 160, was the largest. The itinerary included sightseeing, social activities and unique educational opportunities.

The mission began with an exclusively Canadian, three day visit to Tiberias, where we enjoyed kayaking, wine tasting and visiting Beit Shean, one of the world's most extensive archeological sites. The real highlight of the pre-mission was Canada Centre in Metulla, a town situated on the Lebanese border. The Canada Centre recreation complex, established in 1990, was made possible by generous Canadian UJA donations. It's a wonderful facility, with both an indoor and an outdoor pool, a basketball court, a workout room, and Israel's first skating rink, where Misha Shmerkin, Israel's only winter Olympic contender trained. We were even treated to a performance by the star athlete. Many Israelis and even Lebanese residents travel substantial distances to use the centre's resources.



The most heart warming part of the visit was seeing young families, many of them new immigrants, enjoying a facility made possible by Canadian fundraising efforts. At that moment, I felt that my UJA donation made a difference. Following the pre-mission, international participants met in Jerusalem to start the week. The kick-off was a beautiful, open air dinner addressed by Israel's Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, who talked about Israel's new strength and her desire for peace.

From that night on, our week was action packed. We greeted a plane of olim from Kiev, toured a military base, and were fortunate enough to be one of the first Jewish groups to visit Jordan. We met and developed friendships with people from all over the world. Each moment was interesting and exciting.

The word Yachdav means together, and the name could not have been more appropriate than during our Shabbat dinner in Jerusalem. We sang Israeli songs and danced the hora around the tables. Suddenly all cultural and linguistic barriers disappeared as our common and strongest bond emerged. As we shared this special moment, we realized that we were together as Jews. ✸

Wendy Woods

WHAT'S COOKING?

InT.O. is pleased to introduce recipes by **Barbie Casselman**, one of Canada's most well known nutritionists. Barbie has been called "The Queen of Lean" by *Report on Business Magazine*. She is the author of *Good-for-you cooking: A Healthy Eating Guide* and a consultant to *Loblaws* in the development of *President's Choice Too Good To Be True* products.

Here's Barbie's New Year's Chicken recipe:

4-4 oz. skinless & boneless chicken breasts
1/2 cup dried prunes
1/4 cup dried apricots
1 TBSP olive oil
2 TBSPs white vinegar
1/2 cup dry white wine
1 clove garlic, minced
1 TBSP honey
1 TBSP oregano
1/4 tsp salt
2 medium sweet potatoes peeled and cut into cubes

Barbie Casselman

1. Place chicken breasts in casserole dish.
2. Combine next nine ingredients in bowl and pour over chicken.
3. Cover and marinate in refrigerator for several hours or overnight.
4. Before baking chicken, place sweet potato cubes in a sauce pan with water to cover. Bring to a boil and then boil gently for three minutes. Drain.
5. Take chicken from refrigerator and add the sweet potatoes. Bake covered at 350F for 30 to 40 minutes until chicken and sweet potatoes are fully cooked.

Makes 4 servings.

Who's New in T.O.

TORONTO STRIKES THE RIGHT NOTE FOR RUSSIAN MUSICIAN

Whether you prefer popular jazz, Yiddish klezmer or classical music, Nina Shapilsky can easily handle it.

Of course, that's old news to the many who have already discovered Nina's talents. In 1992, the Danforth Music Hall hosted the production *Russians on Broadway*, in which Nina was performing. A few weeks into the run, all of the musicians, singers, dancers and behind-the-scenes personnel were abandoned by their Canadian producer and left on the streets without jobs, money or payment. To make matters worse, their return airline tickets to Moscow became invalid when Canada broke off relations with Yugoslavia. Russia would not help them, but when their story went public, City TV and many terrific Torontonians did.

Nina Shapilsky

For Nina Shapilsky, this chapter of the story has a happy ending. While performing in *Russians on Broadway*, the owner of the Bradgate Arms Hotel invited her to play there part time. When the show collapsed, Nina was able to extend her engagement at the hotel doing what she loves to do!

With her outgoing personality, it's not surprising that Nina learned to speak English quite quickly and began to make many new friends - among them - her husband. Together they have a young child. Nina also became connected to the UJA - funded Community Integration Program, which helped her to display her musical magic in many locations.

Nina Shapilsky is available for private bookings alone, or as part of a duo or trio. You can reach her at (416)866-8504. Tell her she's making a name for herself in T.O. ✸

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UJA CAMPAIGN CALENDAR

Here's your guide to exciting upcoming UJA events.

For more information or to RSVP for a program, please call the in T.O. HOTLINE at 631-5700.

Young Leadership Telethon

November 15, 1995
Location: Lipa Green Building
4600 Bathurst St.
Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Join fellow UJA volunteers as they help the community by canvassing other young members in a fun-filled social environment.

Dinner provided.

Pre-telethon program TBA.

Mission 3000

February 19 - 28, 1996

Celebrate the 3000th anniversary of Jerusalem, Israel's Eternal Capital. A once in a lifetime opportunity to experience a UJA mission. Five star accommodation for eight nights. Outstanding speakers and political personalities. Ideal for veterans and first-timers alike. All for $1996.

All participants must be at least 18 and contributors in good standing of $250 or more to the UJA campaign.

For more information and to reserve your place on the Young Leadership Bus, please call Ronit Climan at 416-631-5738.

Campaign Closing

November 22, 1996

After more than two months of dedicated canvassing, it's time to let loose and celebrate a successful campaign. Stay tuned for more details about this night of fun and friendship.

Washington Conference

March 17 - 19, 1996

Capital to Capital

UJA Young Leadership 10th Annual Washington Conference

Join 2,500 young Jewish leaders aged 25-40 at this biennial event. Hear Washington experts, Middle East observers and Israeli officials address the issues shaping our world.

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By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — "This is the way I felt when my father died. My whole world has been turned upside down," said a Tel Aviv man, the day after the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

For many Israelis Rabin was more than a war hero, more than an outstanding statesman, more than just a political leader. He was a father. That word – *"abba"* in Hebrew – was invoked repeatedly to describe the loss.

Like a father, he offered protection. The strong army Rabin moulded during his years as Chief of Staff gave Israel its stunning victory in the Six Day War.

"Until 1967, we lived with a terrible sense of uncertainty. But in June 1967, Rabin turned us into a strong country. He made us feel safe and confident," recalls Ya'acov, a 40-year-old Tel Avivian. "We knew that someone was looking out for us."

With Rabin's death, that sense of security has been dealt a powerful blow.

One high school student put it more simply: "I no longer feel secure sleeping at night. I feel vulnerable and afraid."

Like a father, Rabin could also disappoint his children. Many Israelis felt that since his election in 1992, he did not deliver on his promise of security. With every terror attack, that feeling intensified. Some blamed him. Some lashed out at him.

As a crowd of mourners gathered outside his Ramat Aviv apartment building on Sunday, his widow Leah Rabin stepped out to greet them: "Where were you," she asked, "when they were standing out here calling him a traitor? Where were you then?"

They didn't answer. Maybe it is only after a father's death that anger and disappointment can give way to a ground swell of love.

Not everyone gathered outside Rabin's home was grieving over the prime minister. One woman stood in a daze outside his apartment building for hours. "I am in shock," said Esty of Rosh Ha'Ayin. "It's not

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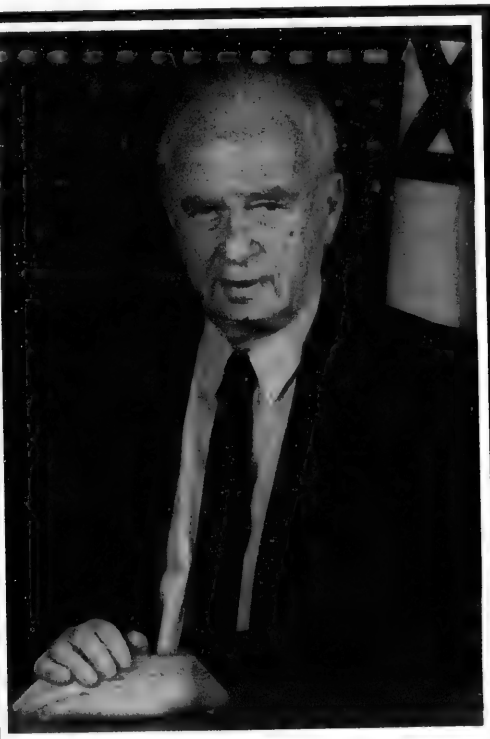

YITZHAK RABIN 1922-1995

A time of reckoning

By SHIRA HERZOG
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Commentary

I am writing these words as dawn is breaking in Israel on the hushed morning after the tragic night that was. So much has already been said, and the words still do not seem to capture the horror, the sorrow, the shock. Nothing in our collective experience in the history of the modern-day State of Israel has prepared us for the tragedy of an assassinated prime minister felled by the hand of one of his own people. It happened to him; it happened to them; it happened to us...

The new faultline created by the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin will run deep in Israeli society. As the gaping wound is open, the internal challenge is enormous. At this moment of reckoning and soul-searching by Israelis and Jews alike, there are two dangers that we should guard against. The first is the danger of generalization, of casting blame on groups and factions for the action of what seems to have been a lone assassin. The second is the danger of marginalization, of dismissing the act as just the aberration of a crazed gunman. Both of

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One of us

There are occasions when the mind cannot grasp what the eyes behold; and the heart shatters. Thus were we left speechless, uncomprehending on the cruel Saturday night of Nov. 4, 1995, when Yitzhak Rabin was murdered in Tel Aviv by a young Jew who hated him.

No one who loves Israel, or God, can find excuses for what was done. It was an offence to both God and Israel.

What was once preposterous and unimaginable has now become frighteningly real.

Where have we arrived?

Editorial

Rabin was a Jerusalemite, born on March 1, 1922. Like many of his generation, he was born into a turbulent Jewish Palestine in the first half of this fateful century; his childhood passed quickly into adulthood. By the age of 19, he was fighting in the Haganah and by 25, he was the deputy commander of the Palmach.

He fought in too many wars; led thousands of men into battle, buried many friends and the children of friends, and wept countless times at their graveside. His entire adult life was spent in service to his people. To us and to the Land of Israel he gave of his soul, deeply and totally. How bitter the irony that it was one of us, his own people, who took away his life.

In characteristic Sabra fashion, he was direct in expressing his thoughts and forthright in getting at the nub of an argument. But he was also shy, generally preferring less conversation than more. It was in the almost incidental details of his speeches that he revealed the corners of a humble heart. For example, in the many speeches that he was required to make,

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Israel Mourns: Yitzhak Rabin 1922 – 1995

Israelis shaken by the 'enemy within'

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Rabin I'm mourning. It's our country."

That sentiment was echoed in the hand-written placards that appeared at memorial sites all over the country. "What has become of us?" they asked.

Mishka, a 69-year-old Holocaust survivor, made his way on crutches to the Knesset plaza. There he stood looking at Rabin's coffin and shook his head in disbelief.

"To think that a Jew could kill the leader of the Jewish state. I never thought I'd see this – not after the Holocaust. After we waited so long to have our own country ... how can this happen?" he asked, sobbing.

Adina, his Israeli-born wife, also cried, recalling how she had served under Rabin in the Palmach, the pre-state Jewish fighting force. "He was a symbol to us. As the first native-born Israeli prime minister, he was someone who had lived our experiences – a *sabra* in every sense of the word. Now, I feel as though the earth has opened up beneath me. This isn't the country I knew. This isn't the country I fought for."

For some it was like reliving the trauma of October 1973 when the Yom Kippur War caught an overconfident and unprepared Israel by surprise.

"We were living in an illusion that exploded in our face with the outbreak of the war," recalls Tel Avivian Ittai Eren. "Now once again we discover that we have been living in a world of myths. We thought we were a country with ideals. We thought we would never sink below a certain level. We thought we were different than the Arab world. We were wrong."

For religious Jews, the soul-searching may be even more painful. "Anybody who is religious has to ask: What are people learning in yeshivot and religious schools if they come out with these ideas?" said Mordechai Beck, an Orthodox Jerusalemite.

Candles mark their loss

One widely-held illusion shattered by the killing is that Israel is so different from its Arab neighbors. "We believed that it was only in the Arab world that leaders were killed for making peace," wrote Nachum Barnea in the Hebrew daily *Yediot Aharonot*.

Labor party member Rona Macabbi laughs bitterly at the irony of this. "We worried about Arafat being assassinated by his own people," she says. "We worried about King Hussein. We didn't see that the enemy was within."

Many Israelis are still too dazed to answer the question: What now? But for some, the path is clearer than ever. The best way to avenge Rabin's murder is to rally behind the peace process that he began, said several mourners.

"We heard you, Yitzhak, and we swear to you that we will continue the *Song of Peace*, that we will continue to fight for peace," declared the editors of *Yediot Aharonot*.

Perhaps the most poignant expression of this was the cardboard sign placed outside Rabin's home. "This tune can't be stopped," it read in a reference to the *Song of Peace* that Rabin sang minutes before he was gunned down at the peace rally on Saturday night.

For others, the answer lies in teaching tolerance. Bar Ilan University, where the killer was studying, announced that it would hold an international symposium on religion and peace to mark the 30th day of mourning for Rabin.

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau urged the public to search their souls to determine if they had contributed in any way to the verbal violence that led to the killing. He called for true unity among the people "so that the sacrifice of Yitzhak will not have been in vain."

But even amidst the calls for unity and tolerance, the sharp divisions in Israeli society could not be blurred. The anger and hatred continued to ooze. Within minutes after Rabin's death was announced, enraged supporters flashed signs calling Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu a murderer.

Others blamed "Anglo-Saxons" for the killing. "You Anglo-Saxons brought fanaticism to Israel with your Kahane and your crazy settlers," said one middle-aged woman at the memorial outside Rabin's home. "Your rabbis sit in the United States and Canada telling us to hold on to land, while our sons pay the price with their blood. Just get out of our lives," she yelled.

On the other side of the political chasm were those who cheered Rabin's death. At a cultural centre in Ariel, some people broke into applause when they heard that the prime minister had been shot, says Yona Adiel, an actress who appeared at the West Bank settlement on Saturday night.

Tel Aviv taxi driver Amnon Cohen talked of nothing but the assassination with his passengers on Sunday. "You wouldn't believe how many people said that Rabin deserved it," recounted Cohen in disgust.

In Rosh Ha'Ayim, a teacher was suspended after calling Rabin's killer a *tzaddik* — righteous man.

And in Jerusalem, a young man was beaten up when he asked a group of youths why they were celebrating the slaying.

Many say that an atmosphere of incitement made the murder possible, even inevitable. If the writing was on the wall before the killing, it was still visible afterwards. At the Jerusalem bus station, the walls are plastered with posters announcing next Sunday's memorial to mark the fifth anniversary of the death of Rabbi Meir Kahane. The posters ask forgiveness from Rabbi Kahane for not having heeded his advice to "fight the left."

On the Tel Aviv-Jerusalem highway, a bridge is smeared with blood red letters that spell: "Rabin is a traitor."

And in a tunnel next to the Jerusalem bus station, the walls still display, in ominous black writing, the words that Yigal Amir took to be a call to arms, the words that have changed the history of Israel: "Death to Rabin!"

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Rabin laid to rest on Jerusalem's Mount Zion

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JERUSALEM — Dignitaries and leaders from around the world gathered on Jerusalem's Mount Herzl to pay their respects to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin as he was laid to rest with full military honors on Monday.

Acting Prime Minster Shimon Peres, Israeli President Ezer Weizman, U.S. President Bill Clinton, King Hussein of Jordan and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak were among the leaders who eulogized the slain Israeli prime minister, recalling him as a statesman, visionary and man of peace.

But it was Rabin's granddaughter, Noa Ben Artzi, whose pain, tears and heartfelt farewell moved the assembled dignitaries and those watching on television as she recalled Yitzak Rabin, the man and grandfather.

"Now I wake up to a nightmare. The television does not stop transmitting your pictures. You are still alive and I can almost touch you," she said.

"Grandfather, you were the pillar of fire before the camp and now the camp is in darkness and sadness. I know that people speak in terms of national disaster, but how can you console a whole nation when grandmother does not stop weeping and we only feel the lack of you. Few knew you indeed, though many will speak of you. And I feel that they know nothing of you.

"This is indeed a deep destruction. We the family that stayed behind in the camp without the pillar of fire. Grandfather, you were and still are our own private hero. And I want you to know that everything I did was for you...

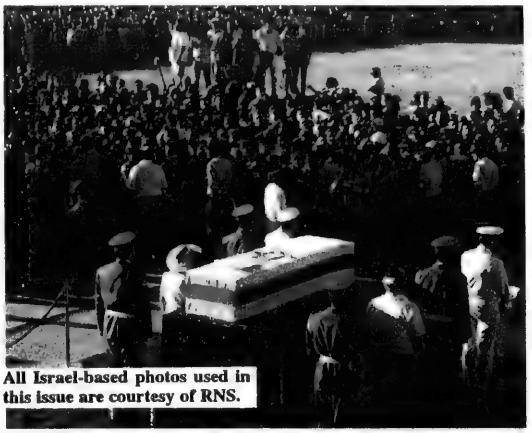
"I knew the softness of your eyes' caress, the half smile of yours that always said everything. The smile is no longer there. There is no feeling of revenge in me, for the pain does not allow the space. The ground which has been swept out from underneath us will be the base for our recovery. I am unable to complete what the miserable hand has completed for me and I ask of you that you rest in peace and think of us and miss us too. For we below remain constant in our love towards you. May the God of Israel that keeps over all of us keep you in the heavens ... I am with you forever."

Clinton offered words of consolation for Rabin's widow, Leah, and her family and noted that the slain prime minister's life paralled the life of Israel.

"This son of David and Solomon took up arms to defend Israel's freedom and laid down his life to secure Israel's future."

Pointing to the dignitaries assembled in Jerusalem for the funeral, Clinton pointed out that Rabin again "has brought us together here, in word and deed, for peace. Now it falls to all of us who love peace and all of us who loved him to carry on the struggle for which he gave his life.

"He cleared the path and his spirit continues to light the way. His spirit lives on in the growing peace between Israel and her neighbors. It lives in the eyes of the Jewish and Arab children who are leaving behind a past of fear for a future of hope. It lives on in the promise of true security."



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Thousands gathered to honor the slain Israeli leader

Adressing the people of Israel, Clinton urged them not lose their spirit. "Your prime minister was a martyr for peace, but he was a victim of hate. We must learn from his martyrdom that [if] a people can not let go the hatred of their enemies, they risk sowing the seeds of hatred among themselves."

Citing the weekly Torah parshah that dealt with God testing Abraham's faith by commanding him to sacrifice his son Yitzkak, Clinton said "now God tests our faith even

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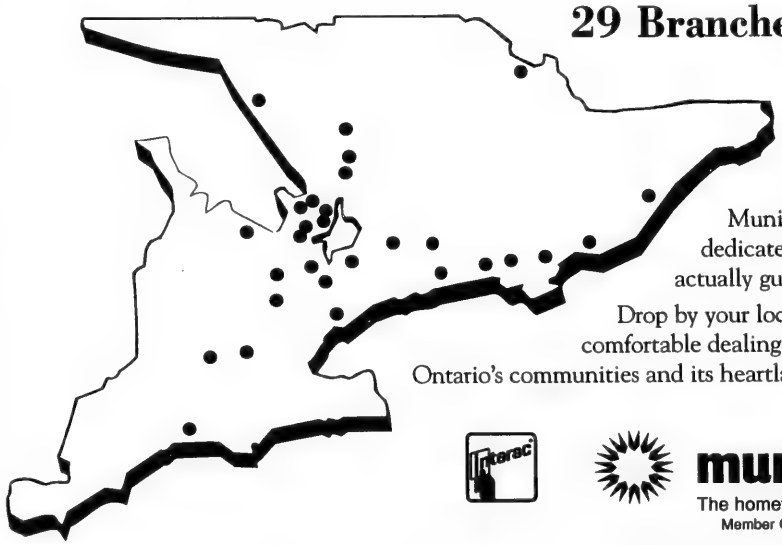

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Jean Chretien's remarks

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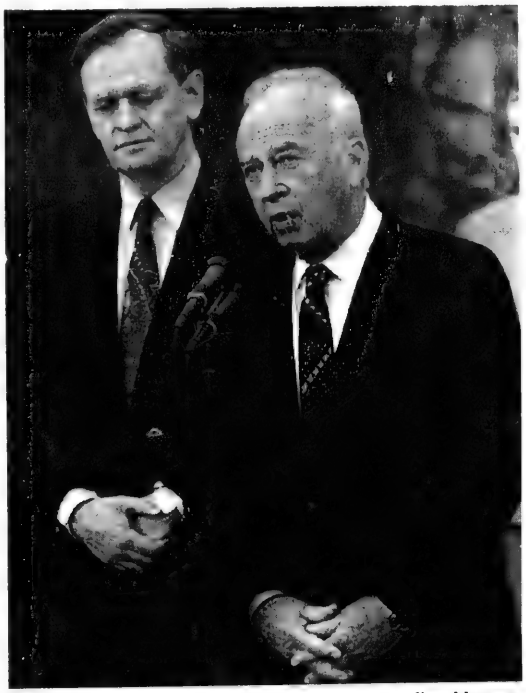

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's visit to Ottawa earlier this year.

Ladies and gentlemen, mesdames et messieurs. I speak to you this evening with a heavy heart. The world has lost a great man, who dedicated his life to the service of his country, and peace and reconciliation. On behalf of all Canadians I want to express my deep shock and outrage at this assassination.

My own relationship with him was very special. He was the first leader I welcomed to Canada after I became Prime Minister two years ago today. Earlier this year I met him again and two weeks ago I stood sometimes with him in New York. And he was full of hope. He was telling me that it was the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, and he was in New York with King Hussein and Arafat, and they were working for peace. And he saw the lasting peace coming up for the people living in the Middle East.

He was a great man, and the best tribute that we can pay to Mr. Rabin will be to have a lasting peace in the Middle East.

I would like to offer to his family and his people in Israel, you know, the condolence of all the people of Canada and the government. They've lost really a great man, and it's terrible, but we have to carry on working for peace. And there will always be, I hope, people who will be like Mr. Rabin, giving his life for peace and the betterment of his countrymen and women.

My dear friends, it's incredible what you can feel at a time like this. The world has lost one of its great leaders, someone who gave his life in Israel for the public good. A person who had only one thing in mind, to bring together people who are living together in the Middle East so that they could shake hands and live in peace. I think that one of the greatest moments we have lived over the past few years happened during his visit to Washington when he shook hands with Mr. Arafat. It was one of the great moments in history.

And I had the pleasure of meeting him barely two weeks ago in New York City, and he was full of confidence, full of hope. He believed sincerely that there was a light at the end of the tunnel. He told me, I've come here to the United Nations with King Hussein, with Mr. Arafat, and all three of us feel the same thing. We feel that peace is possible.

And he felt that this was a very good way to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the United Nations, because the UN had played such an important role in his country.

So for us as Canadians, it is time to express to his family, to Mr. Rabin's family and also to all the citizens of that country, that country that is so important to many Canadians, we express our sincerest sympathies.

The best thing we can do to commemorate this great man who gave his entire life, who worked in the interests of the public good throughout his entire life, the best thing we can do is continue working to establish peace in this troubled part of the world.

I would like to offer to Mr. Rabin's family and to the population of Israel our sincerest condolences.

Tributes pour in

Embassy of Israel

OTTAWA — The Embassy of Israel is greatly saddened by the tragic death of the Prime Minister of Israel, Mr. Yitzhak Rabin.

A condolence book [was] open at the embassy, at 50 O'Connor St., Suite 1005 on Monday, Nov. 6 and Tuesday, Nov. 7.

A memorial service [was] held on Monday, Nov. 6 at Congregation Beth Shalom, 151 Chapel St.

Canadian Jewish Congress

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress has expressed shock and horror over the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

This is a terrible tragedy and we are in shock," stated Congress President Goldie Hershon. "We extend our deepest sympathy to the wife and family of Prime Minister Rabin and to the people of Israel. Yitzhak Rabin was a man of honor whose strongest wish was to bring peace to the Middle East. We condemn this despicable act of murder in the strongest terms. This is a crime against Israel's democracy.

"We support the democratically elected government of Israel and we know the people of Israel will overcome this terrible tragedy and remain united in a common purpose. The peace process has always been, and will continue to be, in the hands of the people of Israel and its government. It will not be determined by murderers.

"Our focus now is on peace within Israel. The State of Israel is strong — its people are brave, and our Jewish community here in Canada and all over the world stands in solidarity with them now, as always. We are a family in mourning."

Canada-Israel Committee

OTTAWA — Stephen Victor, national chair of the Canada-Israel Committee, expressed shock and extreme sorrow over Saturday's assassination of Israeli Prime Minister, Yitzhak Rabin.

"We are outraged by the death of Mr. Rabin, a man who had devoted his entire life to the State of Israel and the Jewish people. As a soldier, Yitzhak Rabin fought to defend the State of Israel against its enemies, and as prime minister, he struggled to achieve peace with security for his nation. His death is a loss not just for Israel, but to all those in the Middle East — and indeed, throughout the world — who seek a path of peace and reconciliation," Victor said in a statement.

"All people of goodwill are united in condemnation of this senseless act.

"While we are horrified and profoundly grieve this tragedy, we must trust that the pursuit of peace for which Yitzhak Rabin fought so diligently and ultimately sacrificed his life will proceed and will not succumb to political extremism. His wishes and courage will live on."

Dignitaries attend funeral

The following leaders of Canadian Jewish organizations accompanied Prime Minister Jean Chretien to the funeral of Yitzhak Rabin:

Goldie Herson (Canadian Jewish Congress); Brian Morris (B'nai Brith Canada); Stephen Victor (Canada-Israel Committee); Rabbi Dow Marmur (Canadian Zionist Federation); and Harvey Wolfe (United Israel Appeal).

More than 40 past and present world leaders attended the funeral, including:

U.S. President Bill Clinton; former presidents Jimmy Carter and George Bush; Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak; Jordan's King Hussein; Morocco's King Hassan; British Prime Minister John Major; Prince Charles; French President Jacques Chirac; German Chancellor Helmut Kohl and German President Roman Herzog; U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher and former secretaries of state George Shultz, James Baker and Henry Kissinger; Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin; Georgian leader Eduard Shevardnadze; UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros-Ghali; Swedish Prime Minister Ingvar Carlsson and Danish Prime Minister Poul Nyrup Rasmussen.

"Violence undermines democracy and must be denounced and isolated"
Yitzhak Rabin, November 4, 1995

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Grieving for a tragic loss

B'nai Brith Canada

TORONTO — "Yitzhak Rabin was a visionary who took chances for peace. His legacy will be reflected in Jewish history for all eternity," said Frank Dimant, executive vice-president of B'nai Brith Canada, in a statement.

B'nai Brith Canada, together with all major Jewish organizations, was represented at the funeral of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Brian Morris, national president, was part of a delegation headed by Prime Minister Jean Chretien.

All national Jewish organizations called for Nov. 6 as a day of mourning, out of respect to the memory of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, hero in the 1967 war and a man who paid the ultimate price to ensure peace for the State of Israel.

Consulate of Israel

TORONTO — It is with the deepest sorrow and grief that the Consulte General of Israel in Toronto announces the death of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, victim of an atrocious attack.

Mr. Rabin dedicated himself to achieving peace and security for the people of Israel and he lost his life in the pursuit of this noble cause.

To enable the public to express its condolences to the State of Israel and its people, a book of condolences [was] placed in the offices of the consulate general of Israel in Toronto. The signing of the book [took] place on Monday, Nov. 6 and Tuesday, Nov. 7.

Charles Bronfman

MONTREAL — Andy and I, as are all civilized people, are aghast at this senseless and heinous act. We mourn the loss of Yitzhak Rabin, a giant among men. Our prayers and thoughts are with his wife Leah and their loved ones.

Our sages teach that life overcomes death. Indeed, one of the great tenets of Judaism is the value that we place upon life and living. Thus, how one Jew would knowingly murder his prime minister is beyond comprehension.

We pray that at this tragic time in the history of our people, Jewish leaders in Israel and throughout the world will find the courage and strength to renew our mission.

It is in that spirit and in the memory of Yitzhak Rabin that we must rededicate ourselves to the Jewish concepts of peace, brotherhood and *tikkun olam*.

Herut-Likud

TORONTO — From a state of deep shock and profound grief, World Jewry is attempting to come to terms with the loss of the prime minister of Israel, Yitzhak Rabin. Beyond this we are attempting to come to terms with the deep division in the community that in some way led to Rabin's assassination. I feel that at no time in our history, have we needed more to obfuscate our political differences and unite in our sorrow. We must reflect on our common values and our shared tenets of Zionism, to which Rabin devoted his life. While plurality, debate and difference are essential to democratic process, taken to the extreme, they threaten the very fabric of democracy.

Violence and democracy, violence and Zionism and violence within the Jewish people has and must again become unknown. That we peacefully debate our collective future and celebrate our diversity, respecting our differences must be retrieved and protected.

This week has seen a tremendous loss to the Jewish community in more ways than one, but it does not have to end this way.

Talia Klein
Spokesperson
Herut-Likud Betar/Tagar
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Barry Campbell, MP

OTTAWA — Mr. Rabin often said that it took more courage to make peace with one's enemies than to fight them. His tragic death must not end the search for peace. His legacy must be a renewed commitment for peace. I join with all Canadians and people around the world in expressing my deep sorrow to the people of Israel. The world has lost a great man.

Canadian Friends of Yesha

TORONTO — Larry Zeifman, co-chair of One Israel/Canadian Friends Of Yesha, expressed shock and outrage in condemning the brutal assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"Together with the Rabin family, the citizens of Israel and Jews worldwide, we mourn this tragic loss and will remember Yitzhak Rabin as a true patriot of Israel.

"At this difficult moment in the history of the Jewish State, we are united in our support of the democratic process in Israel and our unconditional condemnation of violence.

"We extend our heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Leah Rabin and the entire Rabin family."

Palestine House

TORONTO — The news of the assassination of the prime minister of Israel has shocked all peoples and individuals of passion and consiousness, including the Palestinian community.

Mr. Rabin, who led the Israeli army on many occasions to expand and secure the physical existence of the State of Israel, was courageous enough to admit that security to his people could only be achieved by recognizing the rights of Palestinians and Israelis to live,

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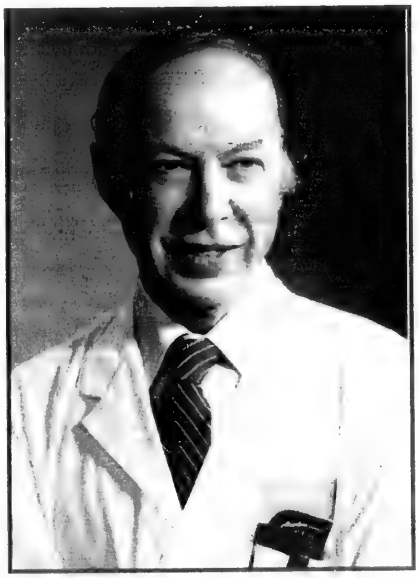

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'A day of darkness for the Jewish people'

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govern and determine their future side by side, without wars and oppression.

While millions of peace-loving humans mourn the senseless killing of a brave Israeli peace leader, we hope that security forces, Palestinian and Israeli, will be on full alert to prevent violent actions aimed at stalling and derailing the peace process.

Palestine House, on behalf of the Palestinian community, joins all civilized people in condemning the killer. We also wish to offer our condolences to the prime minister's family, all Israelis and the Canadian Jewish community.

Bar-Ilan University

RAMAT-GAN — The president of Bar-Ilan University, Prof. Shlomo Eckstein, expressed deep shock, absolute horror and utter condemnation for the murder of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"Murder is simply the most un-Jewish act imaginable. It runs contrary to everything that Bar-Ilan University stands for: tolerance, moderation and morality. For 40 years, this university has sought to bridge the gap in Israel between religious and secular, Ashkenazi and Sephardi, and all sectors of the Israeli public. It is simply unbelievable that a student of this university could be involved in such an abominable, horrific and destructive act."

Rabin received an honorary doctorate from Bar-Ilan in 1993. At that time, the university expressed its appreciation and admiration for his drive to bring peace between Israel and its neighbors.

Prof. Eckstein called upon the Israeli nation to behave with restraint and wisdom in this time of great tragedy. "Bar-Ilan will continue to promote tolerance and diversity, respect for tradition and deep love of all fellow Jews and Israelis in Israel and around the world. What has happened must never happen again."

Coalition for Jewish Concerns/Amcha

NEW YORK — Rabbi Avi Weiss, president of the 15,000-member U.S. grassroots activist group, the Coalition for Jewish Concerns/Amcha, spoke of the need for soul-searching on the part of all Jews, at an emotional memorial vigil for slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

After a solemn recitation of Psalms, Rabbi Weiss, addressing the hundreds of people who packed the sanctuary of his congregation at the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale in New York, noted:

"This is a day of deep darkness for the Jewish people. I say this as one who has opposed this peace process. But what has occurred transcends politics. It is up to every Jew, whatever your political or religious bent, to dig deep into one's soul and to find the love to stamp out the hatred which has engulfed Israeli society. If a Jew can lift a gun to murder the prime minister of the State of Israel, it means we are a hairbreath from that moment when Jews en masse can lift up guns against other Jews in a civil war. What then will have happened to the Zionist dream?"

Canadian Friends of Peace Now

TORONTO — Canadian Friends of Peace Now expresses its deep shock over the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin

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Jewish Women International of Canada
(Formerly B'nai Brith Women of Canada)
extends sincere condolences to the family of the late
Yitzhak Rabin ז"ל
and the State of Israel. His untimely tragic death is a great loss to the nations of the world. We pray that the peace process that he initiated and believed in so strongly will be continued. We pray for the day when Israel will have strong and everlasting peace.
Mitzi Dickstein, President

The Canadian Zionist Federation
The Officers, Directors, Constituents,
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wish to express their deeply felt sympathy
to the Rabin Family and to the Government of Israel
on the cruel and tragic death of
Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin ז"ל.
May the memory of this distinguished soldier,
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in the pursuit of a lasting peace
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Kurt Rothschild, *National President*

Israel Mourns: Yitzhak Rabin 1922 – 1995

From Yitzhak Rabin's speeches: insight into his aspirations

"The nation was exalted and many wept when they heard of the capture of the Old City. Our *sabra* youth, and certainly our soldiers, have no taste for sentimentality and shrink from any public show of emotion. In this instance, however, the strain of battle, and the anxiety which preceded it joined with the sense of deliverance, the sense of standing at the very heart of Jewish history, to break the shell of hardness and diffidence, stirring up springs of feeling and spiritual discovery. The paratroopers who conquered the Wall leaned on its stones and wept. It was an act which in its symbolic meaning can have few parallels in the history of nations. We in the army are not in the habit of speaking in high-flown language, but the revelation of that hour at the Temple Mount, a profound truth manifesting itself as if by lightening, overpowered customary constraints.

All these things have their origin in the spirit and their end in the spirit. Our soldiers prevailed not by the strength of their weapons but by their sense of mission, by their consciousness of the justice of their cause, by a deep love of their country, and by their understanding of the heavy task laid upon them: to ensure the existence of our people in their homeland, and to affirm even at the cost of their lives, the right of the Jewish people to live its life in its own state, free, independent, and in peace.

The army which I had the privilege of commanding through this war came from the people and returns to the people: a people which rises above itself in times of crisis, and prevails over all enemies in the hour of trial by its moral and spiritual strength."

(Excerpted from an address on Mount Scopus, June 28, 1967, upon receiving an honorary doctorate from Hebrew University in recognition of his and the IDF's services to the nation.)

" Alongside the great advantages, the anticipated peace -- great risks also lie hidden. Our eyes are not so blurred that we do not see the risks, and we will do everything necessary in order to reduce these to a minimum.

At the same time, we believe that the risks are calculated and that they will not pose a threat to the security or existence of the State of Israel. In any event, the strength of the IDF, the best army in the world, stands at our disposal, if and when we should be tested, God forbid.

Our gaze is today turned toward the good opportunities; toward days without fear and nights without trepidation; toward a growing economy and a society that wants for nothing. If and when the peace which we so desire will arrive, our lives will be completely transformed. We will no longer live by the sword alone."

(From his address to the Knesset, September 1993, in the debate on the ratification of Oslo 1)

"I appeal now to the Palestinian people and say: our Palestinian neighbors. One hundred years of bloodshed implanted in us hostility towards one another. For one hundred years we lay in wait for you, and you lay in wait for us. We killed you, and you killed us. Thousands of our graves, thousands of your graves covering the hills and valleys are painful milestones in your history and ours.

Today, you and I stretch out our hands in peace. Today we are beginning a different reckoning."

(From the signing ceremony of the Gaza-Jericho Accord, Cairo, May 4, 1994)

"There comes a time when there is a need to be strong, and to make courageous decisions to overcome the minefields between our two peoples. We have known many days of sorrow. You have known many days of grief. But bereavement unites us, as does bravery.

We honor those who sacrificed their lives. We both must draw on the springs of our great spiritual resources to forgive the anguish we caused to each other, to clear the minefields that divided us for so many years and to supplant it with fields of plenty.

For nearly two generations, desolation pervaded the heart of our two peoples. The time has now come not merely to dream of a better future, but to realize it."

(From the ceremony at the signing of the peace treaty with Jordan, October 26, 1994, in the Arava Desert.)

"I stand here not alone today, on this small rostrum in Oslo. I am here to speak in the name of generations of Israelis and Jews, of the shepherds of Israel, and you know that King David was a shepherd...

I am here to speak in the name of the poets and of those who dreamed of an end to war...

And I am the emissary of millions who perished in the Holocaust...

I stand here mainly for the generations to come, so that we may all be deemed worthy of the medal which you have bestowed on me and my colleagues today.

I stand here as the emissary, if they will allow me, of our neighbors who were our enemies.

I stand here as the emissary of the soaring hopes of a people which has endured the worst that history has to offer and nevertheless made its mark, not just on the chronicles of the Jewish people but on all mankind."

(From the ceremony accepting the Nobel Peace Prize, Oslo, Norway, Dec. 10, 1994)

"The sight you see before you at this moment was impossible, was unthinkable just two years ago. Only poets dreamed of it. And to our great pain, soldiers and civilians went to their death to make this moment possible. Here we stand before you, men who fate and history have sent on a mission of peace to end once and for all 100 years of bloodshed."

(From the signing ceremony of the Oslo 2 agreement, Sept. 29, 1994, in Washington.)

"Many ideologies and revolutions have failed and faded away. But it is Zionism that brought the Jewish people to its historic homeland. Zionism won."

(From the speech to the UN General Assembly, October 1995)

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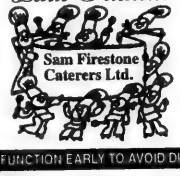

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His last public words...

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I was a military man for 27 years. I fought as long as there was no chance for peace. I believe that there is now a chance for peace, a great chance.

We must take advantage of it for the sake of those standing here, and for those who are not here -- and they are many.

I have always believed that the majority of the people want peace and are ready to take risks for peace. In coming here today, you demonstrate, together with many others who did not come, that the people truly desire peace and oppose violence. Violence erodes the basis of Israeli democracy.

It must be condemned and isolated. This is not the way of the State of Israel. In a democracy there can be differences, but the final decision will be taken in democratic elections, as the 1992 elections which gave us the mandate to do what we are doing, and to continue on this course.

Yitzhak Rabin

I want to say that I am proud of the fact that representatives of the countries with whom we are living in peace are present with us here, and will continue to be here: Egypt, Jordan and Morocco, which opened the road to peace for us. I want to thank the president of Egypt, the king of Jordan and the king of Morocco, represented here today, for their partnership with us in our march towards peace.

But, more than anything, in the more than three years of this government's existence, the Israeli people has proven that it is possible to make peace, that peace opens the door to a better economy and society; that peace is not just a prayer. Peace is first of all in our prayers, but it is also the aspiration of the Jewish people, a genuine aspiration for peace.

There are enemies of peace who are trying to hurt us, in order to torpedo the peace process. I want to say bluntly, that we have found a partner for peace among the Palestinians as well: the PLO, which was an enemy, and has ceased to engage in terrorism. Without partners for peace, there can be no peace. We will demand that they do their part for peace, just as we will do our part for peace, in order to solve the most complicated, prolonged, and emotionally charged aspect of the Israeli-Arab conflict: the Palestinian-Israeli conflict.

This is a course which is fraught with difficulties and pain. For Israel, there is no path that is without pain. But the path of peace is preferable to the path of war. I say this to you as one who was a military man, someone who is today minister of defence and sees the pain of the families of the IDF soldiers. For them, for our children, in my case for our grandchildren, I want this government to exhaust every opening, every possibility, to promote and achieve a comprehensive peace. Even with Syria, it will be possible to make peace.

This rally must send a message to the Israeli people, to the Jewish people around the world, to the many people in the Arab world, and indeed to the entire world, that the Israeli people want peace, support peace. For this, I thank you.

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Israel Mourns: Yitzhak Rabin 1922 – 1995

Son, husband, soldier, peacemaker...

Yitzhak Rabin was born in Jerusalem on March 1, 1922. He graduated from the Kadoorie Agricultural School. Inducted into the Haganah by Moshe Dayan, he participated in the Palmach's operation in Syria in 1941. He was promoted to platoon leader, and in 1945 was deputy commander of the operation that freed 200 illegal immigrants from the Atlit detention camp.

In June of the next year, he was arrested by the British, along with hundreds of Jewish leaders, in what came to be known as "Black Saturday," and was sent to the British detention camp at Rafah for six months.

In October 1947, Rabin was appointed deputy commander of the Palmach, serving directly under Allon. In the spring of 1948, he commanded the Harel Brigade, leading them in Operation Nahshon to open the road to besieged Jerusalem and liberating the Katamon and Sheikh Jarrah neighborhoods of the city.

Under Allon's command, Rabin took part in the battles for Lod and Ramle, and as chief of operations on the southern front, led Operation Horev, the counter-offensive which took control of the Negev and Eilat. He was a member of the delegation that signed the armistice agreements with the Arab states at Rhodes in 1949.

Rabin graduated from the Staff College in Britain in 1953. From 1954 to 1956, he was head of the Training Branch and was promoted to brigadier general.

He served as OC Northern Command from 1956 to 1959 and as Chief of Operations from 1959 to 1960, and in 1961 was appointed deputy chief of staff. He became the seventh IDF chief of staff on Jan. 1, 1964.

As chief of staff, Rabin led the IDF to victory in the Six Day War.

He retired from the army on Jan. 1, 1968, and was named ambassador to the United States, where he served for five years.

In the spring of 1973, Rabin returned to Israel and became active in the Labor party. He was elected a member of the Knesset in December 1973, and when Golda Meir formed her government in April 1974, he was appointed minister of labor.

Following the resignation of Golda Meir on June 2, 1974, the Knesset expressed confidence in a new government headed by Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

During Rabin's premiership, the government placed special emphasis on strengthening the economy, solving social problems and reinforcing the IDF. With American mediation, disengagement agreements were signed with Egypt and Syria (1974), followed by an interim agreement with Egypt in 1975. Later in 1975, the first Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the

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1. Yitzhak at the age of six, with his mother and sister Rachel.
2. Yitzhak at the age of 18, with his father and sister.
3. Yitzhak and Leah Rabin in 1948, the summer of their marriage.
4. As deputy commander of the Palmach standing with Yigal Allon (right) his commander.
5. As a graduate of the Kadoorie Agricultural School.
6. Alongside Yigael Yadin, Chief of Operations, as a member of Israel's delegation to the Armistice talks in Rhodes, 1949.

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The story of a life

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governments of Israel and the United States. In June 1976, Rabin's government issued the order for "Operation Entebbe," liberating the hijacked Air France passengers.

Rabin resigned from the premiership in April 1977.

Following the May 1977 elections and until the formation of the National Unity Government in September 1984, Rabin served as a Knesset member of the Labor party in opposition and was a member of the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

In the National Unity Governments (1984-90), Yitzhak Rabin served as minister of defence. In January 1985, he presented the proposal for the withdrawal of IDF forces from Lebanon and the establishment of a security zone to guarantee peace to the settlements along Israel's northern border.

Yitzhak Rabin was elected chair of the Israel Labor party in its first nationwide primaries conducted in February 1992, and led the party to victory in the June 1992 Knesset elections. In July 1992, Rabin formed Israel's 25th government as prime minister and minister of defence.

His premiership was marked by the following landmarks in the peace process:

On Sept. 13, 1993, at the signing of the Israeli-Palestinian Declaration of Principles on the White House lawn, Rabin shook hands with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

On Oct. 26, 1994, on the Israel-Jordan border, he signed the Treaty of Peace between the State of Israel and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan.

On Sept. 28, 1995, he was a signatory to the Israeli-Palestinian Interim Agreement on the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

Rabin was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace in December 1994, along with Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat.

Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated on Nov. 4, 1995, shortly after speaking at a peace rally in Tel Aviv's Malchei Yisrael square. He is survived by his sister Rachel, his wife Leah, two children, Dalia and Yuval, and three grandchildren.

(Israel Foreign Ministry)

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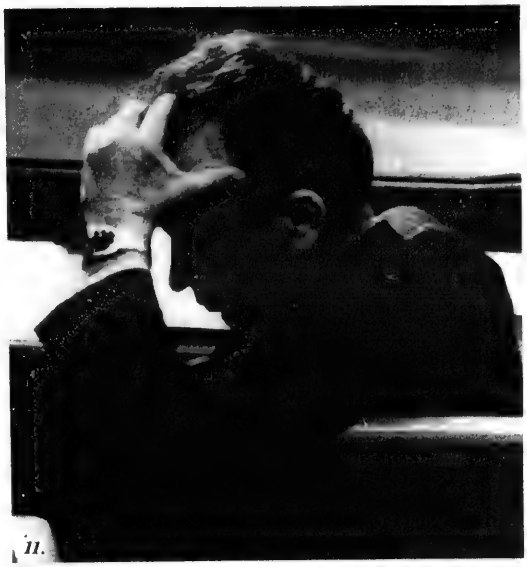
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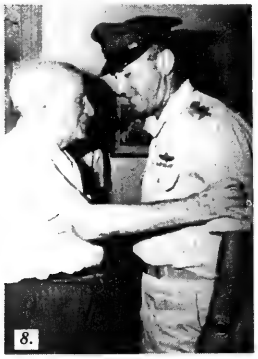
7. Speaking on Mount Scopus, June 28, 1967.
8. With former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion in the 1960s.
9. As Chief of Staff entering the Old City through the Lions' Gate with Moshe Dayan (centre) and Uzi Narkiss GOC Central Command, hours after it was caputred in June 1967.
10. At the signing ceremony in Cairo of the Gaza-Jericho Accord.
11. Showing the burdens of office in his first term as Prime Minister.
12. With all the generals of the IDF and Zalman Shazar, President, after the Six Day War.
13. In Oslo, Norway accepting the Nobel Peace Prize, Dec. 1994.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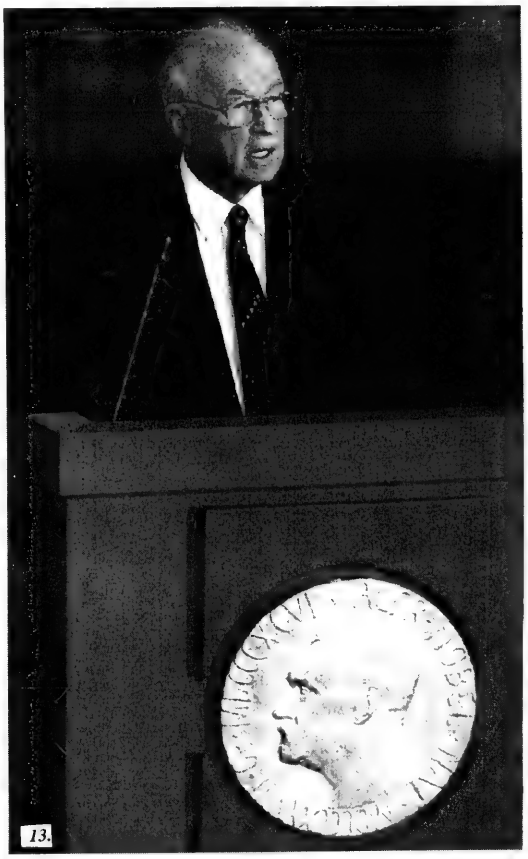
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"Violence erodes the basis of Israeli democracy. It must be condemned and isolated. This is not the way of the State of Israel. In a democracy there can be differences, but the final decision will be taken in democratic elections....This is a course which is fraught with difficulties and pain. For Israel there is no path that is without pain. But the path of peace is preferable to the path of war. I say this to you as one who...sees the pain of the families of the IDF soldiers. For them, for our children, in my case for our grandchildren, I want this government to exhaust every opening, every possibility, to promote and achieve a comprehensive peace."

(Excerpts from the speech Prime Minister Rabin delivered moments before he was killed.)

One of us

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he often referred to poets and dreamers. The reference undoubtedly resonated with his own inner stirrings.

These are the words he used to describe his feelings when Anwar al-Sadat first visited Israel: "But when President Sadat appeared in the doorway and moved out to the top of the steps, our emotion peaked in a way I hadn't thought possible. It was a uniquely electric moment for us all; one of those moments that remain etched in your memory forever; the kind that people call upon to date a generation. Yet for me, that 'moment' seemed to stretch on and on ... I felt that I was caught up in a dream. Despite the evidence of my own eyes and ears, what was happening around me seemed quite unbelievable."

The "electric moment" of which Rabin spoke would eventually reshape his thinking. And the dream in which he was caught up was the dream of peace. He speculated about the possibility and nature of peace in the Middle East. True to form, his speculations were always candid and unburnished. In sad retrospect, they seem almost prophetic.

Almost 20 years ago, he wrote: "In the past we devoted too little time and attention to the challenge of living in the Middle East, as a Jewish state, in peace. Now the spectre of Israel losing her way because of the blessing of peace should not be ignored. For all that, however, I must say that as a man who has led his country's struggle both on the battlefield and in political negotiations, who has been privileged to amass a unique combination of experience as a soldier, a diplomat, and a head of government, there is no doubt whatsoever in my mind that the risks of peace are preferable by far to the grim certainties that await every nation in war."

After Nov. 4, 1995, these words hang in the air.

There is no doubt Rabin was reluctant to touch, let alone, shake, the hand that was extended towards him two years ago on the front lawn of the White House in Washington. But, just as experienced generals know instinctively when the pre-battle tension must be broken with the command to start engines, or when the battle must be joined despite the bone-wearying fatigue of their soldiers, or when the outcome of the battle is finally assured despite the loss of life, Rabin knew instinctively, deep in his heart, he had to respond, to seize the initiative, to grasp the hand reaching toward him.

He knew the battle had changed. His people, so courageous in war, must now test their courage in peace.

Two weeks after the Six Day War, in a speech on Mount Scopus accepting the nation's gratitude to the IDF, chief of staff Rabin spoke of the spiritual and moral dimension of the IDF and of the nation from which it sprang. He described the Jewish people as "a people which rises above itself in times of crisis and prevails over all enemies in the hour of trial by its moral and spiritual strength".

Alas, we are now in a time of crisis. Unbelievably, we seem to have "lost our way". We may even have become our own enemies.

Let us all remember that this calculated murder was committed by an individual. It was not committed by one of "them" – settlers, religious, or right-wing. It was committed by one of "us," one of the Jewish people.

For the sake of heaven, the people and the Land, we must "rise above ourselves." By all turns and at all costs, we must resist hatred.

When the bullets fired by that young hateful Jew slammed into the prime minister's body, they also shattered the hearts of all decent, peace-loving and truly God-fearing people.

We mourn the life of Yitzhak Rabin that was taken from the Jewish people and from the world. May his memory now be for blessing.

This Week in Canadian Jewish History
Nov. 8, 1994 Congregation Machzikei Hadas of Ottawa became the first synagogue in the Commonwealth to receive its own Coat of Arms.
(Canadian Jewish Congress National Archives)

Deplores Parizeau's comments on ethnic vote

When Jacques Parizeau spoke on the night of Oct. 30, he stated that the Yes side lost out to "the money" and the "ethnic" vote. Where do the Jews fit in the mind of the premier? Probably in both spots. Take your pick.

But Mr. Parizeau is right. The separatists will have their country. They will not be denied. And it will be soon — when all those "ethnics" and "the money" exit la belle province because they feel so unwelcome in their own home. The separatists can have their own racist little isolated country.

Mr. Parizeau is a disgrace. He doesn't deserve a Canadian passport. So next time, our strategy changes. Let's not do anything to force him and his followers to stay. We'll survive just fine.

Marshall Garnick
Toronto

Danger of a separate Quebec

Québécois be wary. In the midst of the separatist debate, some have failed to consider the ramifications of a Yes vote on the rights of the citizens of the province, particularly minority rights. In the wake of Lucien Bouchard's comments regarding the Québécois as a "white race," the question must be raised as to the future of democracy and freedom within Quebec.

Although any separatist would certainly deny this hypothesis, it seems that individual rights in a separate Quebec would be threatened. One needs only to look back as recently as the past several decades to prove this.

Remember Quebec's language laws, Bill 101 and other subsequent laws regarding the language of business and education in the province. Bound within the constraints of the Canadian Constitution, subject to the immediate reaction of the federal government and the other provinces, the Quebec government has still seen fit to limit such fundamental rights as that of speech in order to preserve the French language.

So what lies ahead in a separate Quebec, one that is not bound by these constraints? While it is true that Quebec would most certainly develop its own constitution to safeguard the rights of its people, that constitution would be drafted by the very people who would necessarily have to override personal rights and freedoms to preserve the very reason that they separated from Canada in the first place.

I wish this not to be a threat or groundless accusation, for simple inferences and logic will lead to this conclusion: In order to pursue the reasons for separation, an independent Quebec must "tax" the rights of its citizens. This warning is not just for the Jews within the province, but for all groups who do not fit the stereotypical view of a Québécois.

Kobi Dorenbush
Toronto
(formerly of Quebec)

Thanks from family who faced deportation

If you recall, we are a Jewish family: father, mother and two daughters from Ossetia (Caucasus, former USSR). Our refugee claim had been denied and our deportation back to the ongoing war zone became a severe reality. However, thanks to the efforts of Canadians like you, we were finally allowed to stay in Canada. Recently we were granted permanent resident status. We consider this a great triumph of the Canadian democratic system. Without your generous support it would have been impossible.

We would like to express our special thanks to Susan Davis, national executive director of Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS); Perry Romberg, executive director, Toronto office of JIAS; Etta Kanevsky, our case worker; Pauline Swartsman, receptionist and notary public; Ella Boroda; and all the staff of JIAS. Their support was and still is invaluable.

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Felix Gogniev, Dina Tsallaev, Tima Gogniev, Zalina Gogniev-Roth
Toronto

Do away with lavish tribute dinners

Given the current economic climate and the cutbacks to Social Services programs, why not stop having lavish fundraising or tribute dinners? If groups want to raise money for charity or to honor an individual, why do so with a meal that might cost close to $90, the amount that those on Social Assistance are supposed to spend per month on food? Surely we can be creative in finding other ways to raise money or celebrate and send the cost of the food not eaten to those who need it.

Karen Solomon
Toronto

WISDOM OF THE AGES:

They shall mourn for him as one mourns for an only child.

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Perspectives

Remembering Shlomo

(Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach died last year on the 11th of November, the 16th day of Cheshvan. In his memory and in his honor, we are featuring an essay in two parts by Neila Carlebach about him and his legacy. The second part will appear next week.)

By NEILA CARLEBACH

Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach passed to the next world one year ago.

G-d gave us Shabbat and Yom Tov to give us a taste of *Gan Eden*, of what it is to be infinite in this world. G-d gave us Shlomo to guide us there.

Being with Shlomo was to taste the Divine. Through his *niggunim*, his warm smile and incredible all-encompassing love, his Torah and his contagious simchah, he uplifted our whole generation and gently moved us to that place where there is no time, no concern or heartache. His great light has passed from among us. I mourn the loss, for being without Shlomo is also timeless, a drifting between heaven, remembering his sweetness, and hell, facing that he is no longer here.

In chassidut, when a *tzaddik* leaves the world, the sparks of his *neshamah* expand and give even greater light to the people he touched. Shlomo's sparks are everywhere. The stories continue ... how he saved this life, how he called at the right minute, how his songs gave hope, how this one met his wife because of Shlomo, how so many are practising *Yidden* because he made Yiddishkeit so beautiful and so alive. So many souls in this world are celebrating that Shlomo Carlebach existed and that they shared in the blessing of knowing him. I thank G-d to be among them.

People who knew Shlomo well were very aware that although Sholomo moved like a whirlwind, he was very focussed and his purpose in the world was well defined.

Not only did he have a mission but he had messages to impart while doing his *avodah*, his holy work. He was a man obsessed when it came to learning, giving over Torah, bringing *Yidden* back to their roots, being a friend to those in need and bringing his own special brands of celebration everywhere he could. Shlomo never missed an opportunity to sing, dance and tell stories. Now I celebrate Shlomo and his stories, which were as unique as he was, and in the telling I feel his closeness.

After the Holocaust, world Jewry was anesthetized by the horrors of the war. There remained little joy or spirit in prayer or in life. Like the Baal Shem Tov, who founded chassidut at another dark period in Jewish history, Shlomo believed that every Jew had to be filled with joy knowing that there was one G-d in the world, that each one of us is a child of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and that we stood on Mt. Sinai.

"*Gevalt!*" he would yell. "Even when you are heartbroken, you have to be *b'simchah*, joyful." So when Shlomo took up a guitar in the late 1950s, cut a record in the back room of the B'nei Akiva in Manhattan, became the first religious Jew in show business, he did so with a single-mindedness that never changed. In fact, his fervor to reach Jews all over the world grew.

Shlomo was well equipped with teachings. From his father, Rabbi Naftali Hardwig Carlebach, the chief rabbi of Baden near Vienna, he learned to love and respect every human being. Like Reb Nachman of Bratslav, he believed that a Jew should never give up. Like Reb Kloynimous Kalman, the rabbi of children who perished in the Holocaust, he embodied the teaching, "The greatest thing in the world is to do someone else a favor."

Shloime, as he referred to himself, was born in Berlin in 1925, a grandchild of two rabbinical dynasties, with *yichus* that extended back to the *Bach*, the *Taas*, the Maharal of Prague and through 18 distinct lines to David HaMelech. He said that his earliest memories were from the age of three, when he was told he would be a rabbi and therefore had to behave in certain ways. He remembered that his twin brother Eli Chaim cried when Shlomo refused to wear a yarmulke. According to his parents, he wouldn't be able to be a rabbi. He took his brother's tears to heart and succumbed to his fate.

At the age of five, he and his brother started learning with a rabbi who came to live with them. So hungry was Shlomo to learn, that after he was put to bed at 8 p.m., he would wait for quiet then sneak upstairs to learn with his rebbe till 11 p.m. Shlomo's thirst for knowledge also led him to devour every secular book in his father's vast library. By the time he was bar mitzvah, he had not only read all the European philosophers, novelists and most classical literature, but also concluded that compared to the Torah and the Talmud, they were very *shvach*, weak, and that Torah offered not only a greater depth of learning, but the secrets of life and creation as well.

Shlomo Carlebach's soul was enveloped in song

Shlomo's older sister Shulamith often spoke of his generosity of nature and kindness even when he was young. She related that as a young girl she wasn't allowed to bike-ride to school and that it took her well over an hour to walk. So with Shlomo's help she found the solution. She would quietly leave with his bike every morning before her mother was up and Shlomo would meet her every day after her classes at some distance from their home so she could walk through the gate while he rode the bicycle home as if after a ride. This routine lasted for years and he never tired of doing his sister this favor.

Shlomo's father, a *misnagid*, was a combination of all the qualities that great *rebbunim* were said to possess. He was a great scholar, a lover of all humanity and he practised *chesed*, loving kindness, as an integral part of his life. Shlomo recalled that there were two doors downstairs, one for people to enter and one for them to leave, and there was a constant flow between the two.

Once a rabbi came to visit his father and while he was waiting with Shlomo for Reb Naftali, a poor man entered and mistook the visiting rabbi for Shlomo's father. After he told his sad story about his sick wife, many children, little finances and depression, the rabbi asked him frankly whether he kept Shabbat and said blessings. He then admonished him saying his bad lot was because he was so delinquent in keeping G-d's laws and dismissed him. As he was leaving, Reb Naftali entered, greeted the confused man warmly, refused to talk till he had tea and cake and then listened as the man repeated his tale of woe. Shlomo was amazed to see tears flowing down his father's face as he offered solace to the poor man. By the time he left, a woman had been hired to help his wife, he had been given an ample sum of money and was invited to return the following week to speak once again to the rabbi. Shlomo added with pride that his father's love eventually brought this man and his family to be shomer Shabbat members of his shul. Shlomo said that this occurrence burned into his heart the way Jews should treat others.

Shlomo said of his father, "He implanted Yiddishkeit in the hearts of thousands of people, with a smile, with a handshake, with his words, with a light which emanated from his soul. Those who met him will never forget him. Those whom he touched had the strength to remain Jews even when their world fell apart and was destroyed."

Shlomo could have said these very words of himself — his generosity of spirit and compassion were known worldwide.

It wasn't just poor *Yidden* that found their way to the Carlebach family in Baden. Rabbi Carlebach also was friends with the Cardinal of Vienna, the great rabbis from Ponivosh and Telz, chassidic leaders like the Tchortkover and the Boyaner and the intelligentsia of Europe. By example, he taught his children to respect all of G-d's creation without prejudice. When the old Lubavitcher rabbi came to Baden to be treated for paralysis from his days of exile in Siberia, Reb Naftali took his sons to him for a brachah. He prophetically blessed them to grow up as chassidic Jews not German Jews.

Every Jewish person who escaped the Holocaust was a miracle, as was the entire Carlebach family. Having left on the last ship in 1939, the Carlebachs settled in Crown Heights, N.Y., where Reb Naftali became the rabbi of the Young Israel. Shlomo attended Mesivta Torah Vadas and studied with Reb Shlomo Hyman, whom Shlomo said was the deepest of the deep. After Reb Aaron Cotler gave a *shiur*, a lecture, at his yeshivah, Shlomo was so taken by his sharpness, he decided to follow Reb Aaron to Lakewood. He said that to learn both the depth and sharpness of the Torah meant that he could both immerse himself in and inhale Yiddishkeit. Shlomo was reputed to have been his prize pupil and legend has it that Reb Aaron cried when Shlomo left a few years later.

During this time, the Carlebach brothers drifted in and out of the chassidic *shtellings* of Bobov and Lubavitch. When he met the Boyaner rebbe, *shlita*, Shlomo recalled that the way the Boyaner took his hand and held it while he looked at him changed forever how he greeted people. Shlomo said he felt as if the rebbe was looking deep into his soul and wiping out any negative that may have been lurking there.

Shlomo became very close with Rabbi Menachem Mendel Shneerson when he became the Lubavitcher Rebbe. Recognizing Shlomo's ability to reach out to people, he sent him to talk to yeshivah boys. He would invite the best *bochurim* to learn Torah and chassidut with him late at night. Over the years, Shlomo invited hundreds of people from all walks of life to meet the rebbe. He told one story as part of his eulogy to the Lubavitcher Rebbe that bespoke both his intimate relationship with the rebbe and the kind of appeal he had to so many.

The story was that Shlomo left the rebbe's office late one night and boarded a subway to Manhattan. Sitting opposite him on the train was a young man wearing a tie-dyed shirt. After conversing with him for a while, Shlomo found out that he was Jewish, was getting married in a church on Shabbat to a non-Jewish girl and that it hadn't even occurred to him that there were other alternatives to his life. Shlomo, after talking about his own Yiddishkeit, asked if he wanted to meet his rebbe, who was a very holy man. Since the man was very taken with Shlomo, he agreed. Shlomo wasted no time. They got off the train at the next stop, crossed the tracks and went to Crown Heights. Shlomo took the man right to the office of the rebbe, who was surprised to see his young friend return so quickly. After a few words were exhanged and the Rebbe instructed Shlomo to say Tehillim, Psalms, he took the young Jew into his office. Shlomo said that three hours later, the rebbe and the young man emerged. The latter was shining so much, Shlomo said, he could swear that his soul had been washed clean like on Yom Kippur in the Holy of Holies. Needless to say, the wedding never took place.

Shlomo worked with the rebbe for years, talking to thousands of kids. Shlomo said, "You know, it goes without saying that while I worked for Lubavitch, I would never shake hand with girls, G-d forbid."

But as time went on, he felt his approach was lacking. "So one time I walked into see the rebbe and I said to him, 'Let's face it. Imagine I have a 100 young people. I say men on one side, women on the other. I already lose 90. They say that this isn't for them. Then I tell the girls not to sing and I lose another 10. Instead of talking to 100 people, I am talking to one.' I told the rebbe that these kids know nothing about Yiddishkeit, they could join an ashram tomorrow. If someone is having a heart attack, you don't give them a manicure. This is not what they need. So the rebbe said to me, 'I cannot tell you what not to do. I cannot tell you what to do. If you want to do something on your own, be *matzliach*, successful.' " For political reasons much more than for personal ones, Shlomo left, but he and the rebbe never lost their connection with and warmth for one another.

Shlomo was on his own for the first time in his life. He said, "I wasn't in yeshivah. I wasn't at Lubavitch. I was nowhere in the world. It takes so long to stand on your own feet. It's like being between heaven and earth."

Neila Carlebach married Rabbi Shlomo in 1972. Currently, she is collecting, compiling and archiving Shlomo's music and teachings for publication.

Opinions

Some thoughts on Kristallnacht

By Emil Fackenheim

Not April but November is the cruellest month of the year — not for Jews only but, in this century, for civilization. On Nov. 9, 1918 the World War I armistice, meant to lay foundations for peace, laid them instead for a worse war. Five years later to the day, Hitler's *putsch*, in failing, taught him how to succeed. And Nov. 9, 1938, exactly 15 years after that, saw *Kristallnach*.

That night of terror was not the first crime in history. It was, however, the first committed to worldwide publicity. The Final Solution, yet to come, was secret — though not for all — but when the synagogues burned all over Germany, the whole world knew, or could guess that worse was in store, but did little or nothing. For me at the time — an observer and victim — civilization collapsed during that grim November night and — in my view now — has yet to recover. *Kristallnacht* was the first mass crime to receive worldwide publicity, but not the last.

Not that I want to belittle what little was done. The gates of Britain opened quite a bit and among the saved were my parents, my younger brother and myself. My parents got out on the last plane.

But now, over half a century later, *Kristallnacht* anniversary belongs to the children, even to *their* children. In *Living After the Holocaust* (Lucy Steinitz and David Szony, eds., New York: Bloch 1975) survivors' children hear Elie Wiesel testify that he has "no answers" but "only questions." They hear him, respect, even revere him, but still ask: How can we, the next or next-to-next Jewish generation, live without answers? For Jews to confront the catastrophe, and be robbed of answers by its horror — is this not to despair of man and God, of a future for both Jews and Judaism, and thus a posthumous victory for Hitler?

In 1967 I wrote the "614th commandment" — the words became famous — that for Jews to grant such a victory is forbidden. Now, almost 30 years later, I would add the following: *Let there be answers before questions.* For future generations' sake, I hope this too will be famous.

What makes Wiesel's "questions" so Jewish, heart-rending but also — yes! — inspiring? He has answers prior to his questions — the rich reservoir of Tanach, Talmud, midrash, chassidic legend. Just so, let children be exposed to the *Shoah* only after an expopsure to Judaism, deep, loving, more committed on account of what is to follow. More, for all their scholarly codes, this exposure is needed by academics also. Can the Holocaust be the same for the heirs of perpetrators, bystanders, victims? And on this globe everybody is one of these: What doors except Shanghai's — a political accident — were open to Jews fleeing for their lives? Our own scholars, however, are heirs of the victims.

We have had catastrophes before. How have we survived? The year 70 CE saw the destruction of the Jewish state; Roman general Titus initiated an exile, for some Jews not ended even yet. In 135 CE, Roman Emperor Hadrian went further. Titus had failed to finish the Jews off; making Judaism a capital crime, the emperor thought would.

But led by their rabbis, the Jewish people resisted. "If Scripture did not say it," Rabbi Akiva said, aware of the boldness of what he was saying, "we could not say it. 'I shall redeem Myself,' says God, as though one could conceive of such a thing. When Israel went into exile," Rabbi Akiva concluded, "God, as it were, went with them."

Thus Titus was defeated. Forced to abandon their Land, the Jews were not abandoned by their God. When a few would assemble with the Torah, perhaps hiding from a pogrom even while reading, they had before them letters on parchment, but with them the presence of God.

And Hadrian? Again there is Rabbi Akiva, this time *in extremis*, as related in the Machzor, the Yom Kippur prayer book. He has kept teaching Torah, undeterred by Hadrian. Caught, tortured, martyred, he dies with *Shema Yisrael* on his lips. Even the angels lament that God needs martyrs. But need them He does, and as the angels accept, so, on Yom Kippur at worship, do Jews. With his last breath, Akiva overcame Hadrian and, through Judaism, saved his people.

A terrible foe he, but alas Hadrian was surpassed by Hitler. Hadrian created Jewish martyrs; Hitler murdered Jewish martyrdom. In making Jews choose between death and apostasy, Hadrian exalted Jewish choice. In shifting Jewish crime from faith to birth, Hitler destroyed it. And, since birth, even if Jewish, is innocent, the blood of Auschwitz cries to heaven. So do our questions. Martyrdom still is an answer, if only *in extremis*: the innocent, murdered in the twinkling of an eye, are only a question.

Are questions, then, all that we have? Not entirely. What may come in some later hour is concealed from our eyes. Here to see in our own hour is hope, *tikvah*, murdered in Auschwitz but resurrected in Jerusalem; and our prayers, actions, poems, philosophies, joys and fears, politics, must all be geared to not letting it die again.

Farrakhan, Blacks, Jews

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

The spectacle of Louis Farrakhan presiding over the "Million Man March" on the day we Jews observed Shemini Atzeret was a worrisome though fascinating experience. He quoted the Hebrew Bible and the Gospels, along with the Koran. The huge crowd before him, he said, was a certain sign that this was not his doing but God's. He, Farrakhan, had clearly been chosen by God — and what human agency was there to doubt the will of the Divine?

Repeatedly he touched on "the Jewish problem." No, he averred, he was not an anti-Semite, far from it. He had never said anything about the Jews that was not the truth. (Presumably we would have to "prove" that we are not bloodsuckers and that our faith is not a "gutter religion.") The facts, alas, speak all too loudly of a demagogue who has found anti-Semitism a useful tool for rallying his troops. He — like others before him — depicts us as a major cause of black troubles.

He pleaded for total separation of blacks from the white community and emphasized that integration into the American scene was a chimera, and that all the ills besetting the black community are traceable to slavery and continued racism.

Yet the very nature of the black assembly, its calm, its dignity and its spiritual fervor bespoke another message. "We want to take charge of our own responsibilities" — that was the theme that had brought so many to Washington. To be sure, it was Farrakhan who had managed to tap into the incipient hatred that blacks have for a past that was spent in white chains, and while none of them would deny that racism was still all too present in our society, they came to affirm that they wanted to take their lives into their own hands, and see to their families, their jobs and the building of their communities.

White people often get impatient with hearing blacks remind them of their bitter centuries of servitude. But in a way, do we Jews not do the same with regard to our history? Do we not repeatedly remind ourselves of our 400 years of slavery in Egypt?

But there is also a difference, for when we look at the biblical record, we note two characteristics: we speak of our past in order to glorify God for the liberation that was effected through Divine intervention; and second, to be more compassionate towards strangers and those who suffer, because we ourselves have suffered so cruelly.

There is no question in my mind that Farrakhan is going to give us more trouble, for I think it is unlikely that he will abandon his anti-Semitic rhetoric. It has proven very useful to him in the past and despite what he may assert from time to time to the contrary, I believe he will stick with it.

But the disgust we have for him should not be transferred by us to the black community as such, for its needs are real, and we of all people should understand this. Farrakhan has fuelled anti-Semitism in the black community, but most of its proven leaders disavow Farrakhan the separatist and anti-Semite, and we Jews who have for so long stood for fairness and equity in society should not let him deter us in our struggle to make our community free of racism and prejudice of any kind.

Oslo 2 heightens divisions in Israel

(Rabbi Hartman's column did not arrive before deadline. It should appear in its regular slot on this page next month.)

By David Newman

The recent signing of the Oslo 2 accords has not been greeted with the same euphoria as that accompanying the original Oslo agreement some two years previously.

The right wing opposition to the peace accords has been vociferous. The new settler movement, Zo Artzenu, has undertaken activities such as the blocking of major road intersections throughout Israel, refusal to request permits for the holding of demonstrations and a call to their followers not to obey army orders to evacuate settlements or to partake in the important decennial census of population which is at present being undertaken in Israel.

These activities, designed to encourage public support for the opposition to the peace process, are not, however, having the desired effect. Many Israelis who are unhappy with the peace process have begun to disassociate themselves from the activities of the Zo Artzenu movement.

The Likud opposition party does not want to become tainted with this extreme form of activity, as it only serves to weaken, rather than strengthen, public support for their own opposition to the government. The government is able to win back public opinion in its favor by collectively portraying the right wing as irresponsible rabble rousers who do not serve the interests of the state.

The dilemma facing much of the Israeli population has probably been best summed up recently by President Ezer Weizman. A strong supporter of the peace process and of the need to reach a final territorial solution to the Israel-Palestinian problem, he has nevertheless been critical of some aspects of government policy. He has refused to grant clemency to some of the Palestinian prisoners who were scheduled to be released as part of the Oslo 2 accords, and has suggested slowing down the process until there is a clear cessation of Hamas terrorism. Opening his doors to representatives of the West Bank settlers, he has come under criticism from his own colleagues within the Labor party.

As a president of the people, however, he is probably doing little more than echoing the very real division of opinion amongst the general populace to which he is subject on his many visits to villages and settlements throughout the country.

Much of the Israeli population, however, including opponents of the peace process, is gradually becoming resigned to the inevitability of the major territorial changes which are taking place. That does not mean to say that they automatically support the notion of a Palestinian state or the evacuation of settlements — both of which are likely prospects should the Labor government be re-elected in 1996 — but that they accept the irreversibility of the transfer to Palestinian autonomy which has taken place so far.

The truth be told, most Israelis are happy to relinquish the day to day control over the two million Palestinian residents of the Gaza Strip and West Bank. Apart from the religious ideologues who refuse to accept the notion of anything other than Jewish sovereignty and control, what worries most of the population are issues of national and personal security, not the inherent belief in a Divine right to land.

Clearly, if, as has been reported lately, the PLO and Hamas are on their way to arriving at an agreement concerning the cessation of violence and their joint participation in the forthcoming Palestinian elections, this will do much to sway Israeli public opinion back in favor of the process. The loss of support for the Likud is already apparent when compared with the situation just some six months ago.

Israeli public opinion is quite fickle. It responds quickly and angrily to incidents of terrorism, but it also forgets quickly.

There appears to be a gradual meeting of diverse opinions that there is no turning back from what has been achieved thus far. Israelis have become attuned to the fact that their leaders now negotiate with the PLO, the terrorists of yesterday. Whether they will equally become attuned to the idea of a Palestinian state will probably have to await the outcome of the next elections.

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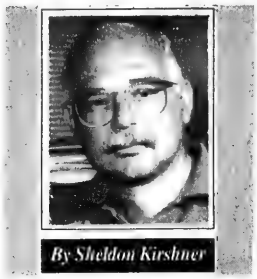
Arnost Lustig is not exactly a household name in North American literary circles. But in the Czech Republic,



By Sheldon Kirshner

600,000 copies of his novels — a phenomenal number in a country of that size — have been sold.

Lustig's novels — *Night and Hope, Darkness Casts No Shadow, Diamonds of the Night* and *Dita Saxova* — all deal with various facets of the Holocaust.

The popularity of his books, which have been translated into English, Hebrew and German, is easily discernible.

"The Holocaust touched not only Jews, but the entire population," he explained. "My novels are read because they pose serious existential questions."

Not surprisingly, Lustig — a Holocaust survivor himself — presents the Holocaust not just as a crime against Jews, but as an attack on humanity.

"It was a test for everyone," said Lustig, who was in Toronto recently as a guest of the International Festival of Authors. "It raised moral issues."

Lustig, who has lived in the United States since the 1968 Soviet invasion of what was then Czechoslovakia, was born in Prague in 1926. His father, Emil, was murdered in Auschwitz. His mother, Teresa, and his sister, Anna, barely survived.

Lustig himself escaped unscathed from the horrors of Terezin, Auschwitz and Buchenwald. Not long after his liberation, he joined Radio Prague, which promptly dispatched him to Jerusalem to cover the first Arab-Israeli war. It was an exciting time for Lustig, who once delivered a report on horseback to a waiting plane.

His experiences in Israel left an indelible impression. "I was fascinated by the courage of the Jewish fighters. It was romantic."

Romance of a different sort beckoned when Lustig fell in love with Vera Weislitzova, a soldier in the Israeli army. They eventually married and had two children. She wanted to remain in Israel, but Lustig was intent on returning to Prague. "I was a convinced Communist and wanted to be faithful to the party."

Back home in Prague, Lustig completed his university education, then began writing screenplays, some based on his own novels. He played a major role in creating what came to be known as "Czech New Wave Cinema."

He was unaffected by the anti-Zionist Slansky show trials of the early 1950s, possibly because they coincided with his national service. But Lustig remembers an incident in which his commanding officer claimed that Jews were at the root of Czechoslovakia's problems.

A liberal, Lustig ran afoul of the ruling Communist party because of the courage of his convictions. On a television program, he caused a commotion by disagreeing with a revered general who said he couldn't shed tears for Holocaust victims who had not resisted their tormentors. Later, during the Six Day War, he criticized the government for cutting diplomatic relations with Israel, which he had repeatedly revisited.

Eventually, Lustig was expelled from the party. In retrospect, he has no regrets about his long involvement with Communism, which, he believed, would foster democracy and racial equality.

"The Communists I knew during the war were beautiful people," he observed. "They were corrupted by power."

Asked why he had been an eager recruit, he replied: "There is a time in your life when you feel you want to belong to something. The party fulfilled my need. And while I was faithful, I was not blind. I still dream of a society that is democratic and fair."

Since 1973, Lustig has been a professor of literature and film at the American University in Washington, D.C., a job that enables him to pursue his writing.

Last month, following the publication of *Children of the Holocaust*, a collection of his stories, Lustig submitted his latest novel to his agent. It is a saga of his parents' lives.

Although his novels have been widely hailed, Lustig remains critical of his body of work. "I wish to write an honest book explaining the Holocaust, to write the real book about it. I haven't so far."

Remarkable collective

The cellblock in the Theresienstadt (Terezin) concentration camp was called the Republic of Shkid. From there, behind blackened shades, a group of about 100 Jewish boys, aged 13 to 15, produced a hand-written weekly magazine, *Vedem (In the Lead)*, from 1942 to 1944.

Within its pages could be found poems, short stories, news clips and drawings. George (Jiri) Brady, a member of this remarkable collective and a resident of Toronto since 1951, contributed two pieces while working as an apprentice plumber in Theresienstadt.

More important, Brady, 67, spearheaded the effort to publish the original material in book form. It was published this past summer under the title of *We Are Children Just The Same: Vedem, The Secret Magazine By The Boys Of Terezin* (Jewish Publication Society of America, $29.95 US).

The book, said Brady in an interview, serves two purposes. "It's a monument to kids who were extraordinarily talented." Only 15 of the boys survived the war, and Brady came through it by the skin of his teeth. "And it helps fight the nonsense of Holocaust revisionists."

Brady and his late sister, Hana, were taken to Theresienstadt — a model German resettlement camp — in May 1942, a year after their parents, Karel and Margaret, were deported to Auschwitz, where they perished.

Life in Theresienstadt, while not easy, was infinitely better than in other concentration camps. "As long as you were healthy and young, you could survive," explained Brady. But he was also lucky. A friend of his parents took him under her wing, and he was fortunate enough to be placed in a barracks where *Vedem* was born under the inspiring guidance of a selfless man named Valtr Einsinger.

Of the estimated 15,000 children who passed through the camp, the majority died or were murdered. Brady almost met the same fate. In September 1944, he was shipped to Auschwitz. He recalls the barbed wire, the dogs and the horrible stench.

Eventually, Brady was put to work in a nearby railway carriage factory. "It was rough," he said.

On Jan. 21, 1945, following a gruelling forced march into Germany, he was liberated by the Red Army.

With the war over, Brady returned to his Czech birthplace, Nove Mesto na Morave, to visit his aunt and uncle. He didn't stay long. After completing his education in Prague, he settled in Austria and then in Canada.

In the aftermath of World War II, efforts by the *Vedem* boys to publish the collection were suppressed by the Communist authorities, though a samizdat edition appeared in 1978 and again in the late 1980s.

In Toronto, Brady — who had kept a copy of *Vedem* in a shoebox — tried but failed to find a publisher. Finally, Malcolm Lester, a local publisher, steered him to the Jewish Publication Society in Philadelphia.

A frequent visitor to the Czech Republic, Brady convinced the president, Vaclav Havel, to write a foreward.

Brady, the father of four children, has been successful here. For years, he was a plumbing contractor. Of late, he has branched into the acrylic magnetic window insert business. But his labor of love remains *Vedem*, a magazine which opens windows of understanding into the Holocaust.

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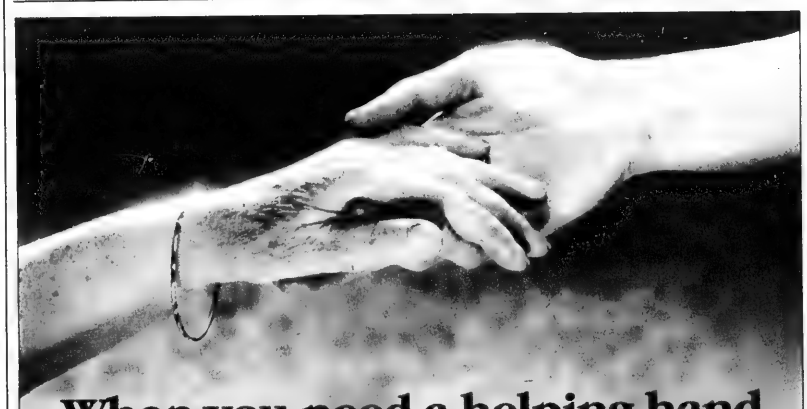

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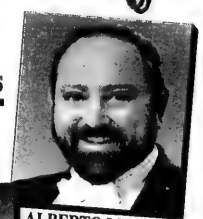
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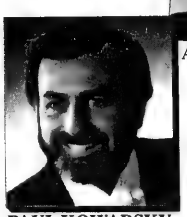
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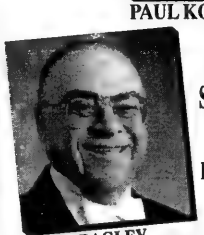
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Jewish ethical law requires compassion for the oppressed

By MURRAY TEITEL
Special to The CJN

Of all the events that have formed Jewish religious consciousness, none comes close to having the influence of the 400 years of slavery in Egypt followed by liberation.

So important is it, that many of the 613 religious observances the Jews are commanded to follow in the five Books of Moses are accompanied by a reminder of this epoch. Leviticus 19:35 is typical.

In the ancient Hebrew, whose majestic tone cannot be reproduced in English, God commands:

"And if there shall live with you a foreigner in your land, you shall not do him any wrong. As one born among you shall be to you this foreigner living in your midst and you shall love him like yourself because you were foreigners in Egypt: I am your God. You shall do no unrighteousness in judgment ... I am your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt."

God's meaning is clear: the Jews' experience as victims of oppression and injustice should sensitize them to the plight of the oppressed so that they would never themselves engage in such vile behavior.

There are many other instances. For example, the commandment to give beasts of burden and servants a day of rest is also justified by the enslavement in Egypt where, presumably, the Jews were forced to work seven days a week without respite.

Generations subsequent to the one that left Egypt had no personal memory of slavery; so the rabbis of antiquity saw the need to go one step further and decreed: "No matter the generation in which he is born, a person is obliged to regard himself as if he himself came out of Egypt." To this day, this phrase is repeated at least once a year by every Jew in the world who celebrates the Passover seder.

For the rabbis, it did not suffice that the Jews have some intellectual awareness that their ancestors suffered oppression in Egypt. They understood that the supreme importance of Jewish ethical law could only be appreciated by those who could emotionally put themselves in the shoes of victims of oppression.

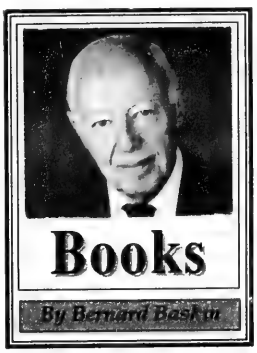
The wisdom of this insistence was brought home to me on April 30, when a memorial for the victims of the Holocaust was held at Queen's Park, attended by the leaders of Ontario's three main parties. According to the report of one Toronto newspaper, the audience consisted mostly of Jews, many of whom were in the uniforms of World War II veterans. This is unfortunate. As long as Jews are the only ones remembering the Holocaust, holocausts are bound to reoccur. As long as genocide is something that happens only to other people — to Bosnian Muslims, to the world's aboriginal peoples, to Rawandan Tutsis, to Burundian Hutus, to Turkish Armenians, to Jews and even, *mea culpa*, to other Jews — holocausts are bound to reoccur.

To its credit, Holocaust Education Week, which in Toronto takes place from Nov. 9 to 19, treats the Holocaust not as a tragedy that affects only Jews, but as one that affects all of humanity. Almost half of the events take place in Catholic and Protestant churches. Among many other topics, there are lectures and films dealing with war crimes in the former Yugoslavia, the Nazi heritage of modern medical research, the psychology of the war criminal and attempts by Italian soldiers to protect Jews during World War II.

But if you indulge in this cornucopia of intellectual stimulation, try not to lose emotional sight of the victims. Think of them. Try to imagine what they went through. Try to fathom 1½ million children being herded into gas chambers. Promise yourself that you will do what you can to make sure that such a thing never happens again. Commemorate the Holocaust.

Murray Teitel is a lawyer in Toronto.

A collective portrait of this century



Coming of Age: The Story of Our Century by Those Who've Lived It by Studs Terkel (Random House, $35).

Growing old is like living on an island which gradually gets smaller and smaller. William James asked, "How can the moribund old man reason back to himself the romance, the mystery, the imminence of great things which our old earth tingled for him when he was young and well?"

Yet, old age has its compensations and rewards. There is many a good tune to be played on an old fiddle. John Muir, the American naturalist, wrote, "How beautiful the leaves grow old, how full of light and color in their days."

Many men and women in their later years remain creative and energetic, retain an openness of mind, and a continuing sense of curiosity and wonder at the beauty and mystery of the world. They accept the fact of aging without being intimidated by it.

At 83, Studs Terkel is still going strong. His Chicago daily radio program is immensely popular and his trailblazing books of oral history: *Working, Race, Hard Times*, and the Pulitzer Prize winning *Good War*, are widely read and praised.

Coming of Age is a collective portrait of our times derived from the voices of 70 men and women, the youngest of whom is 70 and the oldest 99. Taken together they provide a kaleidoscopic view of America over several generations. How did people work and live? What were the social political and economic realities? What about the changing sexual mores and the problems of race and religion?

The author's emphasis in eliciting replies is more on careers than on personal lives — and most of the subjects, like himself, are political and social liberals. What emerges are recollections of poverty during the Depression, the two great wars, labor strife, civil right struggles and the corporate jungle.

Some of those interviewed deplore the McCarthy era, the role of technology, the influence of television, the loss of civility on the part of the young, treatment of the elderly and ethnic and class divisions.

John Kenneth Galbraith, 85, maintains that government is an instrument of salvation, "The common charge of 'big government' comes largely from people who are looking for a moral reason to avoid taxes . . . We have a comfortable number of Americans with a fairly high standard of private living and yet we have this ferocious resistance to things that would improve our public standard of living."

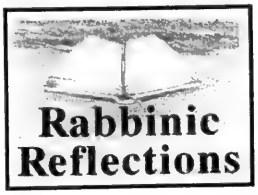
Betty McCollister, 73, is a newspaper columnist in Iowa. She is concerned about the success of fundamentalists in political life. "They're very well organized and very well funded. Creationists say theirs is the absolute truth. No scientist would ever say that. That is the biggest problem: we are a nation of scientific illiterates. So we can be easily had .... Prayer in schools? It's an abomination. If God is stupid enough to think it's a real prayer, he doesn't deserve to be worshipped."

Terkel's net is wide enough to include the jazz bassist Milt Hinton, 83, the actress Uta Hagen, 75, Texas Congressman Henry Gonzalez, 76, Victor Ruther, 81, who, with his brother, founded the United Auto Workers and Robert St. John, 92, well-known journalist and broadcaster.

The indomitable spirit of the elderly interviewed is epitomized by the story one of them related of a 100-year-old man who lived in an abandoned automobile. Every morning at sunup he'd grab an axe and start chopping wood. He was asked why, at his advanced age, he wasn't getting a rest. He said, "If I didn't do this, this old body of mine would think I was through with it and that would be the end of me."

Jewish Life

Writing a new midrash on an ancient bible story



By RABBI BARBARA BORTS

Lech Lechah is the parshah in which particularism enters biblical history for the first time. After futile attempts to create a just world through universal creation, God decides to attempt to create a just community through a particularist covenant. And so, enter Abraham and Sarah, who, obeying a simple command, "Get you forth," depart for a new world and a promise of progeny, land and blessing.

Progeny doesn't arrive so quickly, at least not through the expected channels, so Sarah gives her maid Hagar to Abraham. Hagar bears the child Ishmael, but still God promises a child, another one, to bear the family heritage and continue the incipient monotheistic belief.

Finally it happens with the birth of Isaac: "*Tzachok tzachak li Elokim*" (God has given me laughter) chortles Sarah and we delight with her as she rejoices over the miracle of her child. We rejoice with her and welcome Isaac into the world because we know that without Isaac there would be no Jacob, no people of Israel, no Exodus, no Sinai, no us.

We rejoice with Sarah over Isaac — and gloss over the other story, of Abraham and Hagar and the boy Ishmael. We in the Reform movement quite literally pass over the topic as we read the Akedah on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and the creation story on the second, but in many synagogues, the congregation hears the story of Hagar, Ishmael and their banishment.

Our joy — and a mother and son abandoned, cast out, crying in the desert. A terrible story until they, too, are promised nationhood of their own.

It's not hard to see where I am going from here. This story, the origin of the conflict between the ancestors of Isaac and Ishmael, is a story told from our point of view. The Muslims have the Koran, in which another tale, from another point of view, is outlined.

But our story, what does it tell us? That at the moment of one of our greatest joys, the beginning of our peoplehood, another suffered. While we revelled at knowing that now, with Isaac, a Jacob could come along, a voice cried out in the wilderness as a direct consequence of this great wonder. And we did not hear. Only God listened — and responded — with a separate promise of nationhood.

I shall make it explicit. Out of the ancient land of Palestine, the Zion to which our prayers constantly ached to return, a miracle happened — a nation was born. And as regularly as we repeat the story of the birth of Isaac and the discarding of Hagar and Ishmael, so too do we celebrate the creation of the modern state of Israel. And someone cries in the wilderness and we do not hear. Or listen.

I was raised, as I know many were, with an effective set of mufflers. Some of it was true, as with the hatred and the terrorism; and some was false — that there was no Palestinian people there before we arrived.

I don't know when it was that I took off the mufflers and began to listen to that lonely voice in the wilderness. I went to different places in Israel, met Arabs involved in peace and reconciliation work, met Jews and Arabs living together trying to teach peace.

For years, I had asked Christians to listen to how I felt about some of their stories and how they hurt and how this led them to despise and to murder me. And then Muslims made a similar request to us: "Please note that our Ishmael story is different and that yours hurts us. Hear ours, listen to ours."

So I listened. And became a fervent supporter of moves toward peace.

The world changes and moves on and sometimes old enemies become partners in peace. Such has happened in the Middle East as well. Ishmael and Isaac met to bury their father, and who knows? Maybe for other family occasions as well. And so we, Jew and Arab, have met and begun to sign treaties and to talk over differences.

But there are those on both sides who cannot hear each other and cannot feel each other's pain. There are those on both sides who want to read their birth story and endlessly recount their banishment story, so that the mother crying in the desert is not heard by her family — and, so the sides would tell us, even by God.

We are witnessing a new story, a birth and rebirth of two peoples who share the same ancestry and some of the same history. Writing a new midrash on Lech Lechah, in which Isaac and Ishmael, Sarah and Hagar, meet and celebrate family occasions, tell their stories, play and eat together. We in the Diaspora can help or hinder the process. We can support the forces of peace, now, not the forces of peace, never.

And we can begin to listen very carefully to the voices of those who do want to embrace us as brothers and sisters. Some ugly sounds are being made in our name. Do we wish for the endless saga of antagonsim to go on? I hope not.

Rabbi Barbara Borts is the associate rabbi/education director of Temple Emanu-El-Beth Sholom in Montreal.

Israeli teacher to lecture on The Halachic Process

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Lecturer and teacher Malka Bina will be in Toronto for a two day Yimei iyun seminar for women on The Halachic Process — methodology in the oral law.

The *chevruta* and lecture program will be held Nov. 13 and Nov. 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Or Chaim Yeshiva, 159 Almore Ave. Luncheon will be served, and babysitting can be arranged.

Participants may register for the entire two days, or for any part of the program.

Bina is founder and educational director of Matan, a women's institute for Torah study, in Jerusalem and Ra'anana.

In a telephone interview from Israel, Bina told *The CJN* that hundreds of women of all ages come to Matan for adult education courses in such subjects as Tanach, Midrash, Talmud and Jewish philosophy.

"We train women to be teachers, scholars, and leaders. — to maximize their potential in Jewish studies," she said. "We want to help them reach fulfilment."

Matan also offers basic Judaism courses to Russian and Ethiopian immigrants. Young Ethiopian students are also given help in leadership development. "We want to help women in whatever situation they find themselves in," she said.

There is also a Scholars' Program, for women with advanced backgrounds in Jewish studies. Women receive a stipend while they are studying, she explained.

Baltimore-born and educated, Bina went to Israel to study after the Six-Day War, and "I'm still there," she laughed.

During her trip to North America, when she will visit Toronto, New York and Baltimore, she hopes to raise funds for the Scholars' program and the Ethiopian classes. "Many of the Ethiopian students are from poor families and can't pay their own fees," she said.

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'Profound pain and sorrow'

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and its profound pain and sorrow over the loss of a courageous leader who fought with heart and soul as hard for peace as he did in war.

We stand united in mourning with the people of Israel, the world Jewish community and peace-loving people everywhere, over the brutal extinction of such a giant figure.

Ironically and tragically, Rabin was gunned down by an extremist assassin at one of the largest peace rallies ever mounted in Israel, one in which Peace Now, the oldest grassroots peace movement, was a chief organizer.

We hope and pray that the peace process which Rabin so tirelessly and valiantly moved forward will continue and that it will ultimately bear the fruit of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Among Rabin's final words were the following: "The fight for peace is a fight we cannot lose." Rabin is gone. But the inspiring vision of those words remains with us.

Former Premier Bob Rae

TORONTO — I would like to express my deepest sympathy to the community on the death of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

His brutal assassination is such a marked departure from the nature of Israeli society that it is impossible to understand. We all know the tensions involved in the peace process, but nothing has prepared us for this moment, and nothing can excuse it.

Yitzhak Rabin was a frequent visitor to Canada, and I met him many times, the last in Israel on my official visit as premier. He was, as always, blunt and forthright, direct and frank. He was prepared to risk much for the peace process, because as he kept saying, the long-term security of Israel depended on a solid peace with its neighbors, including the Palestinians. Now we know he took the ultimate risk — his life.

When Abraham Lincoln was shot, his colleague Stanton said, "Now he belongs to the ages." So it is with Yitzhak Rabin. He was a builder of Israel, a fighter for Israel, a soldier for Israel, a diplomat for Israel and a leader for Israel. Now he belongs to history. No assassin's bullet can change what he did, nor can it stop the drive for peaceful coexistence, which is the only basis for a truly stable and secure future for Israel and its neighbors.

Arlene joins me in sending our deepest condolences to the entire Jewish community.

Toronto Vaad Harabonim

TORONTO — There is no basis in Jewish tradition or law that would justify the claim made by the alleged killer that he was acting out of religious motives. Nothing in Halachah would grant sanction for the killing of one Jew by another, especially in the circumstances of this case.

The Toronto Vaad Harabonim condemns unequivocally and emphatically this wanton assassination and expresses its revulsion at the scandalous and despicable act. The Vaad deplores as well the notion that others might entertain a similar action in the future. Wilful murder, no matter what the motivation, remains abhorrent to us as Jews.

Whatever unhappiness, anxiety and dissent the Israeli government's policies have provoked in some quarters, whatever divisiveness Rabin's concessions during the peace process have engendered, however great the abyss that separates disparate factions among Jews, Judaism underscores that one must never countenance violence, terror and murder to settle disputes or determine right from wrong.

May the Jewish people, without regard to partisan commitment, be united in this resolve.

Rabbi Moshe Stern
Chairman
Toronto Vaad Harbonim

Canadian Institute for Jewish Research

MONTREAL — The Canadian Institute for Jewish Research wishes to express its members' deep shock and dismay at the tragic assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. We express heartfelt sympathy to Leah Rabin and family, and are convinced that democratic Israel and the Jewish people will remain strong and united in the face of this horrible loss.

The Executive and Members of the
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mourn the loss of our beloved leader,
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YITZHAK RABIN ז"ל

a hero in the defence of his country and the struggle for peace.

We extend our sincere condolences to his wife Leah,
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PRIME MINISTER, YITZHAK RABIN ז"ל

May his inspired statesmanship serve as an example for peacemakers around the world to follow.

Sid Halpern National President

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Israel Mourns: Yitzhak Rabin 1922 – 1995

UJA canvassers digest news of Rabin's death

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The mood was sombre Sunday morning at the Lipa Green building, as 100 volunteers who were to take part in a United Jewish Appeal (UJA) telethon instead paid tribute to Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, slain the previous day.

The Toronto telethon was set to resume on Tuesday, following a Monday night community memorial service at Centennial Arena, organized by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region; Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto; Canadian Zionist Federation; United Israel Appeal of Canada and B'nai Brith Canada.

"This is not the appropriate time for fundraising," said Carol Kassel, co-chair with Charles Gold of UJA's 1996 campaign. "Out of respect for the memory of Yitzhak Rabin and the sorrow the community is feeling, we have decided to suspend two days of the telethon to reflect on the legacy of Rabin."

Sandy Brown, president of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, referred to Rabin as a role model. "We as a community must reaffirm the conviction that peace will be in our grasp."

The response to Rabin's death Saturday "has to be that peace efforts will continue — and they *will* continue," vowed Jehudi Kinar, Israel's consul general in Toronto, who addressed the volunteers.

A shaken Victor Yagoda, Jerusalem-based director of missions for United Israel Appeal (UIA) Canada, said that for the first time many Israelis don't have an answer and are just asking, "Why?"

"I think the moderate Israelis and moderate Palestinians will have a much closer relationship," Jewish Agency shaliach Baruch Gur told *The CJN*. "We have to realize there is a common enemy — the extremists and the fundamentalists on both sides."

"It's very hard to digest," said volunteer Elaine Simkevitz, a teacher at Associated Hebrew schools of Toronto. She had yet to figure out what she was going to say to her Grade 6 students the next day.

"I was shocked when I heard [the killer] was another Jew," said Eli Staiman, 12, who volunteered as a phoner because of his upcoming bar mitzvah.

"This is the meat and potatoes of what it is to be a Jew, which is doing for each other," said his father, volunteer Scott Staiman.

Richard Sadowski, co-chair of the Countdown '96 telethon, found it therapeutic to be with so many people who shared his shock and sadness.

"There's an outpouring of need and comfort here," he said, noting the many reassuring hugs.

Volunteers who stayed to call others about the changed telethon schedule were advised to take as long as necessary with each call for those who needed to talk.

Canadian Young Judea

mourns the untimely passing of

Prime Minister

YITZHAK RABIN ז"ל

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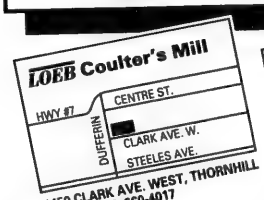

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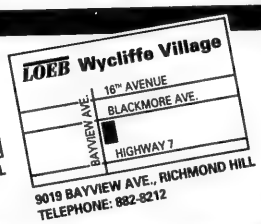

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בערל שניידער האָט קוים דערלעבט זיין זון, דער דאָקטער, זאָל צוריק אַהיים קומען. אין דער היים וועט ער האָבן פּראַקטיקע, מען וועט שוין קרענקען!

געקומען איז דער זון פרייטיק, און שבת וויל אים דער פאָטער מיט-נעמען דאַוונען:

— איך וועל נישט גיין, טאַטע! — מאַכט דער דאָקטער...

— וואָס, שעמסט דיך מיט מיר צו גיין?

— גאָט באַהיט, טאַטע, וואָס פאַלט דיר איין...

— אָבער, אַז מען איז אַ דאָקטער, מיינסטו, דאַרף מען שוין נישט גאָט בעטן, גאָט לויבן?...

— נישט דאָס, טאַטע...

— וואָס דען? זאָג! ביסט אפשר מיר, חס ושלום, נישט געזונט.

— ניין, טאַטע! נאָר גיין וויל איך נישט.

— איך בין אַ בעלן צו וויסן פאַרוואָס.

— נו, אדרבא, זעץ דיך, טאַטע, איך וועל דיר זאָגן פאַרוואָס.

דער אַלטער לייגט אַוועק דעם טלית און זעצט זיך.

— נו, זאָג, אדרבא, לאָמיך אויך פאַרשטיין אַ זאַך!

— גוט... שטעל דיר פאָר, טאַטע, אַז דו ביסט רייך, אַזוי רייך, אַז עטלעכע רובל מאַכן ביי דיר באָרנישט אויס...

דער פאָטער זיפצט אָפּ. כדי פון זון אַ דאָקטער צו מאַכן, האָט ער זיך איבערן קאָפּ פאַרזעצט. אַ הייזל האָט ער געהאַט — אויס הייזל, קאָמאָרנע זיצט ער, די מאַשינען אויך פאַרקויפט.

— נו, — מאַכט ער, און זיפצט שווער אָפּ.

— אַלזאָ, דו ביסט רייך, און קעגן איבער דיר וואוינט אַן אלמנה, אַ שוואַכע, אַ קראַנקע אלמנה, לאָז נאָך זיין מיט קינדער און מען דאַרף זי שטיצן.

— וואָלט איך אוודאי געשטיצט!

— נאָר, צי וואָלסטו געוואָרט, ביז די אלמנה זאָל דיך קומען בעטן, חלשן פאַר דיר, אויסגיסן בעכער טרערן?

— חס-ושלום? נאָך וואָס? אַז איך ווייס...

— און גאָט — וואָס איז ער, בעסער אָדער ערגער פאַר דיר?

— וואָס רעדסטו, אַ שאלה איז דאָס!

— נו, — טריאומפירט דער זון דער דאָקטער, — אַז גאָט איז בעסער, ווייס ער אַליין, וואָס אַן אָרעמער, שוואַכער און קרענקלעכער מענטש באַ-דאַרף, און וועט נישט וואַרטן, מען זאָל אים בעטן...

— אָבער...

— גאָט לויבן, מיינסטו?

— זאָל זיין...

— נו, טאַטע, ווי וואָלט דיר געפעלן, עס זאָל זיך דיר עמיץ אַנטקעגן שטעלן און לויבן אין די אויגן אַריין: אַ וואוילער שניידער, אַ גוטער שניי-דער, אַן ערלעכער שניידער, אָבער וואָס הייסט אַ שניידער! גאָר אַן אמת'ער שניידער! אַן איין-איינציקער שניידער!

— אַך, — מאַכט אומגעדולדיק דער אַלטער, — די גרינע גאַל גייט זיך אָן!

— און ווייסטו פאַרוואָס? ווייל דו ביסט קיין נאָר נישט, זאָלסט הנאה האָבן פון נאַרישן לויבן. און דו ביסט אַ מענטש, אַ שוואַכער מענטש, וואָס שעלטן קאָן דיר שאַטן, און לויבן העלפן...

— אָבער...

— קיין אָבער! טאַטע, קיין אָבער! גאָט איז קליגער פאַר אונדז, און ער, מיינסטו, דאַרף אונדזער לויב! ער דאַרף מען זאָל זיך דריי מאָל אין טאָג אַנידערשטעלן: אַ גוטער שניידער! אַ וואוילער שניידער —

— וואָס רעדסט דו...

— נו, זאָל זיין: אַ גוטער גאָט, אַ וואוילער גאָט, הימל און ערד באַ-שאַפן... צי ווייס ער נישט בעסער?

דער אַלטער פאַרטראַכט זיך אַ רגע און כאַפּט זיך אין מיטן אויף:

— אַלץ ריכטיק, — זאָגט ער, — אָבער *דאַוונען* מוז מען דאָך!

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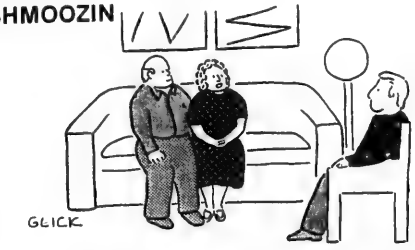

"The apartment that your grandfather and I had when we first got married was also "upscale" – we lived over a butcher shop."

Greater Toronto Area

Counterbalancing evil

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In an evil world, Senator Jerry Grafstein believes, you have an obligation to do something concrete to counterbalance evil.

That is what he set out to do in editing *Beyond Imagination: Canadians Write About the Holocaust* (McClelland & Stewart, 1995).

It all began, he told *The CJN* in an interview in his office, lined not just with legal tomes but also with volumes of Jewish scholarship, when he was watching *60 Minutes*.

"They had an interview of a leading Holocaust revisionist — I don't even want to mention his name; to mention it is to besmirch one's breath. They were trying to do a balanced program [on Holocaust denial]."

The show infuriated him. "Why, in this day and age, would the foremost public affairs show use its prestige and legitimacy to give credibility to revisionist ideas? Even if the program disagrees [with the revisionist], just having the program gives it legitimacy," he said.

After discussing the matter with McClelland & Stewart's Avie Bennett, Grafstein sent letters to 38 established Canadian writers of Jewish descent, asking them to write articles on how the Holocaust had impacted on their lives.

In an unusual approach, Grafstein chose not to approach those known to be involved with the community or Holocaust remembrance efforts.

"The only criterion was that they be good writers. I wanted people from different spheres, like political science and sports."

Sen. Jerry Grafstein

The response was "much better than I expected," he said. He received 34 positive responses, and over 25 pieces were actually submitted, which were culled to 21 for publication.

Participants included Peter Newman, poets Irving Layton and Leonard Cohen, political pundit David Lewis Stein, mystery writer Howard Engel, Miriam Waddington, Rick Salutin, historian Michael Marrus, Geraldine Sherman and James Laxer.

Exploration

For the writers, the experience "tapped a hidden well, a hidden vein in their psyche and their soul," Grafstein mused. "It was an exploration in spiritual geography."

Many of the writers, he noted, were almost surprised when they realized how much the Holocaust had affected their lives and their work.

But that is a reflection of the Jewish experience, he said. "The rabbis taught that when the tragic events of Jewish history are played out, you can't look at yourself as being uninvolved. Look at it as if you are a direct witness."

Proceeds from *Beyond Imagination* will go toward establishing a program of medieval Jewish studies at the University of Toronto. "If we make enough money, I hope to establish a chair."

The University of Toronto has "one of the finest institutions of medieval studies at St. Michael's College. I feel it is important to have a parallel series of academic studies, because Jews made a great contribution to medieval thought in every sphere — mathematics, ethics, geography — even while always being persecuted."

Recognizing that he could not depend on McClelland & Stewart to publicize the book and that the chances of sales generating enough revenue to finance the chair are slim, Grafstein is calling on his not inconsiderable experience with the entertainment world to galvanize sales. Plans include television commercials and a half-hour television show.

The book will be officially launched at the University of Toronto bookstore on Nov. 13 and there will be a reception in the Senate in Ottawa, to which he has invited "every Member of Parliament and the Press Gallery."

Sen. Grafstein will appear at Toronto's Jewish Book Fair (in the Leah Posluns Theatre) on Nov. 12 at 8 p.m.

Bloor JCC holds official rededication

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Two years after hovering on the brink of extinction, the Bloor Jewish Community Centre (BJCC) hosted members, staff and visiting dignitaries for the official rededication of the downtown community facility.

"The Bloor JCC is here to stay," said centre president Karen Chisvin.

The rededication is a testament to all those who have come together to save the BJCC, said Metro councillor Olivia Chow.

"That kind of spirit and work is important now at a time when there are attacks on the kinds of things that bring us together," she said.

Her sentiments were echoed by Toronto councillor John Adams, who represents the ward immediately north of the centre. The rededication is "a celebration of what people can do when they pull together in times of adversity," said Adams, who has two children enrolled in BJCC programs.

Ontario Minister of Community, Culture and Recreation Marilyn Mushinsky said the success and independence of the BJCC shows what a grassroots campaign can do.

The future of the BJCC has been in question for several years, going back to the time when it was a branch of the Jewish Community Centre (JCC). The JCC racked up enormous debts and for years there was speculation that the Bloor branch would be sold to help pay part of those debts.

When the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto entered the picture to bail out and restructure the JCC, the Bloor branch became an independent, member-operated entity and the threat of sale ended. On its own, the BJCC is a profit-making enterprise, earning $150,000 on its operations last year, said facility director Bill Emery.

The BJCC has also embarked on an ambitious fundraising campaign, with a goal of $5 million. Three million is earmarked to repay part of the JCC's $15-million debt, while the rest will go toward renovating and upgrading the facility and ensuring its financial stability. BJCC fundraisers have already raised $1 million, Emery said.

Also addressing the rededication ceremony were Toronto councillor Dan Leckie, Chezi Zionce, spiritual leader of the downtown Narayever Congregation and Barry Alper and Michael Chesney of Mur-Ad Communications. They unveiled a model of a 35- by 25-foot mural that will go up in stages over the winter and adorn the north side of the building to advertise its programs and facilities.

Entertainment was provided by the cast of *Chutzpah-a-go-go*, who performed four songs from the show.

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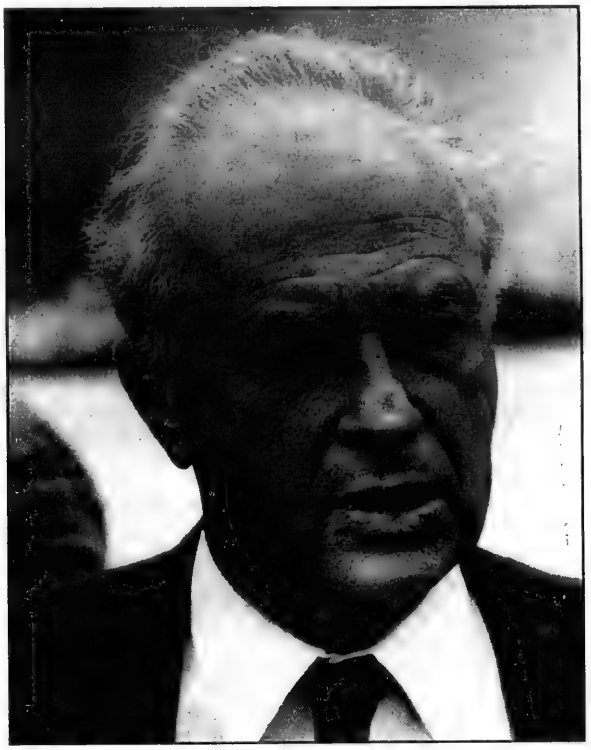
"Enough of blood and tears. Enough!"

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, September 13, 1993



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We are united in grief with all Israel.
We will continue to hope and pray that the spirit of peace
descends on Israel and her neighbours.

May his family, the people of Israel, and Jews everywhere
find comfort in the legacy of his life and his works.

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Moshav Noam co-op holds official opening

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Six years ago the social action committee of Congregation Darchei Noam took some concrete steps to deal with homelessness and the need for affordable housing: it sponsored a housing co-op.

The project came to fruition in May when the first residents moved to Moshav Noam, a six-storey building with 133 units at Lawrence and Bathurst. The co-op, now fully occupied, held its official opening late last month.

"It's amazing to wake up and see your dream come true," said co-op president and Darchei Noam member Valerie Hyman, the driving force behind the project.

This was a "Jewish response to a community problem," but the social action committee also wanted the project to be non-sexist, democratic and egalitarian, reflecting the values of Darchei Noam, a Reconstructionist synagogue, Hyman said.

Some 200 people were on hand for the ribbon cutting ceremony. Dignitaries included former Ontario premier Bob Rae, MPP Joe Cordiano (Lib. — Lawrence), Metro Councillor Howard Moscoe and Olivia de Miglio, a representative from MP Joe Volpe's office.

While the mood was generally festive, there was also sadness because celebrations like the one for Moshav Noam may be a thing of the past now that the Conservative government has axed 390 affordable housing projects across Ontario.

The co-ops were an important aspect of the former NDP government's overall approach to affordable housing, Rae told the audience. Moshav Noam was built and developed under his government, he said. "I'm here because I didn't want to miss one of my successes."

The members of the co-op have a commitment that they are a community of people from all walks of life, Cordiano said.

"This is a bittersweet historic occasion," Moscoe said. "It's the birth of a new community. But it may be the last co-op built in North York."

Moscoe was instrumental in establishing Lawrence Gardens, North York's first co-op, 12 years ago, and he helped guide the founders of Moshav Noam through the "many bureaucratic hoops," Hyman said.

The original developer, dissatisfied with the amount of money the government was offering, pulled out of the project a year and half ago, she said. "We almost didn't make it. We were just lucky."

She thanked co-op consultant Dan Fast and the Ministry of Housing and Municipal Affairs program coordinator Linda Mann for their help.

Moshav Noam, built at a cost of $13.8 million, houses some 200 residents of diverse ages. Six units are modified for people with special needs. Twenty-seven per cent of the units rent for market value, with rents starting at $675 for a one-bedroom. The rest of the units are subsidized. Approximately 70 per cent of residents are Jewish.

Residents must participate in the life of the building by getting involved in such committees as membership relations, social and gardening. Many of the residents expressed pride in their new home and the friendly atmosphere.

Moshav Noam residents (from left) Maxim Kapbun, Robin Chenevert, Ada Eisen and Solomon Mohammud, cut the ribbon at the official opening of the co-op. [Barbara Silverstein photo]

"It's wonderful," said resident and membership selection committee chair Sydney Solomon. "This place has people who will say good morning and good afternoon every time they see you."

"A year and a half ago I didn't even know what a co-op was," said Gail Puder. "Now I'm running for the executive."

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Sunday, Nov. 12

HOLOCAUST WEEK

Congregations Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am and Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda: Faith During the Holocaust: A Personal Testimony, **Rabbi David Weiss-Halivni**, Columbia University, 8 p.m., Beth David, 633-5500 or 633-3838.

Generation to Generation and Columbus Centre: documentary film *The Righteous Enemy* about Italian soldiers and diplomats protecting Jews in their occupied territories; discussion follows film; 7 p.m., Columbus Centre, 901 Lawrence Ave. W. 789-7011 or 635-2883, ext. 153.

Bloor JCC Performing Arts: *Soldat Hans Stumpf*, written by **Marion Andre**, directed by Miriam Laurence, 8 p.m.

Temple Sinai: My Holocaust Story, **Cantor Thomas Schwartz**; services 9:30 a.m., breakfast following, program 10 a.m.

YIDDISH FOLKSONG

At Holy Blossom Temple Brotherhood's breakfast meeting, folksinger/lecturer **Naomi Bell** presents A Yiddish Folksong: Portrait of a People; services 9 a.m., breakfast 9:30, program 10 a.m.

REMEMBRANCE PARADE

Jewish War Veterans of Canada Remembrance Parade and Service, 9:30 a.m., Earl Bales Community Centre to Beth Radom Synagogue, 18 Reiner Rd., for service at 10:20 a.m. 663-8387 or parade marshall **Ernie Stein** 423-2794.

TZEDAKAH PRIORITIES

Tzedakah Priorities: Making Cents From Your Tzedakah Dollars, seminar for men and women by **Rabbi Yacov Felder**, 8 p.m., Shomrai Shaboth Congregation, 585 Glengrove Ave. W.

BOOK REVIEW

Marking Jewish Book Month, Beth Torah Sisterhood presents **Heather Kassel** reviewing *The Stone Diaries* by **Carol Shields**, 9:30 a.m.

THE MISSIONARY MIND

Entertainment and Cultural Connection and Shaarei Shomayim Brotherhood present **Rabbi Michael Skobac** speaking on Inside the Missionary Mind: Can One Billion Christians Be Wrong?, 8 p.m., synagogue.

SINGLES BRUNCH

Adath Israel Synagogue Singles Group, 35-55, brunch, 11:30 a.m. with pharmacist **David Garshowitz** discussing Super Drugs. $8 prepaid, 635-5340, until Nov. 10; $10 at door.

INTERTALK

Intertalk, Secular Jewish Association's support group for intermarried couples, lunch and discussion. Reserve, SJA, 364-7002.

Monday, Nov. 13

HOLOCAUST WEEK

Private Mourning in Public: Architecture, Memory and the Holocaust, **Daniel Libeskind**, architect of Jewish Museum in Berlin, 7:30 p.m., Design Exchange, 234 Bay St. 216-2160.

HISTORY & POSTCARDS

Jewish History Thru Postcards by **Harvey Frankel** at Canadian Association for Israeli Philately meeting, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. **Stanley Davis** 223-6373.

TALMUD

Malke Bina, director of Matan, Jerusalem, lectures on Talmud:

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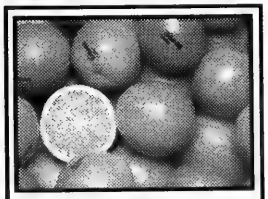

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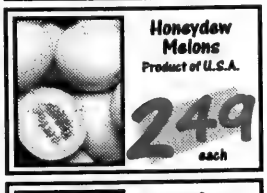

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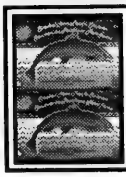

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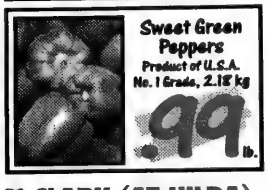

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What's New

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The Source of Dynamic Jewish Living, 8 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

INFORMATION MEETING
Jewish Women International Tikvah chapter, single and married women, 20s and 30s, new member information meeting, 7:30 p.m. **Michelle** 905-738-5525 or **Debbie** 398-2899.

Tuesday, Nov. 14

THE ORDINANCE
Medina Theatre Ensemble reading directed by **Minabelle Haneford** and prize-winning story *The Ordinance* by **Marc Stone**, directed by **Fran Elliot**. Discussion with authors. 8 p.m., North York City Hall. 5100 Yonge St.

DOMESTIC ABUSE
Orah chapter Jewish Women International meeting: Domestic Abuse. New members encouraged. 7:30 p.m. **Barbara**, 784-0400.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL
Kashruth Council of Toronto Kosher Cooking School presents Pasta Pasta Meat, 8 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. 635-9550.

MORNING BROCHOT
Rabbi Avraham Plotkin's series continues with the Morning Brochot, 8 p.m., Chabad Lubavitch of Markham. 905-886-0420.

CURRENT AFFAIRS
National Council of Jewish Women presents Current Affairs with **Erika Biro**, 8:30 p.m., Council House. **Gloria** 633-5100.

RABBI STERN SERIES
Rabbi Moshe Stern is presently in Israel and will not be here for the Nov.14 lecture. Series continues Nov. 21.

Wednesday, Nov. 15

HOLOCAUST WEEK
Jewish Genealogical Society: Finding the Six Million: Using Holocaust Records to Identify Victims and Survivors, **Peter Lande**, Washington Holocaust Museum, 8 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.

United Jewish Peoples Order: *When My Memory Became a Painting*, video produced by **Patricia Ben Ezra** about her mother **Cuta Tyrangiel Ben Ezra**, child survivor and author. 7:30 p.m., 585 Cranbrooke Ave. 789-5502.

ISRAEL TODAY
At Beth Tzedec Congregation, the Rabbi Stuart and Hadassa Rosenberg Endowed Annual Memorial Lecture Series features Israeli novelist **Amos Oz** speaking on The Various Confrontations in Israel Today, 7:45 p.m.

LONDON NEWS
Lecturer/educator **Chaya Perman** lecture, Let Us Make Mentshen, Jewish views on responsibility towards oneself, one's family and community, 7 p.m., London Jewish Community Centre. Dinner and lecture co-sponsored by all London's Jewish wowmen's groups and the JCC.

ERETZ YISRAEL
Rabbi Yitzchok Kerzner speaks on The Holiness of Eretz Yisrael Now and in the Future, 8 p.m. Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre. 731-7000.

Thursday, Nov. 16

HOLOCAUST WEEK
Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto Synagogue: Emmy-award winning film documentary *The Last Seven Months of Anne Frank* and film participant/author **Anita Mayer**, 7:30 p.m.

ISRAEL & PEACE
Canadian Friends of Peace Now features **Mark Rosenblum**, Americans for Peace Now, discussing Israel and Peace, What Now?, 8 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple. 905-764-3997.

ART AND SOUL
Art and Soul art auction at Baycrest Centre exhibits selected pieces in a variety of media by well-known artists, plus light dinner, raffle. Preview and silent auction 7 p.m., art auction 8 p.m. Tickets/information 789-7071.

And What Else Is New...

CONFERENCE, LECTURE
All-day conference on the Many faces of Jewish Women with keynote speakers **Rabbi Michel Twerski** and **Rebbitzen Feige Twerski**, followed by workshops led by Orthodox facilitators, Sunday, Nov. 19, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Baycrest Terrace, 55 Ameer Ave. Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 799.

Sunday, Nov. 19, **Rabbi Michel Twerski** also lectures on Enhancing Family Relations, 8 p.m. Agudath Israel, 129 McGillivray Ave. Men and women welcome. For information, JF&CS.

CARAVAN OF ART
Beth Tikvah Sisterhood's Caravan of Art, Saturday, Nov. 11, 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., features works by international artists, art advisors, musical performances, auction (Saturday 9:30 p.m.). Part of proceeds go to Yee Hong Centre for Geriatric Care and Senior Care; $18 Saturday, $2 Sunday. **Shirley Coleman** 512-9798.

DUET OF COURSES
Beth Tzedec Congregation offers a duet of courses — Being a Jew: Believing, Belonging and Behaving, Mondays, 7:30 p.m., followed by The First Step/Basic Hebrew Literacy at 9 p.m. For more Hebraically advanced students, New Voices: Reading Torah at 9 p.m. 781-3511, ext. 27.

THE HIDDEN CHILDREN
Thornhill-Maven Lodge, B'nai Brith, presents **Dr. Andre Stein** speaking on The Hidden Children of the Holocaust, Saturday, Nov. 18, 8 p.m., Dufferin-Clark Community Centre, Meeting Room 1.

BEYOND HAVDALAH
Kavannah; A Network for Jewish Renewal and Bloor JCC co-sponsor Beyond Havdalah, study, fun, reflection with **Arthur Kurzweil**, Saturday, Dec. 2, 7:30-10:30 p.m. Tickets for groups of eight $80 before Nov. 20. Part of proceeds go to Bloor JCC's L'Chaim Campaign **Shelley Duke** 961-8123 or Bloor JCC 924-6211.

WOMEN'S LEARNING
Canadian Friends of Matan sponsors The Halachic Process: An Introduction to Methodology in Torah Sheb'al Peh (Oral Law), for women of all backgrounds, led by Matan director **Malke Bina** and Rabbi Heshy Billet, rabbinical advisor, Monday, Nov. 13 and Tuesday, Nov. 14, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 1:15-3:30 p.m., Or Chaim Kollel, 159 Almore Ave. Information/registration/ babysitting 633-5406.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
Women's Institute of Torah Study lectures, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 905-889-6066.

Monday, Nov. 13, 8-9 p.m., Rivka: A Life-mate and Soul-mate, **Chana Weisberg**, dean.

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 10:30-11:30 a.m., Understanding Reward and Punishment in Spiritual Terms, **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**.

AISH HATORAH
Why the Jews?, Monday, Nov. 13, 7:30 p.m., Aish Hatorah Thornhill, 949 Clark Ave. W. 905-764-1818.

The Prism Paradigm: Probing Spirituality 2 — The Soul, Tuesday, Nov. 14, 8 p.m. The Village Shul, 884-764-1818.

GRAND NIGHT OF SONG
The Grand Night of Song with cantorial tenors, **David Bagley, Paul Kowarsky** and **Alberto Mizrahi**, Sunday, Nov. 19, 8 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation. General admission $25, seniors and students $18, benefactors $1,000, patrons $500, sponsors $250, donors $100. **Cantor Kowarsky** 781-3511, ext. 23 or **Barbara Kelman** 789-9929.

JEWISH CAMPUS SERVICES
Citiwide Study with a Buddy Program: Learn anything that interests you from Hebrew to Talmud, Tuesdays, 7:30-9 p.m., Albert J. Latner Jewish Public Library, 4th floor, Lipa Green Building. To arrange study partner, **Rabbi Michael Skobac** 512-0814.

Jewish Meditation and Spirituality Circle with Rabbi Skobac: University of Toronto, Tuesdays, 5 p.m., UC, Room 69; York Student Centre, Room 313, Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.

Everything You Always Wanted to Know About Judaism But Had No One to Ask: U of T, Mondays, 5 p.m., Sidney Smith Hall, Room 2112; York Student Centre, Room 313, Wednesdays, 12:30 p.m.

NISHMA COURSE
Nishma course: Issues, a study of diverse halachic topics focusing on the development of the Halachah, for women only, Mondays, 10 a.m., Toronto Mishna Centre, 358A Wilson Ave., 630-0588.

CANADIAN YOUNG JUDAEA
Next program for ages 14-17 is Saturday, Nov. 11. Next junior program for ages 7-12, Milestones in Jewish History, Sunday, Nov. 19. 781-5156.

JF&CS GROUPS
Jewish Family & Child Service groups: Impact of Separation and Divorce on Children (Wednesday, Nov. 22), **Elinor Gertner**, 905-882-2331.

For Women Only; Living With teens (begins Nov. 12); Adult Children Losing Parents (begins Nov. 16). **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800, ext. 215

HEBREW COURSES
Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., winter courses for adults, teenagers and pre-teens, in conversational Hebrew, all levels, Monday mornings, Jan. 22-April 22, and Tuesday evenings Jan. 23-April 23. Instructor for beginners **Joseph Klinger**. 787-0197.

at the JCC/BJC

For Holocaust Education Week: Bloor JCC's Books and Bagels features award-winning filmmaker **Jack Kuper** reading from his new book *After the Smoke Cleared*, Sunday, Nov 19, 11 a.m., Bloor JCC. 924-6211.

Bloor JCC Good Age Club presents Nutrition: Healthy Eating for Seniors by public health nurses, Thursday, Nov. 16, 2-4 p.m.

For Seniors

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club kosher trips to Arizona, Ottawa, Western Canada, Catskills and Miami. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Nov. 16 is a comedy TV video *Weekend with Dodo Topaz*. 661-4689.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Saturday dance Nov. 11; Sunday dances Nov. 12, 19; annual bazaar, Sunday, Nov. 12, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; Atlantic City casino trip, Nov. 13-16. 395-7881.

LZA Seniors Club: Chanukah party, Saturday, Dec. 16, Borochov Cultural Centre; Miami registration, Wednesdays 10 a.m.; Discussion Group, Tuesdays 10 a.m.; Ladies Line Dancing, Thursdays, 1:30 p.m.; luncheon meeting, Wednesday, Nov. 15.

Young at Heart Seniors bazaar, Sunday, Nov. 12, 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Magen David Congregation, 10 McAllister Rd. Florida trips, one, two or three months. **Helen** 635-6343.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE
Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

For Holocaust Education Week, **Rabbi Erwin Schild** speaks on Canada's Accidental Immigrant: Enemies with Beards and Peyos, Thursday, Nov. 16, 1:30 p.m.

Movie, *Greedy*, Sunday, Nov. 12, 2:30 p.m.

Dance to music of the Creative Band, Sunday, Nov. 12, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club for Hebrew speaking adults, meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. **Anna**.

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Sarajevo's darkest days are behind it: mayor

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — There were times during the 3½-year siege of Sarajevo that Tarik Kupusovic believed the city was going to fall.

Electric power had been cut off, there was no drinking water, heating fuel was in short supply and shells were raining down on the Bosnian capital at the rate of 100 to 200 per day.

An estimated four million shells pummelled Sarajevo in all, killing 11,000 Bosnians and wounding another 60,000.

Despite that heavy toll, the city did not fall and now, with the possibility of peace approaching, the darkest days appear to be behind it.

"We learned that people are stronger than we realized," Kupusovic said.

As mayor of the beleagured Bosnian capital, Kupusovic had a bird's eye view of the agony experienced by Sarajevo's half-million citizens.

People were terrorized by the shelling. Children were forced to attend makeshift schools in nearby apartment basements because a 10-minute walk outdoors was too dangerous, he said.

The city's streets were stripped bare of trees to provide firewood for cooking and heat.

And there was the morale factor, as thousands left the city rather than put up with the danger and uncertainty of life.

(Most of the city's pre-war Jewish population of 1,600 was evacuated by the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC). The city's Jewish community centre has served as a clearing-house for medical supplies and clothing provided by Diaspora communities, including Toronto's, via the JDC, for the benefit of all Sarajevans regardless of ethnic background.)

Speaking in halting English to about 150 people at the Holy Blossom Temple, Kupusovic said two synagogues in and around Sarajevo had sustained heavy damage from shelling, while the city's medieval Jewish cemetery is on the front lines of fighting.

Potable water

Kupusovic said Serbian attackers have tried to strangle the city and make life difficult, in the hopes of eventually dividing it.

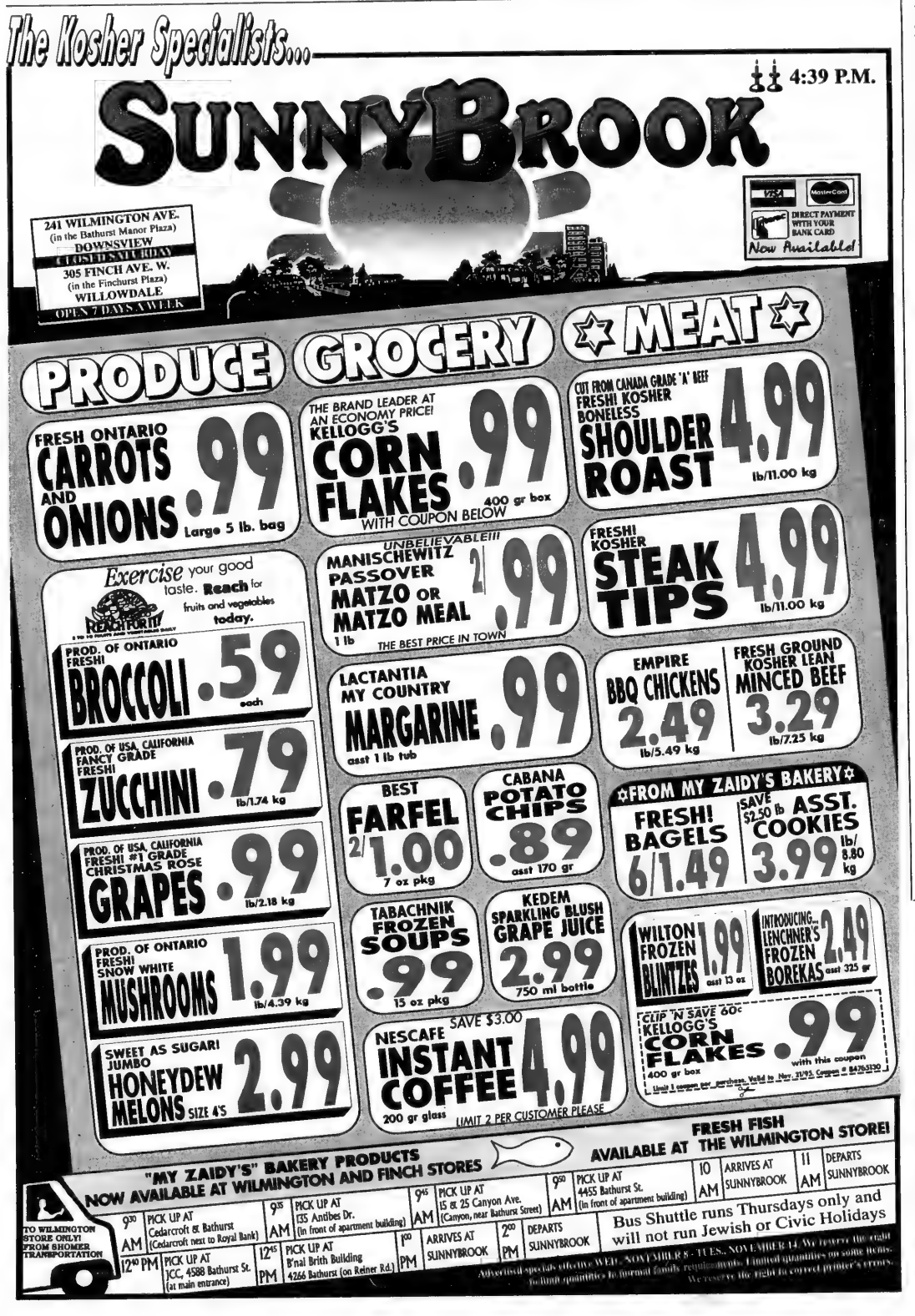
But in the wake of recent NATO air strikes against Serb positions, Sarajevo's condition has improved, Kupusovic said. Natural gas is getting in and potable water is available for one or two hours a day.

"Sarajevo has to be saved as the centre of Bosnia-Herzegovina, where people can live together in freedom, in a united, not a divided city. It's impossible to make ethnic lines in the city," he said.

Returning private property that had been seized under the communist regime to its rightful owners and rebuilding the city's infrastructure would be undertaken after peace is reached, he said.

In the more immediate future, Kupusovic issued a plea for humanitarian aid, including food and clothing, as well as support for peace.

Kupusovic's address was sponsored by the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism (CCRJ) and the Bosnian-Canadian Relief Association.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Israeli, Palestinian artists collaborate on exhibit

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to the CJN

TORONTO — Some 250 people, including many Israelis and Palestinians, attended the opening reception for Building Bridges, a touring exhibition of the work of six Israeli and six Palestinian artists that opened here recently.

"I can't think of a better use for our community centre than this evening, when we can build bridges and bring people together," said Flavio Belli, director of the Joseph D. Carrier Art Gallery in the Columbus Centre, North York, where the show remains on view until Nov. 26.

A major sponsor of the show is the Consulate General of Israel in Toronto. In his brief remarks, Consul General Jehudi Kinar quoted an expression of Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav: " 'The whole world is a very narrow bridge and the most important thing is not to be afraid,' " he said. "We shouldn't be afraid of the friendship that has arisen in the last few years between the Israelis and the Palestinian people."

Other sponsors of the exhibit are the Zukerman Charitable Foundation, the Canadian Friends of Peace Now, Meridian International Centre and the Columbus Centre, the Italian community's elegant, art-filled building which has staged many other multicultural events.

The opening attracted political dignitaries including Ontario Attorney General Charles Harnick, and Joseph Volpe, MP for Eglinton-Lawrence.

Noting that the artists had been working together for more than 10 years, Helen Zukerman of the Zukerman Foundation said, "I suspect that political change occurs first in the kitchens and studios of people like us."

Diverse visions

Thanks to Air Canada, two of the six artists represented in the show, Tamar Getter and Taleb Duweik, an Israeli and Palestinian respectively, were present at the opening.

The show's roughly 40 pieces present a diversity of visions and styles with no apparent overriding unity. Sulieman Mansour's large canvases, with their rough surfaces, imbedded objects and designs and desert colors, are perhaps the most evocative of the Middle Eastern landscape, and his large mixed media sculpted scrolls seem appealingly tactile.

None of the works seem overtly political and there is very little anger in evidence. The closest thing to a political statement is made by Arnon Ben-David's Madrid Paintings, a cycle of highly-stylized canvases showing a group of people at a conference table. Ben-David explores shapes and colors as though trying to extract some deep mystical meaning in the temporary postures of the negotiators.

Jawad Mahmud used a UNRWA food relief sack as a canvas for an abstract painting.

Moshe Gershuni has woven spiritual and religious themes into two abstract canvases. One bears the biblical quotation, "A voice was heard in Rama of mourning and bitter weeping," while the other says, "The Lord will give strength to His people and will bless His people with peace."

Artists Tamar Getter (right) and Taleb Duwek flank Israeli consul general Jehudi Kinar at the recent opening of Building Bridges.

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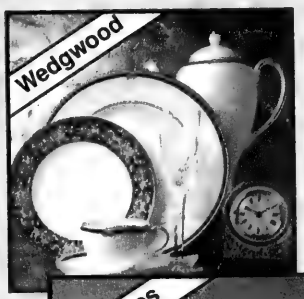

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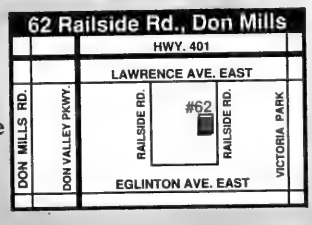

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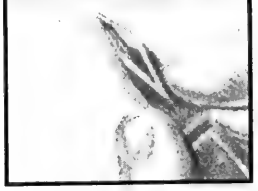
A fight for Quebec's political soul

From the editor's desk



Tuesday morning in Montreal the night seemed to bleed into dawn with minimal separations of light, and the sky overhead, grey and gloomy, expressed the mood of the community. Denied even a momentary, sweet savoring of victory the night before by the shocking, mean-spirited remarks of Premier Jacques Parizeau, No voters were further wearied by the twice-prodded threats of yet another referendum, very soon.

The swift calls by both Lucien Bouchard and Parizeau for another referendum put paid to the notion that the separatists are truly loyal to democratic principles. Unwilling to abide the negative result, Parizeau immediately attempted to delegitimize it. Hence he divided the voters of Quebec into "us" and "them," into old-stock and ethnic and yearned for "revenge". He still has not apologized for these dangerous divisions. Nor has Bouchard expressed any regret that they were made.

The French language media did criticize Parizeau; but they were slow off the mark. Very few condemned the man or his remarks at their first opportunity, namely, the day after he made them. It seemed to me more than a coincidence that the bulk of French-language criticisms appeared after American media giants had shone an embarrassing spotlight onto Quebec's troubling nationalism.

CNN cameras appeared on the scene. *The New York Times* carried an editorial on the subject last Wednesday. And on the day after the referendum, Jack Silverstone, national executive director of the Canadian Jewish Congress, was interviewed for *The CBS Evening News* with Dan Rather.

But there was other evidence of the separatists' questionable loyalty to democratic principles. Stories were legion of how No voters were "bothered" and even, in some cases, intimidated by Yes-side scrutineers. Some of the examples reported to me would be laughable were they not so enraging.

In at least one of the predominantly No voter polls, wearing the color red was deemed by the Yes-appointed polling officer to be illegal propagandeering. Thus, Remembrance Day poppies were ordered removed. In one instance, an elderly woman had to return to her home to change the red sweater she was wearing.

The number of rejected ballots reached almost 90,000, exceeding by 40,000 the entire margin of the No victory. And yet the separatists did not ask for an official re-examination of the rejected ballots. The obvious reason for their disinterest in these ballots was that the vast majority of them indicated or attempted to indicate a No vote. In one of the predominantly No ridings, 12 per cent of the ballots cast were rejected. One can only speculate that a re-examined margin of victory, though still small, may have been doubled.

Finally, we saw and heard Bouchard flatly refuse to "sit at the table" with federalists to negotiate a new relationship with Quebec until his forces win the next referendum. We also read Parizeau's interview, in which he disclosed that there was no way he would have arrived at an agreement with federalists regarding sovereignty and association.

Fast and furious, new events unfolded last week almost every day: the referendum voting, the referendum result, the premier's disgusting concession speech, his resignation, his refusal to apologize, Bouchard's refusal to even consider constitutional reform and speculation about his succession to the premiership. Throughout the week, it became increasingly clear that to the separatists, democratic principles were mere inconveniences to be tolerated, not pillars on which to build.

It is not a wonder, therefore, that the people I met were simply exhausted, tired physically and stretched emotionally very thin. However, the vast majority of No voters – whether in the shops at 6900 rue Decarie, in restaurants, at the offices of the FEDERATION CJA, at the Canadian Jewish Congress, or in crazily-speeding taxis – spoke with steel-jawed determination about fighting back. But they want and need help from the rest of Canada.

The fight for Quebec's political soul is also a fight for the integrity of Canada's body politic. Thus, it is as much our fight as it is that of our fellow federalists in Quebec.

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Referendum vote scares ex-Montrealers

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Fear. Anger. Concern for their loved ones still in Quebec.

Those are the emotions most often mentioned by six Jewish former Montrealers who watched last week's referendum in tense anticipation.

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In interviews with *The CJN*, the Quebec six repeatedly said they and family members who remained in *la belle province* feared the consequences of a sovereigntist victory. Adding fuel to their concerns were Premier Jacques Parizeau's inflammatory post-referendum remarks, when he blamed the loss on "money and the ethnic vote."

"I watched the referendum on eggshells," said attorney Larry Butkowsky, formerly of the Montreal suburb of St. Laurent. "I still have a lot of family and friends there and as a Canadian, I was quite nervous and anxious about a potential Yes vote."

Butkowksy said his sister and parents "were incredibly nervous to the point of panicky about a separatist win."

They were concerned about the economic consequences of a Yes vote and about the future of anglos in the new Quebec, he said.

Pointing to language and sign laws advanced in the past by provincial separatists, Butkowsky said "anglo-Quebecers don't have the same rights as anglo-Canadians as a whole. If one's rights and freedoms are being limited within Confederation now, one can only hazard a guess what would happen under a sovereign Quebec."

Butkowsky, who moved to Toronto in 1987, said Parizeau's speech appalled and disgusted him. "But in a bizarre sense, I'm not upset that it came out. As ex-Quebecers, we know the nationalist, pro-sovereignty side is racist to an extent. Usually, comments are made behind the scenes but for him to speak up allows us to acknowledge what we're dealing with in Quebec."

Lawyer Bill Herman, who grew up in Snowdon and St. Laurent, said his mother, aunt and cousins, who remain in Montreal, "were scared. Everyone's scared," particularly about the disastrous economic consequences that many

Lana Bell

expected would have followed a separatist win.

He was relieved when the No side won, "but it was too close for comfort.

"I was particularly taken aback by Parizeau's speech," he said. "It seems to be a statement that Quebecers are a group of people not defined by provincial residence but by their ethnic background, that the votes of [francophone] Quebecers are more important. That's a very dangerous attitude, an attitude that's indicative of some part of the nationalist movement."

Lana Bell, who left Notre-Dame de Grace (NDG) for Toronto about 20 years ago, felt "scared" as she watched the voting.

"I think the separatists are ignorant and selfish. I think we've done a lot to accommodate Quebec. They have a distinct society and I think they have a special status. I think they can have a distinct society without separating."

Bell said her mother feared a separatist victory and both parents felt they would have been hurt financially should Yes have won.

Bell said she believed the nationalist element in Quebec would continue to push for sovereignty until they win.

Linda Schwartz, an office manager originally from Chomedey, left Quebec to be with her children. "Our name is Schwartz, not Seguin. When [former premier] Rene Levesque said if you don't like Bill 101, take the 401, we took it."

Schwartz was "very nervous" watching the referendum. "You don't know what's going to erupt. There are a lot of fanatics ... I listened to what Parizeau said ... I know there are radicals and fanatics. There's a lot to be worried about."

Her sister and friends who remain in Quebec were "very concerned. It's a very scary situation."

Despite the No vote, "Parizeau and [Bloc Quebecois leader] Lucien Bouchard said they aren't going to let it go. Quebec wants independence. They'll cut off their noses to spite their faces. They'll realize that only after it's over," she said.

Lorne Ordel, a businessman who's originally from Cote St. Luc, and his wife Raisy, originally from Snowdon, watched the referendum as well. They have lots of friends and relatives still in Montreal and "they felt they were going to lose their country. Even though they are English-speaking Quebecers, they consider themselves true Quebecers," Ordel said.

But "they were made to feel as if they weren't true Quebecers and that made them sick.

"Now, they have Canada to back them up. If not, they'll become non-entities without being considered true Quebecers. They'd be considered second class inhabitants of Quebec even though they've been there as long as anybody else," he said.

Parizeau's speech shocked him. "I felt that as a leader, he should be concerned about all the people and he seemed to be concerned only about francophone people."

Ordel said it was unfair that Quebec is dominating the national attention. "It's like having three kids

Lorne Ordel

and always paying attention to one."

Quebec leaders should focus on bread and butter issues instead. "Let them enjoy their culture. We're not depriving them of it," he said.

Joel Lehrer, a financial manager originally from Cote St. Luc, was concerned about the "tremendous impact on the economy and interest rates had it gone the other way."

It would also be cruel to divide the country. Anglos in Quebec "might perceive of themselves as second-class citizens in an independent Quebec and Parizeau's remarks makes that even more so," he said.

'Disgusting and appalling'

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — Quebec Premier Jacques Parizeau's remarks blaming the Yes loss on "money and the ethnic vote" was denounced by Canadian Jewish Congress leaders here.

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Renee Switzer Bellas, chair of the Congress national executive, told *The CJN* in a phone interview from Vancouver, "I can hardly contain myself to be polite. What we saw on TV is the real Parizeau. What he said was disgusting and appalling."

She said Parizeau "obviously" doesn't understand the nature of the people of Quebec and the rest of Canada, and has no realization of the real situation — that Canada is a multicultural nation.

Dr. Michael Eiterman, CJC Pacific region chair, said Parizeau should have tried to heal the wounds of the campaign and not make things worse. "At a time like this, most politicians should be statesmanlike and should calm the potential for hatred and violence."

Allan Dutton, a Vancouver spokesperson for a number of anti-racist groups, denounced Parizeau's remarks in a radio interview.

At the legislature in Victoria, where the fleur-de-lis flew all referendum day, Premier Mike Harcourt said the No vote, slim as it was, provided a sense of relief.

The premier praised British Columbians "for reaching out to our brothers and sisters in Quebec," especially at the massive national rally in Montreal. He said he had received numerous letters and calls from B.C. residents voicing their affection for Quebec.

From coast to coast

Jewish groups slam Parizeau for remarks

By JANICE ARNOLD
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Premier Jacques Parizeau's announcement of his resignation does not mean Jewish community officials have forgiven

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or forgotten his blaming "money and the ethnic vote" and his emphasis on that fact that 60 per cent of "us" voted Yes in his referendum concession speech.

Both Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) and B'nai Brith (BB) denounced his comments in the strongest terms. Both appealed to other sovereignty leaders to dissociate themselves from Parizeau's statements, and expressed the belief that the premier's views are not representative of most Quebecers.

BB sent a letter to Bloc Quebecois leader Lucien Bouchard asking that he "quickly move to reassure the ethnic population of Quebec that you and the vast majority of your supporters have zero tolerance for such loathsome statements.'

At a press conference, BB officials denounced Parizeau's comments as "racist" and "scary."

CJC president Goldie Hershon said the organization is "appalled."

"Such distinctions between various segments of the Quebec population ... are reprehensible. We hope Quebecers, and especially leaders of the sovereigntist movement, will react forcefully to unequivocally denounce Premier Parizeau's remarks."

CJC all but called for Parizeau's resignation, saying "his ability and, indeed, his right to govern, may be legitimately questioned."

"His comments were disgusting, leaving all minorities with a sense of insecurity, if not fear," said BB vice-president Stephen Scheinberg, a Concordia University history professor.

After the concern expressed by minorities before the referendum about scapegoating in the event of a narrow No, Scheinberg said he "never dreamed it would be the premier himself" who would lead the finger-pointing and "call for vengeance."

Scheinberg added that "only a few stupid hooligans were inspired by Parizeau" and believes the vast majority of Quebecers do not share the premier's "xenophobia."

At the same time, BB commended Bouchard, as well as Quebec Intergovernmental Affairs Minister Louise Beaudoin, for the reconciliation they spoke of after the referendum results were in.

Both CJC and BB spoke of the need for bridging the divisions between Quebecers that have come to the surface after this very close referendum.

CJC called on the population to show "political and social maturity" by uniting in the common cause of prosperity and harmony.

"It is more important than ever that Quebecers work together in pursuit of reconciliation through a dialogue committed to ensuring the place of Quebec within Canada," said CJC Quebec region chair Reisa Teitelbaum.

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MONTREAL — The mood in the community here after the referendum was generally one of relief and a sense that no one is packing their bags — at least for now.

While former Equality Party leader and MNA Robert Libman, now a radio talk show host, deplored Parizeau's "ethnic vote" comment as inflammatory and "bordering on racism," he feels the mood among Jews has lifted considerably with the No vote.

"But there is a sense we are just buying time," he added, as the country enters a period of uncertainty with Parizeau's resignation.

How the political situation evolves over the next few months may well influence some Jews' decision to stay in Quebec, he believes.

Rabbi Lionel Moses, a Toronto native who moved to Montreal in the summer, after 25 years in the United States with his wife and three young sons, said he is now looking to buy a house because he is optimistic national unity has been given a second chance.

"I'm naive enough to be hopeful this is an opportunity to bridge the gap between francophones and anglophones, and that the goodwill shown to Quebec will lead to a recognition of its distinctiveness ... I think Canadians gained a sense of how perilous the situation is." — J.A.

Young Quebecers ponder their future in province

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — The vote — to the temporary relief of the massively federalist Jewish community — was a No, even if a razor-thin one.

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But will this slimmest-of-margins victory serve to reassure Quebec's young — mobile Jewish adults — that their future can still lie in Quebec?

Or will the forbidding prospect of yet another referendum down the road and the continuing, divisive constitutional gridlock send many of them packing anyway?

Leaders from Jewish young adult groups sought to put a positive spin on last week's events by affirming the commitment of the younger Jewish generation to carry on.

But they did not deny the potential lasting damage done by Premier Jacques Parizeau when he talked bitterly of the referendum being lost to "money and the ethnic vote."

Such a statement, *The CJN* was told, may have confirmed some Jewish young people's worst suspicions: that in the final analysis, they are unwelcome.

However, it was also stressed, Parizeau may also have made younger Jews more determined than ever to stand their ground and to fight for federalism and the preservation of a vibrant Jewish community.

"Some people might say: 'I've had it. I'm not wanted,' " allowed Richard Diamond, co-chair of FEDERATION CJA's Young Adult Division (YAD) and a 35-year-old executive.

"But I also think that most young adults would like to find a way to stay in Montreal."

Six years ago, during the build-up to Meech Lake, Diamond considered moving away with his family, but opted to stay after he came to the conclusion that "my family and community are here, that we could prosper here."

But he does think a Yes vote could trigger "a significant exodus."

Robert Presser, co-chair of Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region's (CJC-Q) youth committee, predicted the referendum vote will result in younger Jews carrying on with whatever plans they had before Oct. 30.

"If they'd already decided to leave, they will still leave. If they decided to stay, they will stay," said Presser, 30. "No one is changing their plans."

But like Diamond, he agreed that "all bets are off" in terms of a potential exodus of young people if a future referendum produces a Yes result.

Harvey Levenson, a Montreal businessman who co-chairs FEDERATION CJA's ProMontreal project, launched several years ago to encourage Montreal's younger Jewish generation to continue their lives and careers in Quebec, was unwilling to speculate on what Montreal's younger Jews would do following a Yes vote.

But last week's No result simply means that ProMontreal "will have a bigger role to play" in the months to come, in getting its message out that younger Jews should continue to build their lives and careers here.

But "if anyone is looking for a reason to leave, they will find a reason," he said.

Jared Isaacson, a 26-year-old social work student at McGill University who chairs FEDERATION CJA's three-year-old Student Federation, agreed that the referendum's results reinforced the need to "stay and fight."

Isaacson said he also thought about moving, until one year ago, when his community involvement and studies "cemented my determination" to stay.

In Isaacson's mind, Parizeau's remarks, as ugly as they were, should make younger Jews more determined than ever to stand their ground.

But unlike Diamond, Isaacson is not persuaded that a Yes vote would trigger a renewed exodus of Jewish young people.

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Intensifying the Jewish experience

By MARC A. KATES
Special to The CJN

JERUSALEM — To have been given the opportunity to study at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem!

I arrived in August with many expectations and wishes for the coming year. Emotions overwhelmed me as my plane touched down at Ben-Gurion International Airport.

Once the plane doors opened, we all became aware of the sweet smell of our land. Our eyes filled with tears when we arrived at the terminal, where overhead it welcomed visitors: *Bruchim haba'im l'Yisrael.*

I was no longer a tourist as on previous visits. I grew up in Toronto, but Israel was going to be my home for the next year.

Since my arrival, I have seen the daily lives of Israelis. How terribly frightened I was on the morning of the bus bombing here in Jerusalem! Many of my fellow classmates were also shaken up. But after the bombing and after the protests, the Israelis continued on with their lives.

And I still can't understand the pain that my aunt and uncle feel every time my 19-year-old cousin returns to his army post in Gaza. For them, it is a duty that he owes to his country. While I think about the movie I want to see on the weekend, he thinks about the safety of a Jewish settler in Gaza.

It was amazing for me to celebrate the yomim tovim here in Jerusalem. Cashiers wished the clients Shanah Tovah in the supermarket and the atmosphere of *chag* is a feeling I will never forget.

Rosh Hashanah was particularly interesting. First, it did not feel like the Rosh Hashanah that I know. The weather was unusually warm and the Israelis dress down when they go to shul. As some men entered the synagogue, I was shocked. In one hand, they carried their tallit bag and in the other, they carried a gun. For a Canadian it is rare to see a firearm, let alone one in synagogue.

Besides the "surprises" that I noted, I was excited to see all the preparations for celebrating the yomim tovim. Before Yom Kippur, I saw religious men flinging chickens around their heads for *kaparot*.

I davened Yom Kippur services in the campus synagogue atop Mount Scopus. The shul has a three-panel window that looks out directly over the entire city and I watched the sun set over the Old City as the congregation sang *Kol Nidrei*. All of what it means to be Jewish is intensified by the experience.

Marc Kates is a University of Toronto student studying at Hebrew University this year.

Jewish, Muslim students cooperate on program

By JESSICA PELT
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The Jewish Students' Union (JSU) at the University of Toronto has begun to construct a path for the future.

Recently, the JSU was asked by the Muslim Student Association of U of T to cooperate during the mayor of Sarajevo's visit to the campus to give a talk.

Moshe Morris, a second year Political Science and History student and political action chair of JSU, agreed, because he saw this as a way of opening dialogue with Muslim students.

The JSU's involvement in Dr. Tarik Kupusovic's visit, which took place recently at Convocation Hall, included selling tickets and supporting the event.

Following the lecture, which Morris described as an impassioned speech about the beseiged city, Morris and Lance Davis, program director of the JSU, were invited to a private reception with the mayor. Kosher food was served.

Morris and Davis initially decided to accept the invitation because they felt it was a way to show Jewish student support for the people of Sarajevo.

Although Kupusovic has continued on his North American tour, the event's importance has just begun. "After all," says Morris, "being on campus is about learning, expanding and accepting. We need to trust each other. The best way to shatter stereotypes is by meeting and discussing with other students. We need to set up dialogue."

By accepting the Muslim Students'invitation, Davis and Morris have shown the JSU is willing to open dialogue and work together on issues which are important to both student groups. And with more programs in the works, a new path of trust and cooperation is being built.

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Labor leader 'had a feel for the less fortunate'

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Longtime labor leader Al Hershkovitz died recently of apparent heart failure while convalescing from surgery. He was 82.

Hershkovitz' labor career began in the 1930s when he organized fur and leather workers in Toronto.

Even as a hospital patient before his unexpected death, he made it his business to find out whether the nurses had a union.

"He had a feel for the less fortunate people in our society. That kept him going," his nephew, Toronto lawyer Arnold Bruner, told *The CJN*.

Bruner described his uncle in a eulogy as "full with the wonders of life and enjoying every moment of living. He was energetic, intelligent, analytical, brimming with good humor and goodwill — and love."

Born in Dzalachiz, Poland, Hershkovitz immigrated to Canada as a young boy in 1921. Coincidentally, his first night in Canada was spent in the old folks' home at 33 Cecil St. — later site of the union office he would occupy for many years until his retirement.

From 1956 until he retired in 1986, Hershkovitz was the business agent of the Fur, Leather, Shoe and Allied Workers' Union.

Both during his working years and after, he held executive positions in organizations such as the Ontario Federation of Labor, Histadrut, the New Jewish Fraternal Organization that split off from the United Jewish People's Order (UJPO) and the Jewish Labor Committee, a pioneer campaigner for human rights legislation.

In 1977, Hershkovitz helped found the Urban Alliance on Race Relations. He was also a member of the NDP's provincial council and a strong supporter of former Ontario premier Bob Rae, who spoke at his funeral.

A former Communist, Hershkovitz renounced his association with the party in 1956 when then Soviet leader Nikita Kruschev revealed atrocities against Jews committed by his predecessor Josef Stalin.

Hershkovitz was predeceased by his wife Fay. He leaves a brother, Dr. Murray Herst; companion Ilse Young; daughters Ethel Patt, Freda Drukier and Linda Hershkovitz; eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

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Bar Ross from classes Supreme Court urged

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Although they differed on the criteria for doing so, Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights and the Canadian Civil Liberties Association (CCLA) last week urged Canada's highest court to bar Malcolm Ross from the classroom.

The organizations agreed that Ross, formerly a teacher in a Moncton-area school, should not be put in a position where he could teach children.

Congress lawyer Joel Richler took the position that Ross could not possibly serve as a proper role model for children in his care. Richler asked the court to rule that a teacher must comport him/herself as a proper role model.

A "poisoned atmosphere" was created in the school, even though Ross expressed his views outside the classroom, said Keith Landy, who served as Congress co-counsel in the case. Congress has been a party to the Ross proceedings from their inception.

In its presentation to the Supreme Court of Canada, the CCLA argued the court should adopt a "reasonable apprehension" of bias test to determine whether a teacher could be barred because of out-of-classroom activities, said Alan Borovoy, general counsel for the CCLA.

"The mere fact that [Ross'] impugned remarks were made out of class does not end the matter. In our view, the test should be based on [whether] there's a reasonable apprehension that he'd mistreat youngsters under his care," Borovoy told *The CJN*.

B'nai Brith's League for Human Rights took a different tack, arguing that a number of international treaties oblige Canada to eradicate hate propaganda and that the Charter of Rights and Freedoms should be interpreted in light of those obligations.

Recounting his arguments before the court, League counsel Marvin Kurz said Ross' rights to freedom of speech and religion must be balanced with the rights of the children under his care. Recent cases indicate the best interests of children outweigh the rights even of parents, let alone teachers, Kurz said.

Landy said the Ross case "will be one of the most important cases dealing with human rights legislation. It's going to establish once and for all that a teacher is expected to conduct himself inside and outside the classroom in a manner that's discriminination free."

But Ross' lawyer, Doug Christie, argued that his client's employer, the Moncton-area school board, had no right to suspend Ross for what he wrote outside the school.

"There is not a shred of evidence that he exhibited any bigotry or intolerance in class. All he advocated was for people to pray to effect their [Jews'] conversion," Christie reportedly argued.

The case involving Ross was launched by Moncton parent David Attis after the Moncton-area teacher published several books and letters widely viewed as anti-Semitic. Attis took his complaint to the New Brunswick Human Rights Commission (NBHRC), arguing that Ross' employer, the school board, failed to provide a service free of discrimination.

A one-man board appointed by the NBHRC upheld the complaint, but that decision was eventually overturned by the New Brunswick Court of Appeal.

The Supreme Court reserved judgment in the case. The case was heard by a full, nine-judge panel of the high court.

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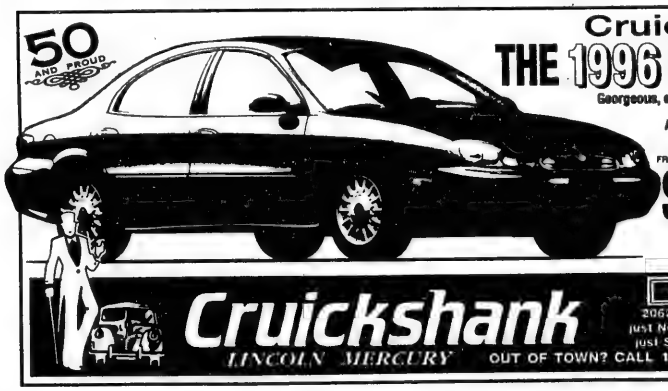

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From coast to coast

House adopts new Employment Equity Act

Scene in Ottawa

By RICHARD CLEROUX

OTTAWA — An astonishing thing happened in the House of Commons last month. And almost no one took notice. Even the news media appear to have missed the story.

An important piece of legislation Bill C-64, the Employment Equity Act, was adopted after lengthy debate.

It is aimed at "achieving equality" in federal jobs by giving four groups — women, aboriginal peoples, disabled persons and visible minorities — a better chance at competing for federal government jobs.

The new law, which still has to clear the Senate, could affect about 230,000 people on the federal payroll.

It will apply to all government departments, ministries and agencies and as well to any employer in private enterprise with 100 employees or more who wants to bid on a federal contract.

There are about 350 of these giant firms on the government's bidding lists right now.

Employers have to draw up plans to say how they will hire more people from these four groups. They have to set targets and say when they hope to achieve them. They won't be punished if they fail. But they can be fined however, up to $50,000 if they refuse to even try.

The new law extends the old Employment Equity law of 1986, which covered all federal crown corporations (things such as the CBC or the post office) and all the private firms that come under federal regulation such as banks, airlines, railways and telecommunications companies.

The old law of 1986 was working well enough, but it didn't go far enough, the government felt.

That law was the reason that in recent years, you've been seeing more visible minority faces behind the counter at your neighborhood bank, and perhaps more women nowdays in managerial positions.

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The CBC responded by putting more visible minorities, aboriginal people and women on the air as hosts and guests on its television and radio shows.

The times have been changing. Ten years ago women were 40 per cent of the workforce. Today they make up about 45 per cent. That five per cent difference amounts to 750,000 more jobs — no mean accomplishment.

Unfortunately, the record for the other three groups is nowhere near as impressive. There are barely as many visible minorities or disabled people in government jobs as there were 10 years ago.

And with massive cutbacks and firings in the public service, where it's the old rule of last to be hired, first to be fired, there was a danger that the progress of the past decade will have been for nothing unless the four groups were given additional protection by the new legislation.

Women, aboriginals, the disabled and visible minorities make up about 60 per cent of people entering the workforce, which is not surprising since women alone make up just over half the population.

The government is hoping that by the year 2000 the four groups will make up about 66 per cent of the people entering the workplace.

Ironically, the federal legislation, which was promised in the Liberals' famous election Red Book, comes at a time when the new Conservative government in Ontario is moving in exactly the opposite direction.

Premier Mike Harris' government is dismantling the New Democratic Party's powerful new Employment Equity law which went into effect less than a year ago in Ontario.

So here we have two governments, both riding on a wave of popularity, each doing exactly the opposite thing. (And people tell you that all governments are the same, or that all governments just follow the herd!)

During the recent election campaign in Ontario, the Tories made employment equity a big issue. They were able to tap the resentment and anger among some white males who fear employment equity will mean they won't be able to find a job. It was a major factor in electing the Tories. When times are tough, one of the results is that people start looking out for themselves.

True to their word, the Tories recently began dismantling the NDPs Employment Equity law, a souped-up version of what the Liberals are bringing in.

The Ontario law covers all provincial firms with more than 50 employees, not 100 employees. The Ontario law covers 17,000 employers, the federal law 350 employers. There's a big difference.

Both laws included compliance — which the opponents quickly labelled the equity police. The provincial law set up a new system of quasi-judicial enforcement, while the federal law makes use of the existing Canadian Human Rights Tribunal to judge cases.

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From coast to coast

Potential seen in Nova Scotia trade with Israel

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — Trade opportunities, academic cooperation and updates on the peace discussions between Israel and her Arab neighbors highlighted a recent whirlwind visit to Halifax by Israeli Consul General Daniel Gal.

Israel can benefit from Nova Scotian expertise in environment services, software production and the forestry industry, said Gal after meeting with officials of the province's Economic Renewal Agency.

"With Israel's plans to increase electrical power capabilities in the next few years, Nova Scotia can help on the consulting, design and engineering side," Gal said.

A Nova Scotia spokesperson said the trade meetings discussed ways the province could help Israel clean and recycle its water, an area where Nova Scotia has development expertise.

Currently, Nova Scotia provides $14 million in goods and services to Israel annually, while purchasing about $1 million, mostly in fruits and vegetables. The province's exports include $10 million in wood products, which could be increased as Israel's housing infrastructure continues to grow.

Provide expertise

Israel's thriving aquaculture industry can increase the flow of services to Nova Scotia as the Atlantic province is just developing its own program.

"They may be able to provide expertise in consulting or services," said the spokesperson.

"We're also prepared to receive trade delegations from Nova Scotia but must ensure Nova Scotia business people can meet their counterparts in a select field," Gal said.

Gal met with new Dalhousie University president Tom Traves, who has visited Israel and knows several professors at Hebrew University. "He's very receptive to an exchange of professors and students between Dalhousie and Israeli universities," said Gal.

The consul general to Montreal for Quebec and the Atlantic provinces also met with Nova Scotia Education and Culture Minister John MacEachern, stressing the opportunity for Israeli artists and cultural groups to expand trips to Montreal and Toronto with visits to Atlantic Canada.

Jewish values

He met with 30 senior members of the Jewish community at a Beth Israel Synagogue breakfast, and discussed the peace process with them. He stressed the importance of the agreement with Jordan as a model of a peace treaty that can be seen by other Arab nations.

While he said there was no immediate progress with Syria, the Palestinian agreement continues to go forward. "While giving autonomy to Palestinians, we are gaining more liberation for Israel. Domination is against Jewish values," he said.

He also met with editors of the *Chronicle-Herald* and *Mail-Star* in Halifax, discussing peace, economics and education.

"Tourism in Israel is up 30 per cent. With peace coming and, of course, something to offer with our vast history as the Land of the Prophets, we are an attractive destination. And with two airlines now flying out of Canada — El Al and Air Canada — there is more opportunity to travel."

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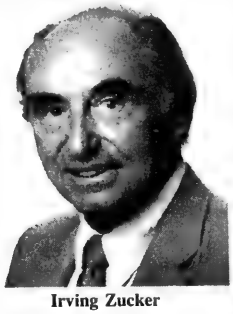
From coast to coast

Gallery inducts arts patron

By MOURA WOLPERT
Special to The CJN

HAMILTON — Arts patron and philanthropist Irving Zucker, a businessman and former owner of a radio network in Ontario and the Maritimes, is one of five Hamiltonians to be inducted into the Hamilton Gallery of Distinction at a Nov. 15 awards dinner at the Hamilton Convention Centre.

Also being inducted are labor leader Enrico (Henry) Mancinelli; jazz musician and entertainer Jackie Washington; former soldier, businessman, historian and author, Denis Whitaker; and the late Father Sean O'Sullivan.



Irving Zucker

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Although long known in the Jewish community for his generous support of local Jewish and Israeli causes, Zucker gained wide attention in recent years with major bequests from his extensive personal art collection both to the Art Gallery of Hamilton, which has named an area in Commonwealth Square in front of the gallery the Irvine Zucker Sculpture Court, and to McMaster University.

The 750-seat theatre in the Du Maurier Ltd. Centre for the Arts, home of Theatre Aquarius, was named the Irving Zucker Theatre when it opened in 1991, while St. Joseph's Hospital, the Hamilton Public Library and Opera Hamilton are among many other local recipients of his generosity.

Hamilton's Yeshiva Beit Yitzchak bears his name (the Irving Zucker College of Jewish Education), and Shalom Village Nursing Home has an Irving Zucker Wing.

Mancinelli, vice-president of the Laborers' International Union of North America (LIUNA), was a recipient of the State of Israel Bonds Israel Solidarity Award in 1981.

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Israel's top team takes on European opposition

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It's amazing how many Air Mile points you get to rack up when you play hockey.

Toronto resident Oded Orgil recently returned from a European-Asian junket in which he laced up the ol' Tacks for Israel's top club team, Bat Yam Eyal.

The first Asian stop on the tour was in Ankara, Turkey, where Eyal (which means strength) competed in a qualifying tournament for the European Club Championships.

Eyal, bolstered by three Toronto-based players who hold Israeli passports, and by three ex-Soviet league players, slammed the host Turks by 15-2 and 9-6 margins.

Orgil, a stay-at-home defenceman, said the Israeli skaters coasted in the second game, for a three-goal victory.

From there, it was on to some tougher competition in Herning, Denmark, where Eyal faced top club teams from Lithuania, Estonia and Herning, which boasts ex-NHLer and Finnish mini-flash, Petri Skriko.

Unlike the tender Turks, those guys could really play well. The Israelis' first game against Herning was a tough affair, and the Danes (bolstered by Canadian and Finnish imports) held 4-2 and 5-2 period leads. In the third, Eyal ran into penalty trouble — Orgil questions some of the zebra's calls — and the boys from Bat Yam succumbed 15-2.

Game 2 was against the Estonian squad, which was loaded with ex-Russians living in the Baltic republic. It was a veteran team consisting of former Soviet first- and second-division players. Eyal lost 12-1. "We played poorly," Orgil said, in what some might consider a bit of an understatement.

The third game had them take on the Lithuanian champs and, surprisingly, Israel jumped into a 6-3 first period lead. The Lithuanians trimmed that to 6-5 after two and broke it open in the third, winning 8-6.

A lack of discipline and bad penalties cost Eyal dearly, Orgil said.

Israel's traditional hockey weaknesses — the inability to practise on large ice (Israel's only Olympic-sized rink opened a short time ago) and throwing a team together at the last minute — reduced Eyal's chances, Orgil said.

Joining Orgil as Eyal's Canadian-based reinforcements were Miron Schacham and Jojo Rusinek. In addition, one-time Soviet oleh Evgeny Gusin, Eyal's manager, president and starting goalie, recruited three ex-Soviet first division players for the team. One of them had played on the Soviet national team in 1984.

Each club team is allowed five imports, Orgil explained, though he, Shacham and Rusinek were considered Israeli members of Eyal.

Next on the agenda for the peripatetic player is participation in a qualifying tournament in Greece this January. Israel will play one game as part of an Olympic qualifying tournament and another that's part of the World Championship (C Division) qualifying rounds, Orgil explained.

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Profile of an assassin

CJN News Services

JERUSALEM — Yitzhak Rabin's assassin, Yigal Amir, is the son of a rabbi, who expressed shock and disbelief at his son's act, the daily newspaper *Yediot Achronot* reported on the weekend.

As well, reports said, Amir was once a student at a Yemenite yeshivah and worked for the Foreign Ministry teaching Hebrew to Jews in Russia.

He was even a member of the army's elite Golani Brigade, a source of great pride for many Israelis.

Fitting the assassin's typical profile, Amir was described as quiet and and even gentle. But the picture of the 27-year-old law student that emerged is one of contrasts.

Classmates at Bar-Ilan University described him as very intelligent but who did not attend classes regularly.

He lived with his traditional parents and seven siblings in a suburb just north of Tel Aviv and was remembered as helping widows and the elderly in the neighborhood. But he reportedly used hollow-point bullets so lethal they are banned under international convention.

He was well-read, but on his bookshelf, police found a copy of *The Day of the Jackal*, a thriller about political assassination, and a work lauding Baruch Goldstein, the Jewish settler who gunned down 29 Muslims in Hebron last year.

Amir was described as a taciturn person who had lots of friends by one Bar-Ilan classmate. "I knew he was a little more right-wing than others, but nothing like this," she said. "He was a normal guy, an all-Israeli guy."

He was a regular at generally peaceful anti-government rallies but was connected to Eyal (The Jewish Fighters' Organization), a shadowy ultra-right Jewish group born of the outlawed Kach and Kahane Chai movements.

"I acted alone on God's orders and I have no regrets," Amir told his police interrogators, according to Israel Radio.

Police said Amir had no previous criminal record.

Said Karnei Shomron resident Avner Goldshmidt, "He was a wonderful person. I don't understand how he could do something like this."

Goldshmidt said he last saw Amir at an anti-government demonstration in Jerusalem two weeks ago, where Amir acted no differently than anyone else.

"We cannot react. We are in shock and great pain," a cousin of Amir's said Saturday night. "Please leave us alone."

One fellow student told Israel Radio that Amir grew increasingly angry over attacks by Muslim militants.

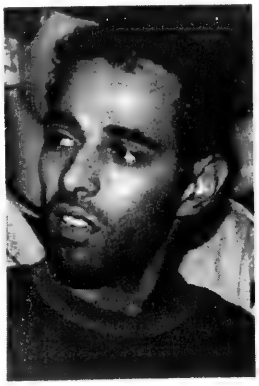
"He would say, 'We have to stick it to Rabin and his government.' This man expressed himself for quite a long time in a very extremist manner."

Indeed, weekend reports said Israeli security was warned as recently as Friday of the danger of an attack by a lone Jew against a government official.

The country's renowned security apparatus now finds itself with a nightmare on its hands.

"Heads may roll here," a police source acknowledged. "Police cannot absolve themselves of responsibility, since there were around 700 policemen and Border Police guarding the event" at which Rabin was killed.

Police will likely be subjected to an inquiry commission into how a lone gunman managed to get within two metres of Rabin.



Yigal Amir

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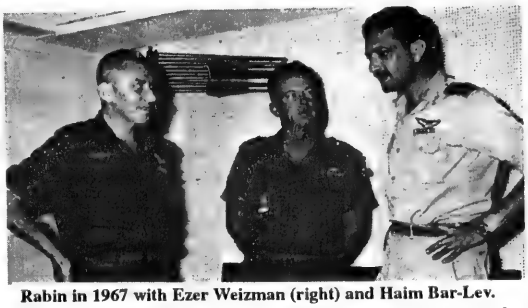
Israel Mourns: Yitzhak Rabin 1922 – 1995

Rabin: a warrior for peace

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Soldier, diplomat, politician and statesman, Yitzhak Rabin left Israel an enduring legacy.

Assassinated last Saturday night by a Jewish extremist as he was leaving a rally in Tel Aviv, Rabin was a fighter in war and a warrior for peace.



Rabin in 1967 with Ezer Weizman (right) and Haim Bar-Lev.

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

In death, Rabin — the first native-born prime minister — will best be remembered as one of the architects of Israel's stunning victory in the Six Day War and one of the builders of its historic rapprochement with the PLO and Jordan.

A peace treaty with Syria and with Lebanon — which would have been the crowning touches of a protean career — eluded him. Nevertheless, Rabin laid the foundation of an eventual accommodation between Israel and its Arab enemies to the north.

If nothing else, Rabin — dour, doleful, cautious and reserved — was a pragmatist. No better example of this was his embrace of Israel's historic accord with the PLO.

In common with most Israeli politicians, he had demonized the PLO. But when circumstances changed, Rabin jettisoned his preconceived notions and authorized direct negotiations with the PLO. Then, when the Declaration of Principles was signed in Washington in September 1993, he shook hands with his former arch enemy, Yasser Arafat, and thereby formalized Israel's reconciliation with the Palestinians.

This process, which has divided Israel and which prompted Rabin's assassin to act, will be continued by his successor and sometime rival, Shimon Peres.

Rabin's life was a mirror image of Israel.

During the War of Independence, he was deputy commander of the Palmach, the Haganah's elite strike force. Rabin saw action on several fronts — the approaches to Jerusalem, Lod and Ramle (from where his troops expelled some 50,000 Palestinian Arabs, he recalled in his 1979 memoirs) and the Negev.

Appointed chief of staff in 1964, Rabin drew up the plans for what turned out to be the Six Day War, Israel's finest hour on the battlefield.

On the eve of that conflict, Rabin warned Syria to put an end to Palestinian infiltration of Israeli territory. Syria's ally and chief arms supplier, the Soviet Union, used that warning to float a rumor that Israel was massing troops on its northern border. The resultant tension contributed to the war fever that gripped the region.

In 1968, Rabin went to Washington as the ambassador to the United States. He helped to solidify Israel's strategic relationship with that superpower, but he committed a faux pas by suggesting that American Jews should vote for Richard Nixon, the president, in the 1972 election.

Untainted by Israel's unpreparedness in the 1973 Yom Kippur War, Rabin returned to Israel, Golda Meir having named him minister of labor in her cabinet.

After her abrupt resignation, Rabin succeeded her as prime minister, the youngest person ever to occupy the post. Working closely with Henry Kissinger, the U.S. secretary of state, Rabin signed disengagement agreements with Egypt and Syria in 1974 and 1975.

Just two years later, he was forced to step down, felled by his wife's illegal bank account in the United States.

Rabin made a comeback when the Likud and the Labor party formed a national unity government in 1984. He served as defence minister until 1990, ordering the air raid on PLO headquarters near Tunis, withdrawing from much of southern Lebanon, scrapping the Lavi airplane project and dealing with the intifadah, the Palestinian revolt in the territories.

Defeating Peres as Labor party leader in 1992, Rabin ran a successful election campaign on a plank emphasizing territorial compromise.

Succeeding the Likud's Yitzhak Shamir as premier, Rabin froze the construction of new settlements in the territories and patched up relations with Washington, which had deteriorated during the acrimonious loans guarantees debate.

Rabin gave himself six to nine months to address the Palestinian question. It took a little longer, but Israel's subsequent and heretofore undreamed of accord with the PLO opened new diplomatic vistas for Israel in the Arab world and beyond.

Rabin's policies engendered opposition and derision from the right-wing camp and, indeed, they left him physically vulnerable. But Rabin bequeathed to Israel the greatest gift — the gift of peace with its Arab neighbors.

The Week in Israel

Oct. 30

• The Middle East-North Africa Economic Conference came to a close in Amman. Among the achievements of the conference was an agreement to found a regional development bank for the region. The bank's headquarters will be in Cairo.

• Responding to a question from Arab journalists in Amman, Foreign Minister Shimon Peres stated there will be no change in Israel's position regarding the status of united Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Oct. 31

• *Ha'aretz* reported that Israel and Mauritania, a member of the Arab League, have agreed to establish diplomatic ties. Mauritania's foreign minister said regional development and stabilization are important to his country. Israel will supply Mauritania with economic and technological aid.

Nov. 1

• *Kol Yisrael* reported two South Lebanon Army soldiers were killed and three were wounded along with five IDF soldiers in three separate attacks carried out by Hezbollah gunmen in the Security Zone in south Lebanon.

• Two Palestinian youths shot and severely wounded Rabbi Uzi Nevo in a drive-by shooting outside Kochav Ya'acov near Ramallah. The youths commandeered a UN employee at gunpoint, stole his car and fired upon the rabbi in his car.

Nov. 2

• Two car bomb explosions in Gaza lightly injured 11 Israelis. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin criticized the Palestinian Authority and demanded that it take responsibility to ensure that no terrorist activity is organized in territory under its control.

Nov. 3

• *Kol Israel* reported the movement led by Natan Sharansky will become a political party and run in next year's general elections. The movement calls for maintaining the current version of the Law of Return and conducting a referendum on the future of the peace process. The movement supports territorial compromise on the Golan Heights and opposes the establishment of a Palestinian state.

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Israel Mourns: Yitzhak Rabin 1922 – 1995

U.S. rabbi apologizes for words that 'caused hurt'

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — In a perversely ironic twist to last Saturday's assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, the Brooklyn-based rabbi who in June declared it permissible under Jewish law to kill Rabin for his pursuit of the peace process, last week issued an indirect apology and a call for Jewish unity.

"We must learn the lessons of our own history, including that when Jews turn on Jews, our Temple falls," Rabbi Abraham Hecht, president of the Orthodox Rabbinical Alliance of America, wrote in a recent letter to Rabin.

"We must speak and act toward each other as we would toward God" and "not, then, be divided in anger," he continued. "For my part, I wish to repudiate any words and actions of anger and which have caused hurt."

"I welcome this development," said Ambassador Colette Avital, Israeli consul general in New York prior to the weekend's stunning events in Israel. "No one is looking for a fight with the rabbis. I believe there is a need for a different level of discussion between religious and secular leadership."

Meanwhile, "if Rabbi Hecht has expressed his regret and retracts everything, we have no problem with this," she said.

In June, the rabbi said that by handing over Israeli land and property to Palestinians, Israeli government leaders "and all who assist them" fall into the category of *moser*, those who betray Jews to Gentiles.

Rabbi Hecht cited the writings of Maimonides as justification for his edict.

Avital said she believed his backtracking was motivated by a public backlash.

"I know in some cases the violent behavior of rabbis has elicited a boomerang in the Jewish community," she said.

"People felt very uncomfortable with this kind of extremist behavior."

In July, several U.S. Orthodox groups issued a statement, apparently in response to Rabbi Hecht's declaration, saying, "There can be no excuse or justification for the extremist verbal attacks directed against the elected leadership of Israel."

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'The assassin is from within'

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these are an effort to find some meaning for an incomprehensible act, but they will do little to start the healing process that must follow the grieving of the days ahead.

Yigal Amir apparently planned and executed the heinous act on his own thereby introducing an unprecedented element into the political culture of Israel. However, he did so against an exceptional national debate that has broken new ground in the stridency of its tone and content. Indeed, the issues at stake are unrivaled for this generation, and perhaps for all Israelis since the debate over acceptance of the 1947 UN Partition Plan.

It is facile to argue the context of the debate inevitably led to last night's events. But it is equally facile to ignore it. By isolating Amir's action and pretending that there was no context, Israelis will have little incentive to undertake the necessary re-evaluation of the principles of their national debate. "Where are we living?" sobbed a young Israeli after the shooting. Every society has its extremist fringe, but Israelis felt immune to such violent action. Not any more.

By next week, the political machinery will have swung back into gear. President Ezer Weizman will officially appoint a new head of government -- probably from Labor if their parliamentary majority will hold. Then, Labor and Likud will reassess their chances in the election which has to take place by next November.

In 1992 Rabin brought victory to Labor because he combined an impeccable career as a soldier with a commitment to the new opportunities for peace he saw for his nation. No other single politician combines these qualities in quite the same way. Will Israelis rally with a renewed commitment to Rabin's way despite his loss, or will the hesitations of many Israelis increase without his leadership?

Will Shimon Peres lead the party into the next election or will he share the limelight with former chief of staff Ehud Barak? Such questions are uppermost in the minds of political pundits from around the world as they focus on what is to them the latest flash point. But to Israelis, because the assassin is from within, these questions will take second place to the profound and difficult reflections on identity, community and civility. When Rabin was gunned down, Israel lost its innocence forever. It will never be the same.

Rabin is laid to rest

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more terribly, for he has taken our Yitzhak.

"Israel's covenant with God for freedom, security, tolerance and peace ... was the covenant that was Prime Minister Rabin's lifework. Now we must make it his lasting legacy."

Clinton ended his eulogy by reciting, in Aramaic, the last line of the Kaddish, the prayer for the dead, and saying goodbye to his *chaver*, friend.

In other addresses, Peres said the bullets that struck down Rabin will not extinguish his dream of peace. "You didn't leave a will and testament but you left us with a command, to continue for peace.

"I see our neighbors, the Arabs, and I wish to say to them that the peace is irreversible ... And we are unable to stop or hesitate. It will encompass us and our women and children."

Mubarak urged the Mideast neighbors to "redouble and reaffirm our obligation to continue the sacred mission to achieve a just and lasting peace. We must deprive those treacherous hands from reaping the rewards of their vile actions. Only through our unwavering commitment to this objective can we truly honor the memory of this fallen hero of peace."

In his remarks, King Hussein recalled that Rabin "lived as a soldier [and] died as a soldier for peace. And I believe it's time for all of us to come out openly and to speak of peace. Not here today, but for all the times to come. We belong to the camp of peace. We believe in peace."

Eitan Haber, director of Israel's Prime Minister's Office, recalled how the doctors and nurses who worked to save Rabin's life came to him in tears with a copy of the bloodstained paper that was in Rabin's breast pocket. They were the words of the song of peace that Rabin had sung moments before being gunned down.

"Your blood covers the words and your blood which oozed from your body has covered these words and angrily calls through the words and the lines," he said.

Representatives of more than 86 countries attended the service. Among them were Prime Minister Jean Chretien, former U.S. presidents George Bush and Jimmy Carter, Moroccan Prime Minister Abdul Afif Filali, Prince Charles of Britain, British Prime Minister John Major, German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, Russian Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin, UN Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali, French President Jacques Chirac and Turkish Prime Minister Tancu Ciller.

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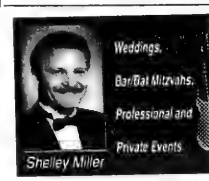

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Israel Mourns: Yitzhak Rabin 1922 – 1995

Learning from our history

By GERALD STEINBERG
Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

Leah Rabin is comforted by her son

TEL AVIV — The assassination of Yitzhak Rabin painfully demonstrated that the future of Israel and the Jewish people will not be determined by external borders, but by our internal cohesion as a people and a nation.

For too many years, we have focused our whole attention on the outside threat: on armies and missiles, boundaries and treaties. Since 1991, left wing and right wing, Labor and Likud, religious and secular leaders and communities have invested all their energies in the negotiation process. All other spheres of social and political activity were neglected.

Israelis have seen the Oslo 2 agreement, marking the beginning of Israeli withdrawal from cities of Judea and Samaria, as the sole factor that will determine Israel's future.

Opponents argued that the agreement would bring disaster, that it would mark the end of the Jewish state. Proponents spoke in messianic terms, viewing Oslo 2 as the critical step in the creation of a New Middle East, and a guarantee of Israeli survival.

This process is important, but is not the only issue of significance, and not the most critical one.

Militarily, Israel will be able to survive with or without a Palestinian state, within whatever boundaries are determined. What is not clear is whether we have the ability to live with each other as Jews in a Jewish state, with tolerance and a sense of community.

For thousands of years, the course of Jewish history has often been determined by the degree of Jewish unity or conflict, but it seems that we have learned little from our own history.

According to Jewish tradition, a few months after the destruction of the First Temple in 586 BCE, Gedaliah Ben Ahikam, the governor of Judah, was assassinated by a rival, and the remnants of Judah were exiled. The day of this assassination is still commemorated by a fast day. Six centuries later, the Second Temple was destroyed and the Jewish people were exiled for 2,000 years as a result of sinat hinam or senseless hatred.

It is not clear how much the rhetoric calling Rabin a traitor contributed to his assassination, but the atmosphere of intolerance fostered by the political leadership on all sides went ignored for too long.

While the gunshots that killed the prime minister seem truly to have shocked educators and the religious leadership, for many years these very people failed to act strongly to counter the political and social hatred and violence that has become so prevalent in Israeli society.

The rabbinical establishments in both Israel and the Diaspora have devoted most of their attention to politics and the question of boundaries and control of the land. They have ignored or dismissed the vast majority of secular Israelis, unable to speak their language, or understand their concerns or needs. It would not be an exaggeration to say that many have abandoned the fundamental issues of Jewish education and Jewish values for politics.

The essential objective of the Zionist movement and the reestablishment of Jewish sovereignty is not merely the physical survival of the Jewish people. Political and military independence is not an end in itself, but rather the necessary prerequisite for a Jewish renaissance, for a rebuilding of Jewish culture and community that has been steadily eroded by insecurity and a powerful secular society encroaching from all directions.

But instead of promoting this process of rebuilding, we have created a society that is split between nihilist secularists and religious exclusivity.

At this critical point in our history, we are in desperate need of careful and wise political leadership, as well as educators and religious leaders able to leave politics to the politicians, and focus on relations between each individual and his (or her) neighbor. We need to be able to put current events and decisions in a broader historical context, and to see the opportunities and threats realistically, and not through the lens of hysteria. Unless we create a sense of community and common purpose, we are in danger of splitting apart again, after less than 50 years of independence and maturity.

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Israel, Qatar ink business deal

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The Middle East and North African Economic Summit wrapped up three days of meetings in Jordan with news that Israel had signed its first major business agreement with a Persian Gulf state.

The Amman gathering, which convened under the slogan The Middle East is Open for Business, drew 60 nations, including some 2,000 government officials and businesspeople, for a series of meetings aimed at promoting regional development projects.

A similar meeting held a year ago in Casablanca, Morocco, was a largely ceremonial affair at which Israel found itself able to mingle for the first time with Arab businesspeople in the name of an open spirit of cooperation.

But this year, the emphasis turned from symbolism to spelling out plans for cooperative projects and concluding business deals. The change was evidenced by the signing of an agreement in principle under which Qatar would sell $2 billion (US) worth of natural gas to Israel with the American energy company Enron acting as an intermediary.

Under the terms signed on the Israeli side by Energy Minister Gonen Segev, Enron will extract the gas from Qatari oil fields. Deliveries to Israel of some five million tons of natural gas are expected to begin in the year 2001. The gas shipments will initially be delivered by tanker, but officials predicted that it might ultimately be transported via a pipeline linking Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Israel.

Segev, alluding to his country's lack of diplomatic ties with Qatar, said the gas deal had bypassed politics. He predicted that the two countries would soon establish formal relations.

During the three-day meeting, representatives from Middle East and North African nations presented proposals for projects whose costs would total more than $50 billion. Israel alone presented plans for more than 200 projects — including new rail lines, an international airport near Eilat and a "riviera" to be developed on Israeli, Jordanian and Egyptian soil near the Gulf of Eilat — whose total projected cost exceeded $20 billion.

Accord with EU delayed

BRUSSELS — Israel and the European Union have postponed to Nov. 20 the signing of an association accord that was to be formally signed recently in Luxembourg, according to an Israeli diplomatic source.

The new accord, was to have been signed last Monday by Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at a meeting with the 15 EU foreign ministers.

But the signing ceremony was postponed because Peres was participating this week in a three-day Middle East and North African Economic Conference in the Jordanian capital of Amman.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

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Reading of Holocaust Play: *Soldat Hans Stumpf*, by Toronto playwright Marion Andre, is a probing examination of the moral choices presented during the Holocaust era. A native of Poland, Andre is a well-known writer and theatre director. Reading directed by Miriam Laurence and produced as part of Holocaust Education Week. Admission free. Bloor JCC, Nov. 12, 8 p.m. 416-924-6211.

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Child Composer: Eight-year-old Laura Silberberg of Thornhill, a student of the Claude Watson School, recently performed *Playground Fun*, her own composition for electronic keyboards, in Boston as part of a concert featuring student composers. She has also been invited to play the piece next month in Japan. Silberberg studies at the Yamaha Music School.

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Cashing In On Cats: Nearly 100 humorous illustrations of cats belonging to celebrities such as Salman Rushdie and Boris Yeltsin are featured in Toronto artist Ronna Mogelon's illustrated book *Famous People's Cats*, published recently by St. Martin's Press. Cats are big business, as Mogelon knows. She's already at work on a sequel, *More Famous People's Cats*.

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Capsule Review, Sight Unseen: Art, love, missed opportunities and being Jewish are the subjects of *Sight Unseen*, the remarkable kitchen drama by David Margulies at the North York Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, Studio Theatre, through Nov. 12.

American-Jewish artist Jonathan Waxman (Jack Langedijk) seems to paint from a prepackaged reality in his head rather than from life. Yet he's become so hot a commodity in the art world that collectors buy his canvases sight unseen, even before he creates them. What's wrong with the art world is also wrong with his life.

As a retrospective of his work opens in London, Jonathan visits Patricia (Ann Turnbull), the lover he abandoned 15 years earlier because she wasn't Jewish. She lives in a farmhouse north of London with her husband (Victor Ertmanis), who resents Jonathan because his wife still seems to love him.

At first, not even Jonathan understands the reason for his visit. Then he sees the portrait he painted of Patricia hanging in the living-room. There's a freshness, a vitality, about the work, which he covets for the London show. In two scenes at the gallery, he is interviewed by a German critic (Barbara Radecki) who helps us see his inconsistencies. He comes across as a postmodern Dorian Gray — corrupt, breezy, materialistic.

The play's eight scenes are presented out of natural chronology, but the effect is anything but disjointed. Superbly rendered, these gripping scenes seem to stand above time, and the drama is as sharply defined as a cubist painting by Picasso. Al Waxman directed, Janese Kane produced. 416-872-2222.

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Gelber Award: *Age of Extremes*, Eric Hobsbawm's sweeping study of the 20th century, is the winner of this year's Lionel Gelber Prize. The $50,000 award, given annually to the outstanding book in the field of international relations, was presented to the author, a British citizen, by Nancy Gelber recently in Toronto. The prize was established by the late Canadian author and diplomat Lionel Gelber in 1989.

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Caravan of Art: Fine paintings, sculptures, glass and table art created by international artists are offered for sale at Beth Tikvah's Caravan of Art, which also features music, food and live auctions. Admission is $18 on Nov. 11, from 8 p.m., and $2 on Nov. 12, from 10 to 4 p.m. 3080 Bayview Ave., between Sheppard and Finch, North York.

Laura Silberberg, 8, will represent Canada in Tokyo.

TAB news

Many writers of interest to Jewish community

Authors' unique talents highlighted at Harbourfront

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to the CJN

TORONTO — Numerous writers of special interest to the Jewish community appeared recently at the Harbourfront International Festival of Authors, Toronto's pre-eminent literary event.

American Jewish writer Grace Paley, interviewed by Toronto newspaper columnist David Lewis Stein, spoke engagingly about art and politics, the two activities to which she has devoted most of her 73 years. She is known equally as an ardent antiwar campaigner, feminist and writer of exquisite short stories (anthologized by Farrar Straus Giroux as *The Collected Stories*).

The recent Million Man March in Washington, D.C. "may worry our Jewish hearts and hurt our feelings," she said, "but it has the Republicans and Democrats really worried — and whatever worries them must be a good thing."

Did she regret spending so much time on politics, so little on art? "For me, politics has been a great interest all my life and I'm only sorry I did too little," she said. "I'm not sorry I didn't work more; I'm sorry I didn't write more politically."

Among the writers who influenced her, she credited James Joyce, Gertrude Stein and especially W.H. Auden for having the greatest effect.

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Hailed as one of the most important literary voices to come out of Latin America, Ariel Dorfman, born in Argentina in 1942, is a Chilean citizen who was forced into exile after the 1973 coup that overthrew Salvador Allende.

"When Allende became president of the country, something very special happened in our lives," Dorfman recalled.

"Everyday people found they were able to change the world. It's such an extraordinary concept ... very few people can feel they can change the world. The world does not have to be the way it is," he said. "People don't have to live in fear; we can change the world. That experience was absolutely fundamental to me."

After the coup ended Allende's democratic revolution, "I couldn't write for 2½ years, I was so filled with remorse and sorrow," he said.

The author of titles such as *Death and the Maiden* and the recent *Konfidenz* said he sees the world "as a struggle between stories," many of which are suppressed by dictators who impose their own realities upon the masses.

"If I'm proud, it's because I've provided some spaces for these stories to tell themselves," he said. "After 20 to 30 years of writing, I've found I can be as complex as I am, yet as clear and simple as a story requires."

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Australian novelist Thomas Keneally, 50, is not Jewish, but he has increased public awareness of the Holocaust through his 1982 novel *Schindler's Ark*, which won the Booker Prize and which Steven Spielberg translated to the screen as *Schindler's List*. To date, the book has sold more than two million copies, making it by far the most popular of Keneally's roughly 20 novels.

"Coming from Australia, I never understood the power of anti-Semitism," he said, calling it an "illusory passion" that requires neither a rational reason nor the presence of Jews to exist.

"Some of the strongest haters of Jews are in areas like Montana, Idaho and Washington, where there are no Jews. These people may have never met a Jew, yet they hate them."

Anti-Semitism is "a moveable feast," he said. "People claim the Jews are behind both the Bolshevik and the capitalistic conspiracies. Luther blamed them for carrying the bubonic plague ... When it was shown that bubonic plague is caused by bacteria, people made up another reason to hate."

For Keneally and his readers, Oskar Schindler has been "the lens through which we can look at the Holocaust." Researching the book "was appalling," he said, "because I never knew that people could perform such horrors on each other."

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A drama of human passions

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Claude Lelouch's three-hour epic, *Les Miserables*, melds human suffering down through the ages. Victor Hugo's picaresque novel strongly inspired this film, which moves easily between the 19th and 20th centuries, with the Holocaust as its throbbing subtext.

At first glance, this seems like an unlikely combination. But for the most part, *Les Miserables* works as a drama of human passions.

Now playing in Toronto, *Les Miserables* turns on Henri Fortin (Jean-Paul Belmondo), a boxer in World War I and a furniture mover during the Nazi occupation of France.

Fortin, illiterate, kind-hearted and slightly shady, models himself after Jean Valjean, the hero of Hugo's novel. With his craggy face and subtle gestures, Belmondo is Fortin incarnate.

Fortin's humanity is put to the test when a well-off Parisian Jewish family, desperate to escape to safety into Switzerland, hires him to take them to the Swiss border.

The family in question consists of Andre Zemans (Michel Boujenah), a successful lawyer, his wife (Alessandra Martines), a ballet dancer and Catholic convert to Judaism, and their daughter, whom they leave behind in a school, disguised as a Catholic.

Fortin keeps his end of the bargain, but a French guide who is supposed to lead the Zemans and a group of other Jews across the border callously betrays them. Andre is shot, while his wife is taken into captivity.

Miraculously, Andre is rescued from certain death by a farmer and his wife, who nurse him back to health. The relationship, initially based on altruism, deteriorates as money changes hands and as the farmer accuses his spouse of carrying on an adulterous affair with Andre.

Eventually, the farmers milk Andre for all he is worth, concealing from him the news that the war is over and leaving the impression that he may be the last surviving Jew in all of Nazi-occupied France.

In these scenes, Lelouche suggests that even the least anti-Semitic French Christians are capable of committing dark and dasdardly deeds. It is an idea which permeates the movie.

As Andre's fate is left hanging in the balance, *Les Miserables* deftly switches focus, panning on the imminent dangers that confront his wife and his daughter.

Fortin holds the film together. Far from perfect, he joins the ranks of a criminal gang which robs trains and the empty homes of Jewish deportees. Later, as the Allied invasion of Normandy approaches, he has a near-fatal brush with a collaborator, a venal member of the French police, whose forte is the hunting down of hapless Jews.

Lelouche, who is best known for *A Man and a Woman*, not only juggles these disparate situations skillfully, but artfully weaves the thread of Hugo's sweeping novel into the fabric of Vichy France.

Les Miserables is too long by about an hour, but this hardly damages its integrity, power or majesty, much of which is encapsulated in an emotionally charged scene toward the denouement when Andre is blissfully reunited with his family.

In short, this is a film that should be on virtually everyone's must-see list.

Television documentaries pique viewers' interest

By JOSEPH SERGE
TAB news editor

TORONTO – CBC Television is running two documentaries of interest this week.

Today (Nov.9) at 7:30 p.m. *Man Alive* presents *Hotel Cuba.* Hotel Cuba is the Cuban Jews' affectionate name for Cuba which opened its doors and gave Jews sanctuary during the initial stage of the Holocaust and before.

The program explores the lives of the Jews of Havana today; one of the oldest Jewish communities in the Americas. It introduces the viewer to Cuban Jews of different generations – the children of those who fled Eastern Europe in the '20s; those that survived the Holocaust and their children; and the young Jews of today.

The program visits Havana's Jewish Community Centre for Pesach and for the centre's production of *The Diary of Anne Frank.*

On *The Passionate Eye* Nov. 12 at 8p.m., CBC presents *No Need For A Gun,* a stark look at Beersheva Prison.

The show focuses on the six months following the arrival of the new warden, Shlomo Tweezer, a progressive looking to make the prison more of a rehabilitative centre than a place for punishment. He believes the best way to run a prison is by creating ongoing dialogue with the inmates.

We see him offer to be a witness for one inmate, a con artist Amnon, who wants to marry a policewoman and be rehabilitated after 17 years in prison.

Tweezer gives counsel and tries to befriend one inmate, a masochist who slashes his body with blades he hides in "pockets" in his throat.

Not for everyone's tastes, *No Need For A Gun* , offers a grim but optimistic look inside the desert prison dubbed "a living hell" by its inmates.

Frisco Chanukah menorot exhibit

SAN FRANCISCO — Vancouver's Wendy Oberlander is one of 125 artists exhibiting original Chanukah menorot at the Jewish Museum of San Francisco Nov. 12 to Dec. 25.

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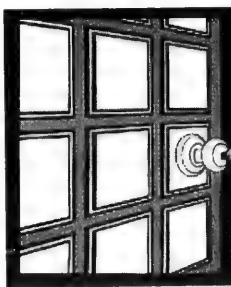

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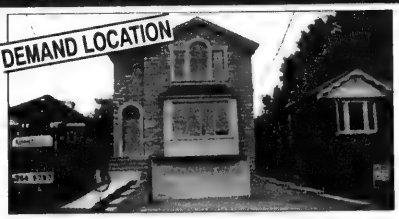

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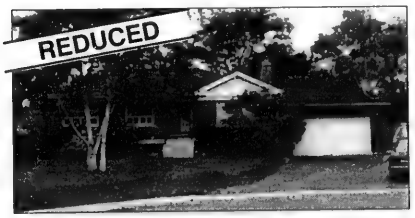

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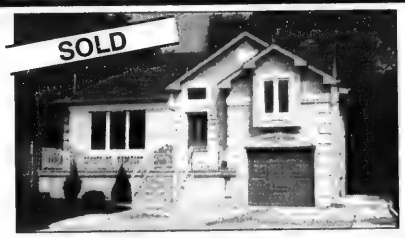

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Gold, Maurice on October 20, 1995
Krieger, Rubin on October 22, 1995, late of 25 Fisherville Rd. #1402
Weinstock, Sandor on October 22, 1995, late of 155 Marlee Ave. #1505
Singer, Philip Felix on October 26, 1995
Scherer, Harry on October 26, 1995
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Papier, Louis on October 27, 1995, late of 370 Ridelle Ave., #1404

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Sam Herscovici on October 19, 1995, late of 180 Vaughan St. #801
Rose Greenglass on October 20, 1995, late of 17 Ancona St.
Joseph Eisen on October 21, 1995, late of 55 Alexis Rd.
Evelyn Sidney on October 21, 1995, late of 35 Touraine Ave.
Lonia Tiefenbach on October 21, 1995, late of 7 Townsgate Drive #207
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Joseph Brik on October 25, 1995, late of 178 Overbrook Place
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Leon Rein on October 14, 1995, late of 184 Torresdale Ave.
Percy Lederman on October 15, 1995, late of 581 Avenue Rd. #602
Ray Holtzman on October 17, 1995, late of 11 Elkpath Ave.
Yetta Grymek on October 18, 1995, late of 692 Briar Hill Ave.
George Stein on October 17, 1995, late of 80 Antibes Dr. #705
Esther Simlevitz on October 18, 1995, late of 3560 Bathurst St.
Louis Blumenfeld on Octber 18, 1995, late of 651 Sheppard Ave. W.
Irving Stolberg on October 19, 1995, late of 4555 Bathurst St. #1014
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M. J.

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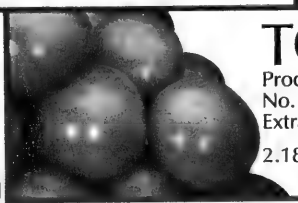

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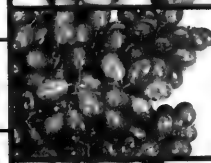

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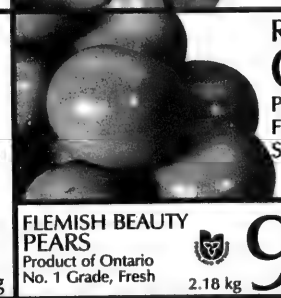

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Israel still in shock

A SKATER'S TRIBUTE

Israeli skater Misha Shmerkin is seen here in silent tribute to Yitzhak Rabin. Shmerkin had just received word of Rabin's assassination before starting his skate last week in the Sun Life Skate Canada in Saint John, N.B. At his left is Yossi Goldberg, mayor of Metulla. The Israeli flag at half mast is paraded in honor of Shmerkin's second place finish. [photo by David Nickerson *Saint John Telegraph Journal*]

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By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — Five days after the murder of Yitzhak Rabin, Israelis sat transfixed, listening to the mother of the killer try to explain the unexplainable.

"He came out of my womb. But he is no longer my son," said Geula Amir on nationwide television. "It will stay with me to the grave – the pain and the fear about what can happen to a human being whom you have raised and given the very best basis possible."

The words of the kindergarten teacher from Herzliyah were haunting because they echoed the thoughts of so many Israelis. "How could he have come out of our womb? How could our society have produced such a deformed son? And how could he have lived in our house – the House of Israel – for so long without us noticing that something was terribly wrong?"

Some shook their heads in disbelief as they heard Geula Amir say she didn't know what her son was plotting. "How could the parents not know?" asked a Ramat Aviv woman. "Their son had stockpiled ammunition in the backyard. It was right under their noses!" she said outraged at the denial.

But other Israelis were simply dumbfounded as they watched the repeat of another broadcast – first televised two months ago – exposing an extreme right-wing group conducting military exercises and vowing to kill "whoever needs to be killed."

"How could *we* not have known? They were in *our backyard*," said another Ramat Aviv woman. We just didn't want to see it."

The questions become more disturbing with every new arrest. Seven suspects are now being held for involvement in the assassination of the prime minister. In every one of them, Israelis see another boy next door: a soldier in an elite army

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A young man's cri de coeur

By ILAN GEWURZ
Special to The CJN

As Jewish communities the world over mourn the horrifying death of Yitzhak Rabin, the first assassination of an Israeli prime minister, Jewish youth must begin a period of soul searching and reflection on its future. The assassination of an Israeli prime minister by an Israeli has always been beyond the imagination and its tragic occurrence is more than just a breach of the democratic values of the country.

This unfathomable act goes beyond the repulsive total disregard for human life; it undermines the very essence of the State of Israel and the Jewish people. By making the unthinkable a sad reality, by transforming the ideological divisions of Jews from shouting to shooting, the abomination has forced us to reflect on where the Jewish state is heading and what it means to us as young Diaspora Jews.

Israel mourns

Throughout the last 48 years, Israel has been a source of great pride for Jews around the world. Israel is not just the realization of Jewish self-determination after 2,000 years of exile, it is the only state in the world that has managed to exist as a democracy in the face of challenges that have constantly threatened its very existence. Identification with Israel, however, goes beyond its democratic nature. The State of Israel has always represented the unity of the Jewish people. Throughout its brief history, Israel has proven time and time again that in times of crisis, political differences can be transcended for the sake of national unity.

There is a belief that no matter how deep the divide between individuals, Israel is able to exist by virtue of the fact that, at the core of their very existence, Jews all over the world (inside and outside of Israel) have always united around the Jewish state. Israelis have been more than just citizens of their country; they are seen as one big extended family. This sense of communal identity has been threatened by the horrifying reality of the recent tragedy that undermines the essential quality of the State of Israel and calls many of these ideas into question for the first time.

Ours is a generation that never experienced the horrors of the Holocaust. We never knew life in the Diaspora without existence of a Jewish state. We did not experience the overwhelming sense

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Letters

A flood of letters about the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin have come in. Our space does not allow us to print them all. We aplogize to the writers concerned.

His first and only song

There is a special bird in the animal kingdom called the trumpeter swan who never sings in its entire life except once just prior to its death. Mr. Shimon Peres has described for us how Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin never felt comfortable singing and so he never did — except this one time at the Peace Rally in Tel Aviv last week. He sang a peace song. After this noble swan, this king of peace in Israel finished his song, he walked to where his killer was waiting to hunt him down.

Sharon Joy Steinberg
Montreal

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Rabbis must respond

The tragic killing of Prime Minister Rabin must be condemned by all Jews in Israel and abroad. Those Jews who, like the assassin, support or condone the killing as a necessary step sanctioned by "G-d," must be alluding to a different deity. The Jewish G-d does not instruct our people to kill. If anything, other than in cases of immediate and personal peril, we are committed not to kill.

The death of Rabin leaves Israel potentially divided but more importantly, may result in destructive turmoil within our religion. It is therefore imperative that our rabbis unite in reaffirming Judaism's commitment to our commandments and firmly denounce this recent heinous and irreligious act.

Michael Gordon
Toronto

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Killer shames all Jews

Attacks on the Jews provoke outrage. How many of us were appalled by Jaques Parizeau's cretinous analysis of the referendum results? Angered by the "jokes" of the CHUM announcer? Such reactions are justified responses to our collective ill-treatment and we respond in solidarity. But how to respond now?

Had Rabin been assassinated by a non-Jew we should have been outraged. But I ask you what is the appropriate response to the slaying of Rabin by one of us? How can we ever come to terms with a Jew murdering a Jew? There have been differences and difficulties; these notwithstanding, don't we all know that a Jew is a Jew is a Jew? The answer is tragically apparent.

The diplomacy demonstrated by Rabin during the Gulf War was something that we could all take pride in. When Israel had every right to retaliate, every right to participate in a game of brinkmanship that might easily have led to a nuclear holocaust, she showed restraint and wisdom. We were a distinguished nation. Under the leadership of Rabin, Israel gained the respect of the world. But as we collectively enjoyed that admiration, we now must collectively regret. The criminal death of this great man and leader has brought us shame. Shame on all of us.

Lisa Csele
Toronto

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Memorial comment shocks

The recent tragedy in Israel has shocked and angered many of us. As a university student deeply attached to and concerned about Israel, I found the news of Yitzhak Rabin's murder very painful and confusing.

I attended the memorial service at the Shaar Hashamayim to show my respect and to share my sadness with my community. Even on such an occasion, I experienced ignorance and lack of respect similar to that demonstrated by Rabin's killer, although to a lesser degree.

Among the dignitaries present was M. Bernard Landry. When his name was mentioned as among those present, the man (I will not say gentleman) beside me muttered, "He can rot in hell."

It made me sick to hear this comment, especially when we were supposed to be mourning the loss of a great man, killed simply because of his political views. Not only was this remark inappropriate, but it also shows that many people feel those who do not share their views deserve to die.

My message to people like this man and to all those despicable people who say that Rabin "deserved" to die, is first, get an education because you obviously have not learned to be civilized and second, being a good Jew means respecting others, regardless of their views. It is people such as this intolerant man who stand in the way of world peace! I can only hope that my children will not have to share the world with people like him!

Shauna Reinblatt
Montreal

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Shalom Bayit above all

Yitzhak Rabin, father of peace, teacher of compatibility and humility, leader in the fight for understanding, a man of great wisdom and foresight, is dead.

I cannot begin yet to get angry. I am too caught up in the pain of the moment. I am too shocked to hear that another Jew has violated not only the law of the land but the law of the Bible. And it is hurtful, embarrassing and terrifying to know that this Jew is not upset, nor regretful of his deed. Possibly, if it was a person of another faith, a son or daughter of a former enemy of Israel, who had shot down Rabin, then I could feel some anger mixed with my pain.

But this is not the case. And instead I feel lost.

The only consolation, perhaps, is that in Rabin's death, we see that peace is worth dying for. That Shalom Bayit is truly so important a mitzvah we should put it above all our other responsibilities. That though we may be kosher, go to shul regularly and make charitable contributions, these acts pale in comparison to our behavior toward others. That though it may be difficult, we should curb our tendencies to disagree and instead work toward being better human beings, peaceful human beings. We should strive toward teaching our children, our families, our friends and our communities that working out our differences is the only everlasting memorial.

Lisa Galet
Toronto

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Unity as Rabin's legacy

A hero is all the time a hero. It has nothing to do with whether he or she is of Indian, Greek, English or Jewish origin.

Yitzhak Rabin believed that people during peace time could develop their potential to full.

I hope his innocent blood brings the very foundation of peace, harmony and happiness to every individual and to every country. I hope also that his innocent blood unites all the Jewish people who live either in Israel or in the Diaspora and helps them to forget problems of minor political differences for the grandeur and glory of their country.

Evripidis Georgiou
Montreal

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Civil discourse needed

In the wake of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin by a Jewish religious nationalist in Israel, isn't it time that the rhetoric in Canadian religious nationalist circles stayed quiet about internal Israeli politics?

The speakers and leaders of the religious nationalist settlers' movement cannot absolve themselves of responsibility by innocently claiming that Yigal Amir was a lunatic, a crazy.

Surely now is the time for a civil discourse on the issues of peace in Israel, the dilemma of the settlements and the future of Israel. A debate about politics naturally produces disagreements, not a defiance of the government, not a motive for murder.

Arny Wise
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Thousands mourn slain Israeli Prime Minister

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Some came to express their solidarity with the people of Israel, others came searching for an outlet for their grief. Yet others came to pay their respects to Yitzhak Rabin.

More than 5,000 people, young and old, adults, seniors, mothers with babies, packed the North York Centennial Arena last week for a program sponsored by a coalition of Jewish organizations. Hundreds more listened to the service in a nearby library or stood outside the rink.

Those present in bleachers usually reserved for hockey fans and those on chairs at ice level heard a parade of speakers eulogize the slain Israeli leader, though none could capture the emotion and sense of loss expressed at Rabin's Jerusalem funeral.

On the floor of the cavernous arena, 19-year-old Arik Bergman told *The CJN* that as an Israeli "I felt personally connected to what happened. I felt numb, shocked that it was done by a Jew. It's not something we're used to.

"I think this [program] is a way to unite, to feel together and to get together with other Jews in the community who feel the same way," the University of Toronto student said.

Paula Bernstein said she attended the program "to show my solidarity with the state of Israel and to mourn the loss of our leader."

Bernstein, a real estate agent, said "I was shocked, saddened and horrified that this crime was committed by one of our own."

Eran Feldman, a 26-year-old sabra, said he voted for Rabin in the last Israeli election. "I believe in the way of peace because during the intifadah I served [in the IDF] among the Arabs and it wasn't easy. I think the time has come to do something because [this struggle] doesn't lead to anything. We don't want the Arabs as our citizens so the only way is to separate."

Feldman said the killing of Rabin was "craziness. I know there is a struggle in the country, but not in this way."

Asher Benlolo, 48, came to the memorial service "because Rabin was my leader in the army. I served under him directly. He was a great man, the man who started the peace."

Robert Vardi, a native of Hungary who lived in Israel for 24 years, said he attended the service because "we have to pay our respects to a great man. After I was up all night to watch the funeral, it was the least I could do to come here tonight.

"I lit a memorial candle for him in my home. I cried when I saw the funeral service," said Vardi, who in 1950 served in the IDF as a paratrooper.

Enid and Harold Alter were up at 5 a.m. to watch Rabin's funeral live on television. "We're here [at the rally] to show our respect for Mr. Rabin," Enid said.

"This is a terrible shock," particularly because it's "a time that Israel needs a strong leader," Harold said.

Addressing the thousands present, Rabbi Gunther Plaut paid tribute to Rabin the peacemaker. And he attacked the mindset that led the assassin to snuff out the prime minister's life.

Referring to the Akedah story in the Torah in which Abraham was ready to sacrifice his son Yitzhak in obedience to God's commands, Rabbi Plaut said "the assassin thought he too had heard God, but in his blindness he did not see the ram in the bushes." (In the Akedah, an angel appeared to Abraham and told him to sacrifice the ram in place of his son.)

The assassin "took the voice of hate as the voice of God."

The assassin did not believe in the principles of democracy, of listening to the views of others. Instead he opted for violence, Rabbi Plaut said.

The assassin also did not understand the principles of Judaism as found in the Talmud, a compendium of argument and counterargument. Both side of a questions asked in a sacred cause are the voices of the living God, Rabbi Plaut said.

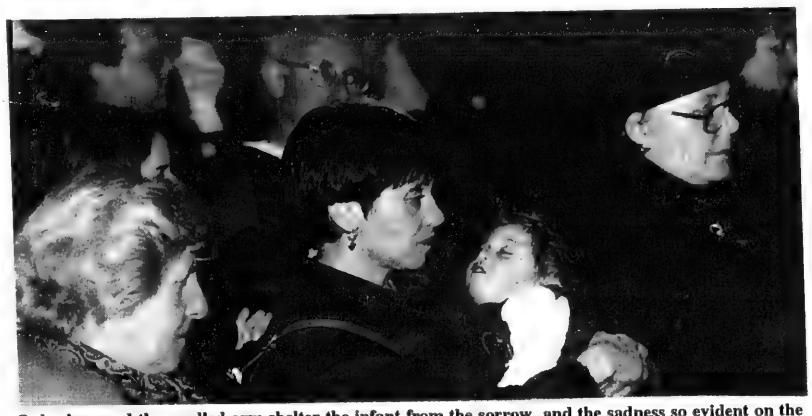
What kind of voices call an Israeli prime minister a murderer and a traitor? It was inevitable that someone would take these voices literally, he added.

Rabbi Plaut suggested that Jews in the Diaspora are also too prone to use violent, divisive language.

"Whether we as a people will live is up to God, but whether we live together as one people is up to us," he concluded.

Other addressing the meeting included former Ontario premier Bob Rae, North York Mayor Mel Lastman, Israeli Consul General Jehudi Kinar and representatives of various Jewish organizations.

The meeting was sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, B'nai Brith Canada, the Canadian Zionist Federation, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the United Israel Appeal of Canada. Moshe Ronen, Ontario chair of Congress, chaired the proceedings.



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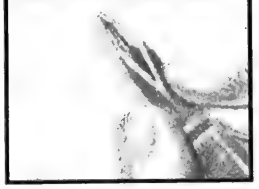

Yitzhak Rabin gave detail to Jewish history

Not many people know that Leon Uris based the character of Ari Ben Canaan in the novel *Exodus*, in part, on the life of Yitzhak Rabin. Such were young Rabin's contributions to the founding of the State of Israel that Uris knew he had the material to fashion a true-to-life hero from the Haganah and Palmach officer's exploits. Such was the remarkable nature of the story of the Jewish people's return to modern history that he also knew he could write a best-selling novel. And of course, he was right.

Exodus was not a classic of western literature, but it became an immediate hit. First published in 1958, it had already gone into its 28th printing by 1965. Uris himself attributed the novel's success to its subject matter.

"It was the story of the greatest miracle of our times, an event unparalleled in the history of mankind: the rebirth of a nation which had been dispersed 2,000 years before. It tells the story of the Jews coming back after centuries of abuse, indignities, torture and murder to carve an oasis in the sand with guts and with blood ... *Exodus* is about fighting people, people who do not apologize either for being born Jews or the right to live in human dignity."

As everyone knows, the novel was subsequently made into a film with Paul Newman starring as the hard-nosed, courageous sabra.. It is probably accurate to say that by the mid-1960s, most North Americans and Europeans had either read the book or seen the movie. This was very significant.

To the generation which had lived through World War II, *Exodus* provided a written and visual record, albeit fictionalized, of their struggle, of the ashes of destroyed European Jewry and of the tiny phoenix that arose miraculously from them.

To the first generation born after the war, at a time when their parents the survivors still could not speak, when most universities were not offering programs in Jewish studies, when life was fraught with relatively few moral ambiguities, *Exodus* was an eye-opening education and a soaring inspiration. It helped shape an entire generation's sentiment and galvanize its steel support for the nascent Israel, the concrete expressions of which reached their deepest level during the Six Day War.

So gripping was the story told that *Exodus* became a secret talisman shared in whispers among the oppressed Jews in the Soviet Union, their chief instructional instrument on modern Jewish history and introductory spiritual link to both Judaism and Israel. As Wendy Eisen points out in her recently published book *Count Us In*, "There were three different handwritten Russian versions in Riga alone, each translated by a different group, unaware of the others' existence. *Exodus* became known as "the book," read in a single night by candle-light and passed from parent to child." During the height of the refusenik repression, its mere possession was used in court by the regime as evidence of anti-Soviet activities.

The purpose of these thoughts is not to extol *Exodus* as a work, but rather *Exodus* as a story. It was part of the profoundly moving, transformative experience faced by the post- World War II generation as we encountered and sorted out our Jewish role in the modern world. It was part of a transformative experience which Ilan Gewurz on the front page of this issue eloquently decries as sadly lacking for the second and third generations after World War II.

The story of Yitzhak Rabin gave rich detail to the founding of modern Israel and to the unfolding of Jewish history. In many respects it was a shared history.

His murder was an affront to life, law, decency and God. But it was also an affront to Jewish history. One should not have to read *Exodus* to understand this truth.

For at least one person, and possibly more, truth was apparently irrelevant.

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The murder of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin unleashed a torrent of emotions among the readers of *The CJN* and an obvious need on their part to express their feelings on paper. We have received scores of letters. Like waves incessantly returning to the shoreline, they arrived by ordinary mail, electronic mail, courier and fax, a heart-rending whirl of melancholy and anger. There was prose, poetry and even drawing. As of this writing, they are still coming. We will do our best to publish as many as possible.

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Multicultural groups express sympathy with the Jewish community

TORONTO — Multicultural groups from A to Z have expressed their sympathy with the Jewish community on the loss of Yitzhak Rabin.

Canadian Jewish Congress has received numerous letters of sympathy, said Congress spokesperson Lewis Levendel.

Among the groups offering their condolences: the Ukrainian Canadian Congress, the Armenian Community Centre, Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, International Coordinating Committee for Justice for Cyprus, Canadian-Croatian Congress, National Congress of Italian Canadians, Canadian Hispanic Congress and the World Sikh Organization.

Correction

The headline over the article on page 3 last week incorrectly identified Prime Minister Rabin's burial place as Mount Zion. He was buried, of course, on Mount Herzl, as the story accurately noted.

Correction

In the photo that accompanied our story last week about the joint exhibit by Israeli and Palestinian artists, we incorrectly identified Mr. Alberto DiGiovanni of the Columbus Centre as Israeli Consul General Jehudi Kinar. We regret the error.

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Tributes

Canadian Jewish Leaders

OTTAWA — We are delivering this message to the Canadian Jewish community after having attended the sombre and moving funeral and tribute for Yitzhak Rabin Z"L.

Our delegation was seated among heads of state representing 80 nations.

We were moved to tears as we shared the overwhelming grief of all Israelis.

Our delegation was led by Prime Minister and Mrs. Jean Chretien, who graciously extended the hospitality of Canadian Forces transport No. 1 to us. In Israel, Canadian Ambassador David Berger and his gracious wife Monica welcomed us at the airport and at their residence. We were also accompanied by the Honorable Sheila Finestone, Quebec Cultural Communities Minister Louise Harel, and Lester Lazarus, former president of Montreal's FEDERATION CJA.

We were impressed that Prime Minister Rabin's accomplishments were lauded by Israel's former foes: King Hussein of Jordan; President Hosni Mubarak of Egypt; Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin of the Russian Federation; Boutros-Boutros Ghali, Secretary-General of the United Nations.

We came to Israel representing Canadian Jewry; to offer our condolences and sympathies to the family of Yitzhak Rabin and the Israeli people to pay our respects to a great man, a great Israeli, a great Jew; and to demonstrate Canadian Jewry's solidarity with the people and government of Israel.

Yitzhak Rabin's legacy is peace in the Middle East. We hope and pray his vision will last forever.

Goldie Hershon, President
Canadian Jewish Congress
Brian Morris, President
B'nai Brith Canada
Stephen Victor, National Chair,
Canada-Israel Committee
Rabbi Dow Marmur
Vice-President
Canadian Zionist Federation
Harvey Wolfe,
Incoming President
UIA Canada.

Don Cousens
Mayor of Markham

MARKHAM, Ont. — I join with the people of Israel and the children of Israel around the world in mourning the loss of Yitzhak Rabin. I add my voice to the chorus of those who praise Yitzhak Rabin as a man who contributed so much to world peace, and who now has made the ultimate and final sacrifice.

In my 10 years on the Soviet Jewry committee at the Ontario Legislature, and as a recipient of the Jerusalem Medal, I have developed what I feel is a special relationship with Israel and the world Jewish community. So I am doubly stricken at the loss of a world leader through senseless violence. The very existence of the State of Israel shows us that we can and should resolve our differences without recourse to violence. We cannot let the work and ideals of Yitzhak Rabin fail because of the disease of violence.

It is my sincere hope that the words and actions of world leaders over the past days will continue, and will be translated into action. The best thing we can all do is keep alive the spirit of Yitzhak Rabin as we work for the peace that he wanted for Israel, the Mideast and the world.

Aloysius Ambrozic
Archbishop of Toronto

TORONTO — I want to express my deepest condolences at the unspeakable loss of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

This man lived at the service of his people; his legacy is one of a process reaching toward a constructive, well-grounded and just peace.

I pray that his legacy will endure in the hearts and in the actions of all Israeli citizens and of all others in the Middle East. May his example continue to inspire leaders all over the world to find ways in which diverse populations can live together in fraternity and in a peace which is secure and fruitful for all.

David Dingwall, MP

OTTAWA — The Honorable David Dingwall, Minister of Public Works and Government Services Canada and Minister responsible for the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency expressed great dismay and sorrow over the death of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"It was with great sadness and shock that I learned of the death of Mr. Yitzhak Rabin. The world has lost a martyr for peace. I am confident that Mr. Shimon Peres will be able to carry on in honor and memory of the efforts of Yitzhak Rabin and optimistic that the path of peace upon which he embarked will endure."

Canadian Council for Reform Judaism

TORONTO — The world is once again heartsick at an act of senseless violence that has a man of peace from our midst. On behalf of the Reform Jewish movement and Jews everywhere, we express our deepest sorrow over the act. To our brothers and sisters grieving in Israel, know that we are with you. And to Prime Minister Rabin's family, know that we mourn with you, and extend to you our deepest sympathies.

Sadly, the enemies of peace and the destroyers of life come in all colors, in all nationalities, and from all extremes. Sadly, our own people are not immune to extremists, to fanatics, yes, even to murderers. Yet just as those who assassinated Anwar Sadat 14 years ago did not stall the massive momentum for peace then, so we are confident that the peace process has not died with Prime Minister Rabin.

The desire and the momentum for peace is shared by most Israelis; it does not depend on any one individual. It rests, instead, on the shoulders of soldiers weary of fighting, mothers and fathers tired of crying, people yearning for reconciliation. Prime Minister Rabin will now join those heroes who have sacrificed their lives for peace. Our own commitment to the peace process he so courageously led is the proper respect we owe him now.

Rabbi Alexander Shindler, President, Union of American Hebrew Congregations
Charles Rothschild, President, Canadian Council for Reform Judaism
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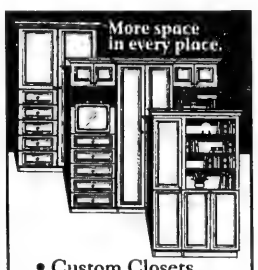

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Tributes

Sarkis Assadourian, MP

Statement made in the House of Commons, Nov. 6, 1995:

Mr. Speaker:

"One who kills in the name of morality kills nothing except one's own morality."

The world has suffered the loss of a great peace maker.

Mindless violence has claimed a leader whose foresight and courage led his nation from the twisted path of endless conflict and pointed it towards the road to peace.

I was honored to nominate Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin for the Nobel Peace Prize in January 1994 and overjoyed when he was awarded that honor in December 1994.

Yitzhak Rabin was a soldier who fought for his country, but he grew to realize that the only solution was to become a soldier for peace. He survived conflict as a soldier but died as a soldier of peace.

When I met him here in Canada he promised me that he would continue to work towards a lasting peace.

I extend condolences to Mrs. Rabin, her family and the nation of Israel.

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New Israel Fund

TORONTO — The New Israel Fund — in Israel, North America and Europe — expresses its profound sadness and distress over the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. This heinous act is, in no small measure, a consequence of violent rhetoric that extremist opponents of the peace process have increasingly indulged in over the last two years. It represents a challenge to the very fabric of democracy in Israel as much as it does to the peace process which hundreds of thousands of Israelis were celebrating at the moment Mr. Rabin was struck down.

Under Mr. Rabin's visionary leadership, Israel took a giant step toward breaking the cycle of conflict and violence that has now tragically claimed him as a victim. The work that he so courageously undertook must be carried on. The institutions and norms of Israeli democracy must be strengthened and reinforced.

Letters

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Embrace religious morality

Ever since I learned to sing *Hatikvah* in grade school, I have been a Zionist. By the time I graduated from university, Israel activism had become one of my primary concerns and it was natural that I would choose to spend a year at the World Union Jewish Studies Institute exploring my connection to this land. Not even two weeks into the program, the principles that I have always held close to my heart have been shaken.

My emotional response to Yitzhak Rabin's assassination was similar to that of most of the students here. The shock and disbelief that I initially felt led quickly to anger and deep sorrow. Along with most people, I was incredibly saddened by the fact that this attack came from within the community. This example of the deterioration of Israeli society led me to question the very nature of the country I had spent a great part of my life defending.

The need for a Jewish nation has always seemed self-explanatory to me, but it seems that I had never really explored what it means to have a Jewish country. One horrible crime committed by one Jew brought everything into perspective. I have realized that it is not enough for Israel to be a land inhabited and led by Jews who speak to each other in Hebrew. This alone does not make it a Jewish nation. In order for Israelis to rightfully claim that they are living in a Jewish country, they must begin to live according to the fundamental principles of Judaism.

I do not mean that every Israeli must become religious. It does not matter to me if people observe Shabbat or kashrut; those are personal decisions. What does matter is that the residents of a Jewish nation embrace the basic moral aspects of our religion. Until the residents of Israel acknowledge this, they may be living in a country inhabited by Jews, but they will not be living in a Jewish country.

Carla Lancit
Arad, Israel

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The Camp is in Darkness

If Prime Minister Rabin had died of natural causes, we would still mourn his death. If Prime Minister Rabin had been killed by one insane, we would mourn his death all the more. If Prime Minister Rabin had been killed by an enemy of Israel, wishing Israel ill, we would mourn yet more. But to learn that Prime Minister Rabin died at the hands of a countryman and a fellow Jew who claimed to act in the best interests of Israel is a painful lesson indeed. And to see that the assassin killed in the name of the God of Israel is to witness a profanation of God and His Torah in the world.

Great leaders have spoken about Rabin's dedication to the path of peace. Diplomats have praised a man of arms who became a soldier of peace only after extended reflection. King Hussein said quite rightly that the prime minister was a "martyr for peace;" may the memory of the martyr be for a blessing.

Yet, other words than Hussein's ring in our ears. Noa ben Artzi said of her grandfather, "The pillar of fire [is gone from] before the camp and now the camp is in darkness." It may be that our brother, the Jew who killed our brother, acted on his own. One man pulls the trigger — but there are many others who bless the assassin in their hearts. The dark seed of Jewish terrorism has borne its bitter firstfruits.

In Israel, spokesmen from across the spectrum condemn the violence that disturbed the outgoing of the Sabbath. There is indeed room for dissent in a democracy. But how do we make room for *this*? What do we do when the love of hating enemies spills over into hatred for those whom we should love?

Rabbi David Rosenberg
Congregation Beth Tefilah
London, Ont.

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Deal with faults openly

The tragic loss of Yitzhak Rabin represents a terrible loss to Israel and to the world. It doesn't even bother me so much that it was another Jew. We Jews are often afraid to air our dirty laundry in public because we are afraid to tarnish our image as a chosen people. That image is very hard to live up to and often does more damage than good. The truth is that we are all human and the opponents of peace can be found on all fronts.

What is truly upsetting is that every step we take forward as a society seems to be fraught with tragedy. History records that people with dreams in them end up with bullets in them. In a society so accustomed to change, one would think that the change from war to peace would be welcome and simple. Peace, however, requires that we change hate to tolerance and treat each other with humanity. This requires far more effort than is commonly imagined.

The assassin looked to the laws of religion and history to find justification for his act. He claimed that he was acting on the word of God when in fact, he was acting on his interpretation of the words of God, which is in effect, the same as acting on his own. The attraction to religious laws is in the comfort that they provide. But these laws are susceptible to interpretation and perversion, in the absence of caring and humanity, and therein lies the danger. The assassin, through a lack of caring and humanity, interpreted the laws in such a way as to circumvent one of our first laws: "Thou shalt not murder."

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This Week in Canadian Jewish History

November 15, 1977 The North American Jewish Students Network-Canada, an affiliate of the World Union of Jewish Students, was founded. Network promotes education and activism for university students and young adults. (*Canadian Jewish Agenda, C.J.C. 1995*)

Two weeks later

It is now almost two weeks since Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was killed. His family and his people have emerged from the week of mourning. But mourning remains.

Unlike the torn garment, mourning's outward mark, the heart that was rent cannot be cast aside or stored away as a reminder to be retrieved on occasions of private melancholy. The heart, though broken, is still life's sustaining force, driving us forward inexorably to the next day. But what the "next day" now holds for the Jewish people, in Israel and in the Diaspora, is the daunting task of attempting to restore to whole, a community that is divided, shaken and full of self-doubt.

On the Monday following the murder, Rav Yehuda Amital, the rosh yeshivah of Yeshivat Har Etzion, long a force for tolerance and moderation within the religious community in Israel, spoke out forcefully in the beit midrash against the man and the ideology that drove him to kill. Rav Amital was outraged and terribly saddened by the assassination. We excerpt parts of the *shiur* to his pupils. His words comprise a good beginning point for the work that lies ahead for us all.

"There is a double *chillul HaShem*, desecration of God's name, when one who claims to be a ben Torah, who sees himself as serving God, is capable of this deed. This is Torah? This is Torah education? What a terrible *chillul HaShem*! Anyone who is not shocked lacks even an iota of *yirat shamayim*, fear of God. He has no idea of what is honor of God."

Rav Amital indignantly condemned any loyalty to what he called the ideology of force, the attitude of supreme self-righteousness, which disregards the rules of democratic government and which was used to justify the murder. "This horrible act, directed against the kingdom of Israel, is also an assault on the kingdom of God. It is an assault on the entire people of Israel, not only because of the act itself, but because one man cannot say: 'I will decide for everyone. I have the right to assault the [man] chosen by the people, a man who dedicated his life to the Jewish people.'

"I am gravely worried by this entire ideology of force ... We are not inoculated against this danger, which lurks especially in the ideology of force and is doubly dangerous when people begin to speak in the name of God." Later in the week, at a gathering of religious and settler leaders, Rav Amital further developed this theme: "We have to stop using Jewish law in political matters; we have to stop delegitimizing the democratically elected government and demonizing it as treasonous."

But knowing how contagious pessimism can be, Rav Amital was determined to leave his students with a positive message. "I have a feeling," he continued, "that extremism on both sides will lessen. We can continue, even while disagreeing, to find the will and the strength to build the State of Israel ... Despite our differences of opinion we still have much to unite us ... We must fight against hatred."

Rav Amital's courage and determination must be emulated. His message – to fight against hatred – is one which has often appeared on these pages. It cannot be overstated or overemphasized.

Last Sunday, eight days after the assassination, some 200,000 Israelis came together in the square in Tel Aviv, since renamed Rabin Square, where many had gathered one week earlier and where the prime minister fell. They met to say one final farewell and to rededicate themselves publicly to the cause which took the prime minister's life. As it had one week earlier, the Song of Peace became their rallying cry and the evening's hymnal. In freely translated form, we reproduce last two stanzas.

> "Don't simply say peace may come one day.
> But help it to arrive.
> For peace is not just a far off dream
> It's the hope we keep alive.
>
> Thus, sing out loud the song of peace.
> Whisper not a plea.
> Far better, sing out loud the song of peace
> Let your voice cry out proudly."

Surreal and so sad

As I write this, almost four days have passed since the numbing assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. There is one word that constantly returns to me in my attempt to digest what has happened: surreal. How else can I describe standing among hundreds of thousands of mourners as the draped coffin of the leader of our country slowly drove by? How else can I describe standing among tens of thousands of mourners, some singing, some holding candles, some staring blankly ahead, in front of the Prime Minister's Residence the night after the murder? How else can I describe the scene of *kaffiyeh*-clad King Hussein followed by Hosni Mubarak and the Torah-teaching Bill Clinton eulogizing our tiny nation's leader to the entire world from Mount Herzl?

Did this really happen?

Four days later, and it's still surreal. I try to understand what happened and I can't. I try to understand how a Jew could coldly walk up to the prime minister of Israel and kill him with two tiny bullets, but I can't. I don't think I ever will completely comprehend that this really occurred. A Jew killed the leader of the State of Israel. Read that a few times. Do you understand that? Did this really happen?

It is difficult for Jews in the Diaspora to understand the ever widening gap that has emerged in this country since the Oslo accord was signed some two years ago. On an almost daily basis, Likud attacked Labor and Labor assailed Likud; journalists slandered settlers and settlers denounced journalists; non-observant defamed observant and observant maligned non-observant; government ministers vilified Oslo opponents and Oslo opponents denigrated government members. With this divisive acrimony, our dream of national unity fractured into terrifying nightmares.

And now the whole world knows. Any thoughts of trying to wash our dirty laundry in private have been destroyed by the ubiquitous CNN and the other world media closely examining our destructive divisions. This, too, is somewhat surreal. I sit in my living room watching Gerold Kessel and Walter Rogers interviewing acquaintances and teachers of mine about religious Judaism. Overnight, issues that remained confined to certain segments of Israeli society burst forth for the world to see: Is there something wrong with the religious educational system? Do rabbis have too much authority? Can observant and non-observant Jews live together?

People are thinking now. A lot. I am thinking now. A lot. I am thinking of how a Torah observant Jew could take a gun in his hand, walk up to the leader of our first independent country in 2,000 years and kill him. A fellow Jew, who devoted his entire life to the country. I think of Lee Harvey Oswald, a somewhat mythical figure totally removed from my existence. And then I think of the murderer, a young man who went through a similar educational system to the one I and most of my friends attended. We are basically in the same circle of society in Israel — we studied in similar yeshivot, discussed the same issues of religious Zionism, volunteered for the same causes and probably have somewhat comparable aspirations for the future of the country.

And yet, he took a gun and killed the prime minister of Israel. I could easily pass this off and say, as many have, that he is not part of us, that he is *michutz la'machaneh* — outside the camp. Perhaps, but the fact is, that we study the same Torah, the Torah that defines our lives. This is not some distant, marginal assassin. If I had known him, we probably would have been friendly. Perhaps we would have led programs for new olim together, something both of us have done in the past. And yet, he took a gun and killed the prime minister of Israel. He and others of his ilk have trampled on one of the most basic and crucial teachings of Judaism, *Dracheha darchei noam v'chol netivoteha shalom* — Her ways are ways of pleasures and all her paths are paths of peace.

So I am thinking now. A lot. I am thinking about the future of this country. I am thinking about the future of the Jewish people. I am thinking that perhaps this is an opportunity to bring ourselves together, to finally recognize that we can accomplish so much more if we unite.

Observant Jews, in all shapes and sizes, must reach out with respect to non-observant Jews. Perhaps, instead of the next demonstration against this or against that, we will demonstrate for something. For love. For tolerance. For understanding. I dream of seeing Jews inviting different Jews to their homes to experience the serenity of a traditional Shabbat. I dream of Jews asking other Jews to peacefully explain why they feel so connected to the land. I dream of Jews joining all types of other Jews at festivities celebrating Judaism. I dream of Jews studying with Jews the great accomplishments of Herzl, Bialik and the other builders of this country. I dream of Jews all around the world casting aside their petty arguments and concentrating on engendering peace and honor amongst one another.

We'll need new dreamers

Naive? Perhaps. But I think it's time for a little naivete here. The realization of the dreams of a few idealists created this country. In order to perpetuate and strengthen it, we'll need new dreamers who can rouse the Jewish people out of this nightmare to a vision of light and hope. Dreamers like Jacob, with their feet planted firmly in the earth, but their aspirations carried by angels to the glorious heavens. Dreamers like Joseph, who can forgive past wrongdoing in their selfless desire to synthesize the dissonant voices into a mellifluous harmony.

To paraphrase Rabin at the White House on Sept. 13, 1995: Enough rhetoric! No more hate! No more violence, verbal or physical. Let us respect one another and cast aside blame for past sins. Let all Jews, in both Israel and the Diaspora, stress what binds us together. Through deep reflection, we have an opportunity to unite as a people. Let us begin now.

Rabbi Maury Kelman
Jerusalem

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Perspectives

Remembering Shlomo

(Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach died last year on on the 11th of November, the 16th day of Heshvan. In his memory and in his honor, we are featuring an essay in two parts by Neila Carlebach about him and his legacy. This is the second part of the essay which began in The CJN *last week.)*

By NEILA CARLEBACH

Shlomo was offered a position as a rabbi and he had to complete his studies. He approached Rav Isaac Hutner, the rosh yeshivah of Chaim Berlin, to give him the oral exam necessary for *smichah*. Two months and two weeks later, he was awarded *yoreh, yoreh, yadin, yadim*, the highest level of rabbinic ordination.

At this time, a former Chaim Berlin student recalls, "One day there was a sign on the bulletin board with the large letters 'TASTGIG.' Below, it said 'Taste and See that G-d is Good. Join Shlomo Carlebach for a *Kumsitz*,' and it gave an address. We heard that Shloime was taking boys and girls, some from public schools, and they were sitting on the floor with candles lit and singing together. That's how he tried to *mikarev* them, bring them closer to Judaism."

That kind of evening became Shlomo's hallmark. While singing into the early morning hours, Shlomo awakened thousands of Jewish souls and rekindled the faith and fervor of countless religious Jews.

I attended hundreds such evenings and never ceased being moved as I watched the dawning of a soul-connection to a thought or a lilting melody. Every city in the world we visited boasted of a Shlomo group that waited eagerly for his arrival. His visits were described as spiritual injections, soul-care packages.

Everyone knew the songs, and all were led into his way of learning Chassidut. And most importantly, everyone spoke Shlomo's language: "Hey brother, peace ... what's happenin ... *mamash* ... you look sharp like a dog ... gevalt, is this deep ... so open your hearts ... give me your sweetest, cutest attention." We all knew the lingo, how to roll our eyes towards heaven and raise our hands in resignation to the Almighty, and how to freely hug each other in a fraternal pact of soul-friendship.

We were "Shlomo chevra," connected to the "highest of the high" and the "holiest of the holy." From wealthy homes in Mexico, Caracas, Toronto and Fifth Avenue penthouses in New York, to rabbi's homes in Johannesburg, Miami and London, to banquet halls all over the world, to parlors in Leningrad, Bombay, Sydney and Bucharest, to Shlomo's House of Love and Prayer, 79th Street Synagogue in New York and the moshav in Israel, people of all ages and in all walks of life rejoiced in their heritage, with Shlomo guiding them to the home of their souls — with kindness and patience. Shlomo was so accessible, so loving, he became everyone's best friend.

In New Jersey where he had his first pulpit, Shlomo would sit at the piano and write and sing songs. He eventually accumulated an eager audience. For teaching his Sunday school classes the *aleph bet* with his guitar, for telling parents not to yell at the kids so much, and for letting his *cheder* students deliver the *droshas* on Shavuot to combat the talking, Shlomo got fired. He took solace in the fact that the Baal Shem Tov was also fired from his job as a teacher for playing with the children after school, and that maybe G-d wanted him to sing rather than to teach.

With enough songs composed to cut a record, Shlomo launched his singing career and was an immediate success.

He was an original and he single-handedly changed the face of Jewish music. For years he played only for religious people, but he realized that he could make a difference in the lives of the non-religious as well. The Berkeley folk festival might open this door for him, he believed, if he could get there.

Shortly thereafter, he gave a concert in Miami Beach. A couple approached him with the Jewish parent's most famous line, "Do I have a daughter for you!" Without thinking, Shlomo autographed a record with his best wishes to their daughter, who coincidentally and unbeknownst to Shlomo, was a professor of sociology at Berkeley. She loved the record and played it constantly.

As fate would have it, Shlomo's *niggunim* wafting through the June air at Berkeley attracted a neighbor who was none other than the organizer of the Berkeley festival. Shlomo was just the "ethnic" he wanted.

On the bill with acts like the Grateful Dead, Jefferson Airplane and Joan Baez, Shlomo admitted to being nervous at first, but "then I *mamash* saw thousands, thousands of kids, who were waiting for the highest. And I had a little bit of *nosay chen*, I found favor in their eyes; they liked me. Only Pete Seeger and humble me had a standing ovation. It was a gevalt."

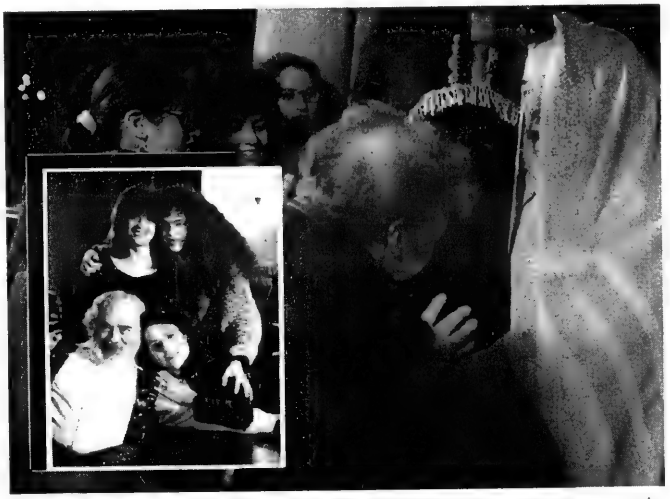
Never one to let an opportunity pass, he announced that he would be going to shul at 7:30 the next morning and invited anyone who wanted to join him to meet at his hotel. "I was expecting maybe 10, 20 kids. I don't know how many there were. Anywhere between 1,000 and 2,000 kids were waiting for me. It was unbelievable."

In 1966, the House of Love and Prayer was born, the first centre for *baalei tshuvah*. Literally thousands of people poured through the doors for Shabbat and when the doors were jammed with the crowds, they entered through the windows. Shabbat would end in the wee small hours. Shlomo opened the world of Yiddishkeit to Jewish kids who had not only given up on being Jewish but also on being part of society. It was because Shlomo believed that every person was special and that every soul was worth crying with, that so many people trusted him enough to connect to their Jewish roots.

In 1970, Shlomo had the opportunity to travel to Russia. From recent immigrants, he had heard that his music was circulating in places as far as Siberia. He went to add strength and give more hope to the Jews behind the Iron Curtain. Word spread that Shlomo would be davening in the shul in Moscow on Simchat Torah. In spite of the spies and the informers, Shlomo circulated among the crowd hugging and greeting people and quietly inviting them to his hotel. With the KGB following him, his hotel room bugged for sound and restrictions against Russians entering hotels, Shlomo managed to sing for hours to over 100 people who somehow snuck into his room. With nothing more than the sound of his voice singing and talking, he uplifted the hearts of those who were fortunate enough to be there, as well as all those who subsequently got even a 10th generation copy of the few tapes that were made.

I was privileged to return to the Soviet Union with him in 1989. The experience was totally transforming for me, for the friends who travelled with us and for the 52,000 with whom he sang and danced, whom he taught and kissed. He said that the Russian Jews were being persecuted for connecting to Israel. Therefore, it was so important to Shlomo that their vision of Israel be holy. He also wanted to have the privilege of telling the Russians how special they themselves were.

Shlomo heard their stories and songs, gave them Hebrew names, bat and bar mitzvahed multitudes and hugged every man, woman and child, Jew and non-Jew within his reach.



TORAH AND SONG

Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach typically holding forth the Torah for others to embrace. *Inset:* The author, Neila Carlebach, is seen with her family. Dari is standing beside her. Neshama is seated beside Shlomo.

I cried when every person suddenly lit a candle and the opera hall was alight with thousands of little candles waving in a totally silent tribute. I saw the tears rolling down Shlomo's cheeks as he shouted, *"Yidden*, never give up, never give up." Miraculously, glasnost, perestroika and the dissolution of Communism followed.

Shlomo also reached out to the non-Jewish world. In the late '60s he gave his card and offered friendship to the Arabs in Israel. He sat on ecumenical panels with gurus, swamis and priests. He was invited to an audience with Pope John XXIII; unfortunately the Pope died before they could meet. To one swami who asked Shlomo after an incredible concert whether he was trying to steal his followers, Shlomo replied, "God forbid, brother, I was just borrowing some of mine back." Shlomo was a guest of the Catholic Church both in Belgium, where he taught Tehillim, Psalms, to monks and nuns, and in Austria, where he travelled to small towns to play for villagers who had never met a Jew. He said that it wasn't enough for him to *makarev Yidden* anymore. He wanted to bring peace to the world. He said that if world leaders would sing and dance with each other instead of just talking, peace would come faster.

When the Pope visited New York last month, at one of his open air meetings attended by hundreds of thousands of people, the Pope swayed and clapped to a *niggun* Shlomo had written, *L'man achai v'reyai*, set to English words, the same *niggun* the *chazzan* at Shaarei Shomayim in Toronto sang during Musaf before Yom Kippur last month. Mashiach must be on the way.

I remember Shlomo in so many places and in such extraordinary circumstances. He was always gentle and alive. His eyes and smile had a life of their own; they made miracles happen. I remember Sukkot in the House of Love and Prayer, where we prayed until well after midnight with a longing that changed my life, and where around 350 people slept in the sukkah every night. I remember Shlomo holding our babies and kissing them continuously saying, "*Babela*, are you the sweetest in the world?" I remember being Shlomo's mezuzah; he never passed me without kissing me. I remember our walking in the moshav in Israel late at night. He would always stop to breathe deeply and tell me how good the air was in Eretz Yisrael.

I remember his Shabbat; the *L'cha Dodi* would last an hour as we truly welcomed the Shabbat bride, every week. I remember *Kiddush levana*, blessing the new moon in Jerusalem till 3 a.m. and how the police, who were called to remove us from the road, stayed with us and sang until 5.

I remember Shlomo's passionate outcry when he saw a religious Jew hitting his child. He told him to take off his *yarmulke* and *tzitzit*, that God didn't need his kind of Yiddishkeit. I remember Shlomo hurting inside and being angry when people stole his music or lied, saying he had given them the rights to his music, or didn't pay him royalties or for concerts.

I remember Shlomo running back to the shul to get food and a jacket for a homeless man on yom tov and chasing a street person on Monday with the money he promised to give him when he was asked on Shabbat.

I remember Arabs, Jews and guards dancing and crying together in jail in Israel after an hour with Shlomo. My only surprise was that Mashiach didn't come that minute.

I remember the concerts in Soweto, South Africa, where black people danced to songs like *Am Yisroel Chai* and *David Melech*.

I remember Shlomo talking quietly with our daughters, all the time holding their hands and kissing them, or learning Talmud with Dari, or singing with Neshama on stages all over the world. I remember our quiet evenings when we sat around like ordinary people. I remember the bad jokes he told that were so funny because he laughed all through the telling.

I know that God gave this generation a gift; I know that I love more people than I imagined I could ever know; I know that I have to learn a little Torah every day. I know I can still hardly bear the thought that Shlomo, the sweet singer of Israel, is no longer here. But I do feel him hovering between worlds; I know he is still working his magic. I know that he is sitting at G-d's right hand bargaining with him to do more for his *Yidden*.

G-d bless you Shlomo. Bless us to know how to love all our brothers and sisters.

Mamash, thank you for everything ... Till we meet again.

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Opinions

Legacies of the Old Jewish World

In my last column, I spoke about the book *Daughters of the Shtetl*, which triggered in me a response based on the experiences of my own family members, and on the need to counter the lingering mythology that the shtetl was a place where all was largely sweetness, observance and light (albeit interspersed with pogroms). A far cry from reality, as we have long known, and as the book, subtitled *Life and Labor in the Immigrant Generation*, illustrates.

By Jean M. Gerber

This book, and other research, have amply proven that in fact, life in the shtetl, indeed all of late 19th century Jewish life, was a time of upheaval in terms of economics, gender roles, political movements and attitudes towards Jewish religious traditions. This upheaval was both a cause and an effect of the massive Jewish emigration that began slowly early in the 19th century, built during the middle decades and became a flood between 1880 and World War I. Often the family would send an eldest daughter or son, or someone else, together with a father, to labor in the immigrant-based garment and related trades, saving money to bring the rest across.

A major part of that upheaval was the shift in roles for wives, daughters and consequently, husbands and fathers. In Europe, shtetl wives worked — they had no choice. In the New World, daughters worked — they also had no choice — and mothers, by and large, stayed home or worked with their husbands in the small shops and businesses of urban North America.

Those daughters encountered conditions most unsanitary, with ample opportunity for sexual harassment, poor wages and exploitation at all levels. What they became a part of was the movement to protect workers through the formation of garment-workers' unions.

Daughters chronicles the conditions that led to massive involvement of Jewish women with the labor movement. The idea of workers' rights was not news to many immigrants; one of the factors in the changes in 19th century Jewish life was the growth of many varieties of socialism among Jewish youth. The abandonment of Jewish law, already rife among certain segments of European Jewry, by no means meant abandoning the call for social justice upon which Judaism rested. In the New World, under conditions that, unfortunately, have reappeared in the Third World countries that supply our clothing, Jewish women and men were at the forefront of labor organization.

Now, what about today?

The effects of these changes in Jewish life are still felt. Even though Jewish immigrant women would by and large withdraw from active labor participation after marriage, they had acquired the skills and power that go with taking control of ones' own economic situation. They also realized that, however imperfect the gender balance remained between men and women in terms of power in the unions, they had been a significant and valued part of a social movement for the betterment of the group, as opposed to the individual.

Today both networks of social justice and equality are under attack. The United States has made this battle overt — withdrawal of funds for social support networks to the poor and the elderly are taken for granted. As usual, the Canadian community is less obvious, but many Jews both in the United States and in Canada now vote for parties whose overt mission is to lower taxes for the middle class and withdraw even the most basic support from poor families in a reversion to the Victorian notion that the poor are by definition undeserving.

Astonishingly, the agenda of those who would punish the poor for the benefit of the wealthier is often coupled with an attack on immigrants, also seen as draining our native economy, and women who dare to aspire to reach the same top echelons of business, industry and the professions as men.

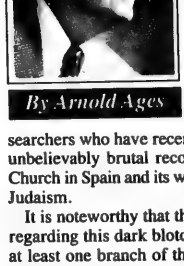
Unless you are an aboriginal Jew, you are descended from immigrants. Unless those immigrants were very fortunate, they came here with $12.50 or less in their pockets. Secular or *frum*, they arrived with a sense of responsibility that went beyond them to the community at large, whether that community was one of landsmen or laborers. If today there are vocal Jewish women attacking barriers to women's equality, it is because they learned from their grandmothers (figuratively at least) that women's work was valuable and should be valued on a par with men's.

Tevye's family in Sholem Aleichem's stories was true in one respect: His daughters' lives were a microcosm of the changes taking place in Jewish life. One became a revolutionary, one a tailor's wife (and, perhaps, victim of Hitler). One married a Christian and was lost completely to her parents.

It is not true that we have no roots, except sentimental ones, in their world. The changes viewed with alarm by many — the continued insistence of women on equality and the need for a just society — are the legacies of Old World Jewish experience, not something dreamed up by Jews living in the late 20th century New World.

'Dark blotch on a canvass'

Moshe Lazar, the eminent scholar of Romance languages and literatures, made the comment a couple of years ago in Toronto, that while the Nazis wreaked havoc on the Jewish people for 12 long and horrible years, the Spanish Inquisition took a leisurely 400 years to do the same thing.



By Arnold Ages

Lazar's striking thesis has received powerful confirmation in the writings of three researchers who have recently delved into the unbelievably brutal record of the Catholic Church in Spain and its war against Jews and Judaism.

It is noteworthy that the new excavations regarding this dark blotch on the canvas of at least one branch of the Catholic Church should appear at a time when Catholic-Jewish relations have been perhaps the most cordial in history.

The current interlude of rapproachement cannot, however, obscure the tragic experience of the Jews of Spain. In Benzion Netanyahu's *The Inquisition* (Random House), Norman Roth's *Conversos, Inquisition and the Expulsion* (Wisconsin) and Erna Paris' *The End of Days* (Lester), the contours of that horrific event known as the Inquisition are fleshed out in graphic prose.

The details, as these authors show, are lengthy and complex, but the basic facts are as follows. The experience of Jews under Christian Visigothic rule in the premedieval period was negative. Under Muslim rule Jews enjoyed a "golden age" of religious, economic and literary creativity. During and after the Christian reconquest, the situation of Jews had its ups and downs but deteriorated by 1492 when the expulsion occurred.

What happened in the century preceding the expulsion is an instructive lesson in the perils of religious fanaticism and intolerance. Spain under Catholic Christianity could not tolerate Judaism as a competing faith, even though the tiny Jewish population constituted no competition in the first place. In the 14th and 15th centuries, powerful missionary voices such as that of Vincent Ferrer achieved thousands of converts from Judaism to Christianity.

By the end of the 15th century, there were so many Jews who had converted to Christianity that they were considered by certain zealous ecclesiastical authorities to constitute a dangerous fifth column. In order to ferret out this perceived menace to the purity of Christian blood, representatives of the church sought and received permission in 1480 to set up Inquisitional courts to try suspected Jewish-Christians.

For four centuries, these courts in Spain, Portugal and the Spanish dominations in North, Central and South America unleashed terroristic tribunals against crypto-Jews, heretics and Jews. Death by burning at the stake was the preferred form of execution for the countless thousands that were found guilty of "Judaizing."

Netanyahu and Roth feel that the first victims, the Marranos, were especially tragic figures, because by and large they were sincere Christians caught in a web of religious identification bequeathed to them by Jewish ancestors who heeded the call to conversion through conviction or expediency. In fact, Roth suggests that the most ferocious polemics against Judaism came from Jewish converts to Christianity. Whatever the source of their ancestors' motives, the *conversos* — the converted Jews — were Jewish only by ethnic accident.

Paris, in her essay, is somewhat more flexible in her description of the *conversos* and shows that despite their outward profession of the Christian faith, many remained close to Jewish friends, family, geography and gastronomic preferences. In the end, both the crypto-Jews and the Jewish-Christians came under the scrutiny of the Inquisition — with catastrophic results.

While there is some difference of opinion on the Jewish quotient of the converted Jews, the three authors are in agreement about the disastrous four centuries of persecution of Jews. The organized theft of Jewish assets, the expulsion, the harassment and ecclesiastical murder of Jews during that period are not something of which the Catholic Church can be proud.

It's time for the Jewish people en masse, through a class action suit or through the agency of the State of Israel, the only palpable expression of the Jewish nation today, to demand compensation — $10 billion would be a starting point — today for the four centuries of institutional cruelty which the Spanish Church and crown foisted upon its Jewish community during those dark centuries and days when the cross virtually blotted out the sun for the sons of Jacob.

My brother Yitzhak

There, on television, lay the man who made war that Israel might live, and who lived that war might be abolished. I wept like David when he heard of the deaths of Saul and Jonathan, and in the language of David, I say: *tzar li aleicha, achi yitzhak*, I grieve for you, my brother Yitzhak.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

His death coincided with the weekly Torah reading of the Akedah, the binding of Isaac. Abraham was ready to kill his son, but God prevented it. The assassin, too, on *motza'ei Shabbat*, thought he had heard the word of God, but in his blindness he did not see the ram in the bushes nor did he sense that he had not heard the words of *Hakadosh baruch Hu*, and had taken the voice of hate to be the voice of God.

How could he come to his dreadful conclusion, and even now assert that he is glad to have done what he did and only regrets that he failed to kill Shimon Peres as well? Because he belongs to those who don't believe in argument or democratic give-and-take. He was one of the many people around the world who do not want to listen to what others have to say, and who are prepared to settle the argument with violence. First they abandon reasoned speech and shout, then they shoot. The murderer was one of them; he believed in bullets, not ballots.

More than that: The gunman does not understand what Judaism is all about. For in addition to Torah and the rest of Tanach, what is the great document by which our people have lived? It is the Talmud, and that huge compendium is essentially a record of argument and counter-argument, of weighing one idea against another. Our sages insisted on reminding us that in the service of God and Israel *elu va'elu divrei Elokim chayim*, both sides of the issue are words of the Living God. Words, not violence.

But words too can breed violence. When you call the prime minister of Israel "traitor" and "murderer," when at a public meeting you show him as a Nazi in uniform, sooner or later someone will come and take the defamation to heart. In consequence, the prime minister is dead. There is now double reason to remember the warning of our sages: *chachamim, hiz'haru bedivreichem*, you who guide the people, watch your words!

Israelis have learned to guard against external enemies, not against one of their own. Now they are like other nations in this way too — *chaval*.

We love Israel, and we know that all of its people want peace. They disagree vigorously on how it is best achieved, but the goal is still the same. We too, here in the Diaspora, disagree on the best way, and the discussion has not always been civil. In consequence, we have grown farther apart from each other.

In memory of Yitzhak Rabin let us recover that special quality which we once had: to be a united community, in which love for our people is greater than our political and even theological differences. We haven't met like this for a long time — it took murder most foul to bring us together. Let us not wait for the next tragedy; rather, may we assemble the next time out of our of mutual love and common hope.

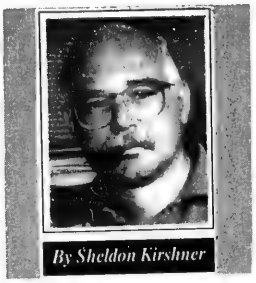
Just remember this: Whether we as a people shall live, *is up to God*; but whether we shall live as one people or divided against each other, *is up to us* ...

Excerpted from the keynote address of the Greater Toronto area memorial rally, Nov. 6.

The Kirshner File

Reflections on the referendum in Quebec

On Oct. 30, when the results of the Quebec referendum were in, I went to bed with decidely mixed feelings.



By Sheldon Kirshner

I was relieved that the No side had won and that Canada was whole.

I was enormously bothered by Jacques Parizeau's inflammatory remark blaming "money and the ethnic vote" for the separatists' razor-thin loss. Was this, as the *Globe and Mail* pointedly asked, "a chilling glimpse of the dark, ethnocentric side of Quebec nationalism?"

No and yes.

The media in Quebec, I was gratified to read, savaged Parizeau, while Lucien Bouchard — the white knight of the sovereigntists and Parizeau's putative successor — distanced himself from his racist-tinged comments.

Furthermore, French Canadians who disagreed with Parizeau's instant analysis made it abundantly clear that their vision of sovereignty was pluralistic and territorial.

As a former Montrealer who has followed the sovereignty debate since the 1960s, I have no doubt that the separatist movement harbors open-minded liberals who reject atavistic, tribal nationalism usually associated with the past.

Nevertheless, I can't ignore the gnawing feeling that Parizeau — a dyed-in-the-wool separatist — had the implicit support of a formidable constituency in the vast majority of ridings which cast their lot for the Yes campaign. Presumably, they are bitter that they were robbed of victory by Anglophones and Allophones.

I am also troubled by French Canadians who, overtly or not, distinguish between Anglophone and *pur laine* Quebecers; by separatist politicians, like Philippe Pare, who urged ethnic minorities to step aside so that "old-stock Quebecers" could decide Quebec's fate; and, of course, by Bouchard's subliminal gaffe, in which he characterized French Canadians as members of the "white race."

Parizeau's remarks following No vote trouble minorities

These parochial views harken back to a time, before World War II, when French Canadian nationalism appeared to be in thrall to bigoted extremists, a period of Quebec's history described by Esther Delisle in a revealing book (*The Traitor and the Jew*) and subsequently amplified by novelist Mordecai Richler in a magazine essay.

Let's not forget that the Montreal daily, *Le Devoir*, which backed the separatist option, once wrote: "The Israelites aspire — as everyone knows — to the happy day when their race will dominate the world ..."

Let's not forget that Andre Laurendeau, an icon in French Quebec, once said of the Jews: "You insinuate yourselves among us ... If you could only feel the exasperation your presence everywhere provokes ..."

Let's not forget that Abbe Lionel Groulx, a hero among French Canadians, once denounced "Jewish internationalism as one of the most dangerous forces of moral and social decay on the planet."

By referring to these alarming statements, I am not suggesting that separatists are innately anti-Semitic. What I am saying is that their movement contains no shortage of narrow and vindictive voices, of which Parizeau's is probably one.

No wonder minorities in Quebec feel vulnerable, if not threatened.

Montrealer recalls reporting career

When I lived in Montreal, I read the *Montreal Star* religiously. It was a good newspaper, and one of its finest reporters — and last editor — was Gerald Clark.

These memories bubbled to the surface as I perused Clark's memoirs, *No Mud On The Back Seat* (Robert Davies Publishing, $19.99), a workmanlike account of a fulfilled life and career.

The son of a Galician Jewish garment worker who immigrated to Canada in 1903, Clark and his three siblings were raised in the area of The Main, the border between English and French Montreal.

Clark, whose original surname was Klughaupt, studied at McGill University, where a rigid quota system ensured that only a certain percentage of Jews was admitted. On his first day of classes in 1935, a friend introduced him to the *McGill Daily*, the student newspaper, and Clark never looked back. In his final year, he was appointed editor-in-chief, the first Jew to hold this position. But Clark is under no illusions. He doubts whether he would have been "acceptable" had he not anglicized his name.

Clark's first reporting job was with the Canadian Press at $15 a week. Lasting there only a month, he moved to the *Standard*, a weekly, which hired him on a "space" basis. In 1942, he became the *Standard's* Ottawa reporter, and in 1943, its war correspondent in Europe. As he left Central Station in Montreal, his father said, "You will meet many strange women. Be careful."

Clark, presumably, may have been too busy for such amorous flings. He covered the Allied invasion of Normandy, the liberation of Paris, Brussels and the Buchenwald concentration camp, and the surrender of German forces in Reims. In addition, he was given a personally escorted tour of Hitler's former apartment and offices in Berlin by a Red Army soldier. Clark describes these events with panache.

Back in Montreal, in 1946, Clark was appointed editor of the *Standard*. But reporting was in his blood and in 1953, he wrote a series on the Soviet Union for which he won a national newspaper award.

Seeking new challenges, Clark joined the *Montreal Star*, initially as a New York-based columnist and then, in 1955, as chief European correspondent. Among the countries he visited was China. Out of this assignment emerged a critically-acclaimed book and an award-winning documentary film.

Returning to Montreal, largely because his wife had contracted cancer, Clark was named associate editor. But a sedentary existence was not for him. Soon afterward, he was off to Israel to cover the trial of war criminal Adolf Eichmann. It was the first of 40 trips he would make to Israel, which he portrays as "a troubled and fascinating land."

Clark was elevated to editor in 1968, with responsiblity for the editorial and opposite editorial pages. Curiously, he has little to say about this period. The three chapters that follow, dealing with Israel, South Africa, hotels he has stayed in, South America and Moscow, are the book's weakest and least interesting.

The pace picks up in the final chapter, when Clark recounts three attempts to recruit him as a spy, ruminates about anti-Semitism (he never felt held back as a Jew) and briefly recollects his stint as an extra in a Hollywood movie.

Not surprisingly, his saddest day in journalism occurred when the *Montreal Star* folded, a tragedy he ascribes to management's mishandling of a strike. Clark wept on the day it put out its last edition, but he did not wallow in his tears. Rebounding, he wrote a book and then began to freelance for the *Reader's Digest*, an association that continues.

In closing, Clark writes that he considers himself blessed to have been a journalist. "I am one of the fortunate ones, to hit not only on a profession I loved from the start, but to be able to carry it on to the end."

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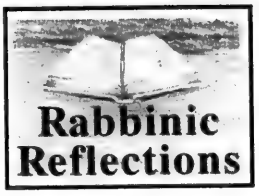

Communal discourse

By RABBI MARK DRATCH

The 5756 volume of the JNF's annual collection of essays in Jewish thought and law, *Shanah beShanah*, includes a discussion by Rabbi Shlomo Aviner, head of Yeshivat Ateret Kohanim, of the halachic rules of communal discourse. He bases most of his comments on articles by the late and revered Rabbi Tzvi Yehudah Kook. Both are closely identified with the "settlement movement." The following is an abstract of his arguments.

Many of us understand and accept the severity of speaking *lashon hora*, gossip and slander, when it relates to other individuals. We know that the restrictions apply not only when we falsely malign another, but even when what we say is true. Actually, *lashon hora* must be true; it is *motzi shem ra* that is made up of lies! Nevertheless, we too often permit ourselves to speak ill of entire groups and communities. However, the prohibition of the latter is even more severe than the former (*Chafetz Chayyim, Hilchot Lashon Hora* 10:12).

Some allow themselves to deride others because of their "heretical" beliefs and ground themselves in the Chafetz Chayyim's statement that it is permitted to speak *lashon hora* about an *apikorus* (heretic) (*ibid*, 8:5). Rav Kook regretted the fact that the Chafetz Chayyim recorded this opinion, maintaining that while it is the halachically correct position, others will misuse and abuse his statement for their own purposes. Indeed, Rabbi Naftali Tzvi Yehudah Berlin pointed out that at the end of the Second Temple period, many considered those who did not share their opinions and religious convictions, despite their observance of mitzvot, to be heretics (Introduction to *Ha'amek Davar, Bereishit)*. This, he maintained, was the wanton hatred that brought about the destruction of the Temple.

Rav Kook explained that improper stereotyping of groups and their members' generalization is the product of the belief that the truth lies only in oneself and with one's own position, and that others are evil and wrong. This is improper, he writes, because "there is no righteous person on earth who doeth good and sinneth not" (Ecclesiates 7:20), and there is no party or group that has the monopoly on truth and righteousness. His father, Rav Abraham Isaac Kook, wrote, "It is a bad sign for any party that believes that it alone possesses the source of all wisdom and all justice, and that with everyone else is merely futility and folly" (Letters 1:17).

We must never forego debate; each person must articulate and passionately voice his position. Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook encouraged dialogue, maintaining that disagreement does not destroy peace. At a time of great tension between the Revisionists and their opponents, he pleaded with them not to cause a *chillul HaShem*, a desecration of God's Name, through an uncivilized and disrespectful battle. "And now, House of Israel, 'do not any more desecrate My Holy Name,' avoid it. Learn to look, each one to the other, each party to the other party, with the eyes of compassionate brothers who are together in great distress, and who are willing to join for the sake of one holy purpose: the benefit of the whole, its honor and its protection" (*Leshever Bat Ami, Maamarei HaRa'ayah*, p. 365).

Rabbi Aviner concludes that in our public debate we should acknowledge that which is good in those with whom we disagree. And we should use good sense, discretion and judgment in trying to persuade others, and not in denigrating them. And if we are unable to engage in this public discussion properly, then we may not engage in it at all.

Rabbi Aviner compares this situation to that of a person who does not have the medical expertise to operate on another; he is prohibited from operating even if that person's life is in danger.

The Vilna said, "In giving rebuke, one may not speak harshly, for harsh words are not needed, but one should speak delicately. And if it is impossible for a person to speak softly, he is exempt from the obligation of rebuke altogether" (*Orchot Chayyim, Keter Rosh*, 143).

Through the proper exchange of ideas and perspectives, may we strengthen our own community and may we see peace and security for the people of Israel in the Land of Israel.

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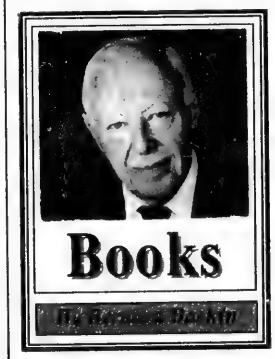

From a frightening past

The Haunted Land: Facing Europe's Ghosts After Communism by Tina Rosenberg (Random House, $35).

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Tina Rosenberg, an experienced investigative reporter, explores the motives and ideals of an entire post-war generation of leaders and followers — and their hopes and plans for a stable, democratic future.

Soon after the "Velvet Revolution," the Czechs enacted *lustrace*. This was the process which disgraced anyone who had collaborated with the spy apparatus of the former regime. The intent was honorable, but in practice crude, unfair and insensitive. Exemplary and courageous dissidents who had suffered under Communist control found themselves ostracized and pilloried. Somehow their names had been included in the undocumented files. The author focuses on the plight of a brave and long-suffering anti-Communist who, in this way, was driven from parliament and public life.

In neighboring Slovakia, *lustrace* was suspended when the country became independent and members of the elite regained power. The author reminds us that Slovakia thrived under communism and that the Slovaks had an unfortunate record of anti-Semitism even before the Nazis marched into the Czech lands. Slovaks assured Herman Goering that they would solve their Jewish problem. They became diligent Nazis, deporting 60,000 of their 90,000 Jews before Hitler even asked them to.

The book's section on Poland concentrates on General Wojciech Jaruzelski, a largely positive and empathic portrait of a complex personality. Did he act properly in declaring martial law in 1981, in order to stave off a Russian invasion? Or was it a shrewd manoeuvre to crush the powerful Solidarity Movement?

Once out of power, Jaruzelski underwent astonishing rehabilitation, even developing a friendship with Adam Michnik, a Jewish dissident whom he had once sent to jail for six years.

East Germany's attempt to deal with its Communist past, writes the author, "has been largely clumsy and ill-conceived, provoking resentment, anger and a sense of victimization."

In her closing chapter, the author worries that the Communist legacy has left citizens unaccustomed to searching for their own values and morals. "Such people can be easily persuaded to let demagogues do their thinking for them."

The opposite of communism is not anti-communism, asserts the author, which at times resembles it greatly. "The opposite is tolerance and the rule of law."

In this provocative and serious book, Rosenberg weaves together numerous and varied threads to present a picture of countries in transition. Their ability to move from a frightening past to a hopeful future may decide the destiny of Europe.

Jewish Life

Need serious soul-searching

By HILLEL NEUER
Special to The CJN

As the shock slowly recedes, bitterness and confusion set in. So much is to be expected. But in the search for meaning — or worse, in pursuit of scoring political points — there is the unbecoming temptation to identify a convenient scapegoat.

GUEST VOICES

Fearing as much, Israel's leaders on the right were especially swift in denouncing Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination as fundamentally contrary to the tenets of the Jewish faith. Likud chief Benjamin Netanyahu was unequivocal in his condemnation and, in statesman-like fashion, committed himself to refraining from placing any parliamentary obstacle to the forming of a new government by Shimon Peres.

Further harsh censure of the assassin's deed came from heads of religious and settlement groups, as well as from many of the men, women and children in their constituencies.

The point they all hoped to emphasize was that legitimate opposition to government policy is one thing, political violence quite another. As Netanyahu said, some actions are simply "beyond the pale."

Yet no amount of disclaimers and denunciations seems to suffice for those intent on pointing an accusing finger. Reports and comment in the world's electronic and print media have surrendered to stereotypes, so quick to impugn, implicity and explicitly, anyone in Israel who might be considered religious or right-wing.

For a typical example, consider a piece from Canadian TV correspondent Paul Workman which relied exclusively on Israeli experts holding particularly sharp left-wing views. For "balance," Workman found two nutty extremists to condone the assassination, this while the vast reasonable majority of settlers feel completely otherwise.

To be sure, one cannot dismiss outright those who allege a possible causal relationship between the opposition's hostile rhetoric against the Labor-Meretz coalition and the context which may have contributed to the assassination of Rabin. But does it follow that the Likud is guilty for the actions of a lone assassin acting "on orders from God?" Only the foolish or the politically vindictive would think so.

No segment ought to be immune now from the obligation to engage in some serious soul-searching and self-examination. Right-wing groups often went past the line with verbal assaults, or tolerated others doing so. Would a conscious effort on their part to maintain a more restrained atmosphere have kept events from reaching the brink?

Similar questions must be asked by elements in the leftist government and their supporters. Was it necessary to pursue peace by delegitimizing the settlers as the main "obstacles" to its realization? The left-wing establishment in the Israeli government and media cannot absolve itself from responsibility in the negligent aggravation of the religious right's sense of alienation. Many more prudent steps could have been taken on this side, too.

Now, some Israelis may find comfort and consolation in the national demonstration of unity which will likely accompany the mourning period. But it would be simplistic and naive to believe that any saving phoenix will arise from this fire, that the immense gaps separating the two sides will, somehow, suddenly be bridged. The dividing lines are neither accidental nor cosmetic; rather, the issues are substantive, the passions deeply ingrained. Powerful and competing interests are at stake, and this reality will soon become apparent once again.

And how could it be otherwise? Those of the ideological left devoutly believe that any rule over Palestinians turns their state into something they do not want it to be. Conversely, for the ideological right, to cut off parts of Eretz Yisrael is to cut the very life-giving roots of the Jewish state.

Among the pragmatic left, it is firmly believed that the full retention of the West Bank will preclude a resolution of the Middle East conflict and thus cause Israel more bloodshed, as well as political and economic isolation.

Yet to the right-wing pragmatist, the surrender of the strategic Judea and Samaria mountains to Arab control would not only impose immediate dangers for vulnerable settler communities, but would open key metropolitan areas to the threat of hostilities — in effect, an invitation for national suicide.

For Israelis who hold any version or combination of the above beliefs, given the dramatic personal and national consequences involved, they simply cannot remain dispassionate in the national debate. Thus the fissures in Israeli society are, sadly, here to stay, for at least the near future.

Does that mean, then, there is no hope, no way to mitigate the damage to the Jewish polity?

God forbid. What must follow over the next weeks and months — based on a sober recognition of the very real divisions — is a serious commitment to heal wounds, an attempt to understand the other's position and above all, the adoption of something more than a merely reactive approach toward the ominous threat posed by the dark, now-circling clouds of civil strife.

In real terms, one good first step toward rapprochement would be a genuine dedication by the leading political parties to abstain from exploiting political advantage from this tragic event. Netanyahu, as noted above, pledges as much. Equally, let's hope the temptation — provided by current popular feeling — to feel less constrained vis-a-vis the settlers is solidly resisted by the government.

Surely, for the fallen soldier and peacemaker, such a national sense of purpose would be a most fitting tribute.

Hillel Neuer of Montreal writes on political affairs.

Unity that was can bridge the gap

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of Jewish unity that was felt throughout the Jewish world in the aftermath of Israel's military victory in the Six Day War. Ours is a generation for whom the existence of the State of Israel has always been a reality and is largely taken for granted.

Maybe that is why our generation seems to lack that sense of unity and common identity which existed as the basis of the Jewish people throughout the last 50 years.

The recent tragic event reflects this reality at its worse extreme. Clearly, it is time to do true soul-searching and work to re-establish the sense of unity that is central to the existence of the Jewish people.

Let us be clear; this was the act of one radical extremist, an act which has been condemned across the board, but disassociation and condemnation are not enough. The assassination of the prime minister of the State of Israel by an assailant who professes to be acting by God's will, is not merely a crime like any other. It brings with it great fear concerning a schism and clash between ideologies that will impact on the moral fibre of both the State of Israel and the entire Jewish people. It involves deep concerns about the type of future we are in the process of building for the Jewish people. A calamity of this magnitude requires a serious process of healing.

As our generation assumes the leadership positions of the Jewish community and the Jewish state, we will have to rebuild the unity that once was and bridge the gaps which so bitterly divide us. Only once the internal problems and sense of division are dealt with, can a people move forward to take care of those challenges which it faces from the outside. Let us not give credence to the words of our enemies that war unites the Jews but peace will ignite forces which would cause it to self-destruct.

Now is the time to consciously reflect on what Israel means to each and every one of us. It is a time to come together as a people, to show both ourselves and the world, that unity of purpose does prevail in the land of the Jews. Only then will we be able, once again, to pride ourselves on being a united people, a people who can transcend our political, religious and social differences for the sake of national unity.

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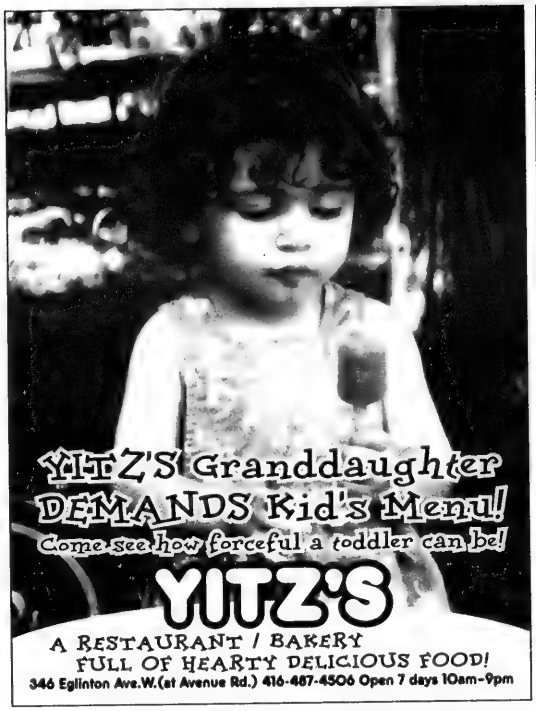
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'Intolerance we cannot tolerate'

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — "We must learn that we can no more tolerate intolerance from inside the Jewish family than outside it," Judge Rosalie Silberman Abella said recently, referring to the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

"We must not be afraid to say to those whose insufferable arrogance does not tolerate peace or democracy or civility, it is your intolerance we cannot tolerate, it is your message of hate that threatens Israel's peace and therefore threatens every Jew's peace of mind."

Speaking to 300 people at Beth Radom Synagogue marking the 50th year of liberation, Abella said: "No one knows better than the people in this room that we have already had too many victims. We must do everything we can to make sure there are no more."

There is a link between the Holocaust and the terrible tragedy of Rabin's death, she told the Radom survivors. "We have not come all this way ... to have a few extremists among us dictate the end of the liberal, progressive people we have always prided ourselves on being."

Abella said she considers Holocaust survivors as her personal heroes. The 49-year-old judge of the Ontario Appeal Court was born in Stuttgart, Germany, where Radom survivors and others were housed as displaced persons.

Many at the observance remember Abella as a little girl. Her father, the late Joseph Silberman, a lawyer, was considered the legal guardian angel of the ex-Radomers. Her mother, Fanny, was sitting next to her daughter, as was her husband, Irving, former president of the Canadian Jewish Congress.

Introduced by ex-Radomer Prof. Adam Fuerstenberg, as "a great Canadian and a great Jew," Abella told her audience: "Your roots are the heart of my identity."

The diminutive and casually-dressed judge won the crowd over by moving out from behind the podium and declaring in Yiddish, "Look at my stockings, do I look like a judge?"

In a more serious vein, Abella said Holocaust survivors have the right to hold the world guilty of the crime of attempting to annihilate the Jews.

Among those who welcomed Abella were Nella Gutman Laks, a Toronto social worker, who survived the camps, only to come back to a pogrom in Radom by Poles that resulted in the murder of her first cousin and his bride on their wedding night.

Another was Sam Bresler, president of B'nai Radom, who was so desperate to get a doctor for his father at the end of the war, that he disarmed a German policeman of his pistol, locked a German doctor and his father into a room, and, with pistol in hand, declared to the doctor: "If my father doesn't come out alive, you don't come out alive." His father did come out alive, dying in Israel 20 years later.

Still others were Henry Zagdanski, father of Ian Zagdanski, the evening's chair; Sheldon Friedman, principal of General Studies, at CHAT; Myer Sankiewicz, who worked in a salt mine at Kochendort; Sharon Jesin; a geneticist, and Henry Rosenbaum, who with fellow prisoners, was liberated by a Yiddish-speaking Russian Jew.

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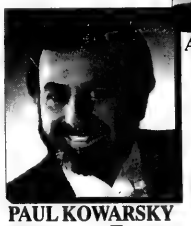
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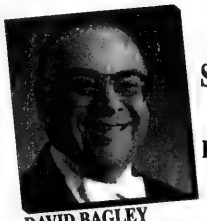
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Kehilla to dedicate new Aron

TORONTO — In conjunction with its 10th anniversary, Kehillat Ahavat Hesed (the Kehilla) will hold a dedication service for its new Aron Kodesh on Nov. 18 at the Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave., beginning at 9:30 a.m.

Two years ago, the Kehilla's board of governors commissioned congregation member and architect George Friedman to design a portable Aron Kodesh with the help of local Jewish artisans.

Besides Friedman, the design team included cabinetmaker Henry Rose, woodcarver Siggi Buhler and fabric artist Rachelle Rubenstein-Kaplan.

Because the Kehilla moves to larger facilities for the High Holy Days and must store the ark when not in use for services, the Aron Kodesh has been uniquely designed for ease of movement, with casters, removable doors and the ability to be divided into two parts.

Consistent with the egalitarian and participatory nature of the congregation, many members contributed their time, encouragement and advice to the project.

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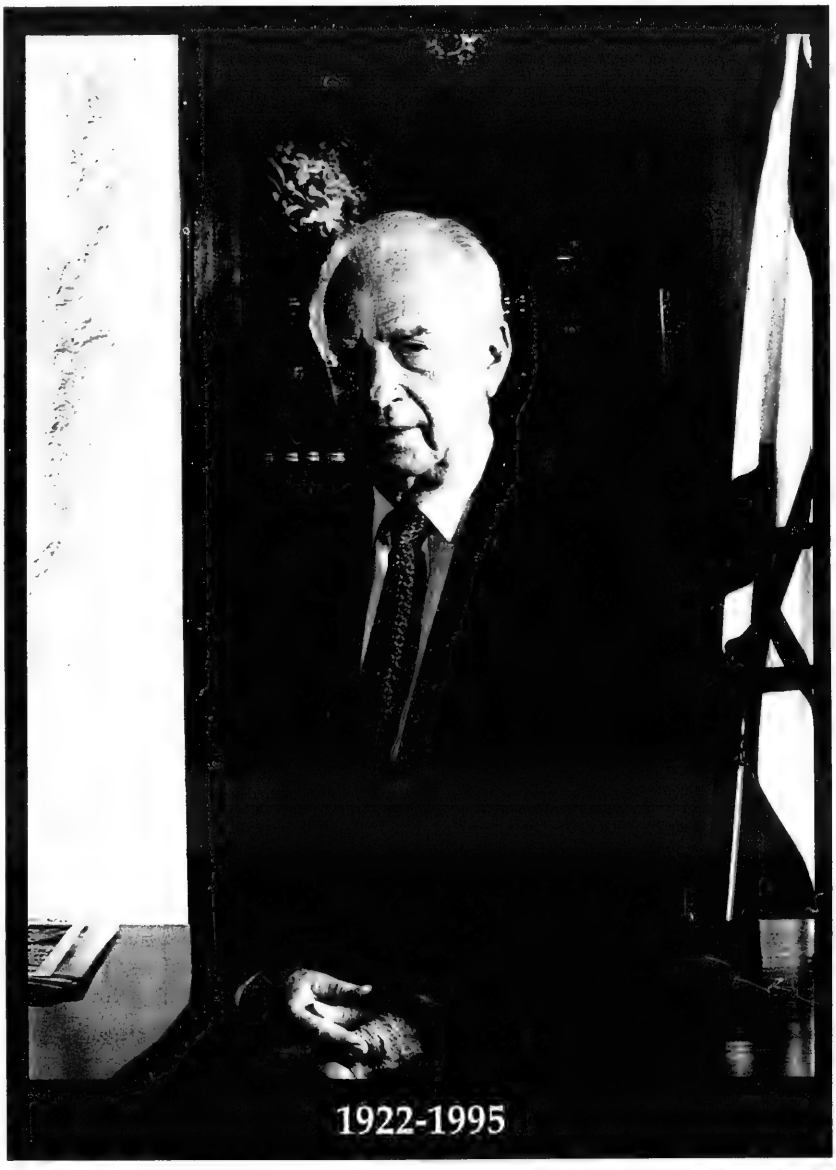
Community leaders reflect on his legacy

Remembering Yitzhak Rabin

By Adi Waksman



Saturday, November 4, 1995. It was a day no one will forget.

Yossi Goldberg was in a Saint John, New Brunswick hotel room with Israeli skater Misha Shmerkin when he learned of Yitzhak Rabin's death. It was just two hours before Shmerkin was scheduled to skate in the Sunlife International competition and the young Olympian, seriously shaken by the news, told Goldberg he didn't think he could go on.

Goldberg, himself still in shock, told the 25 year old: "You will skate in memory of Yitzhak Rabin and for Israel." After convincing officials to allow the Israeli contender to mark a moment of silence before starting his program, Goldberg watched Shmerkin finish second overall.

Goldberg, the mayor of Metulla, where UJA donations helped to build the Canada Centre recreation complex, is a Likud party member who knew Rabin for 34 years. He remembers the close ties Rabin maintained with Israel's most northern town over the last 50 years. "Just one month ago, Rabin cancelled some very important engagements in other parts of the country so that he could join 5,000 soldiers and officers at a celebration in Metulla," Goldberg recalls.

"I am deeply ashamed about what has happened, and I am still in shock to hear that a Jew killed another Jew."

Baruch Gur, the architect of Operation Exodus, who is now a special emissary to United Jewish Appeal and United Israel Appeal in Toronto, recalls accompanying Prime Minister Rabin on a flight carrying Russian olim to Israel last year. "Rabin asked me to walk through the plane with him to talk with the olim. When he finished, he told me that he had always taken for granted that making aliya was easy, but he now realized it is a very difficult and brave decision. He was very touched by the conversations he had."

Victor Yagoda: "He was a great figure during all the different stages of his life."

UJA Campaign Co-chair Charles Gold had the opportunity to participate in an informal conversation with Rabin during a recent Jerusalem dinner. Gold found the Prime Minister to be "very relaxed and at peace with himself and what he was doing."

"Rabin had a lot of friends in Toronto and he had a warm feeling for the community...he was one of the exceptional figures of the century."

Allan Reitzes, Executive Vice President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto, remarked on how unusual it was for an Israeli Prime Minister to spend close to three hours last month talking with a delegation from Canada.

"It was very meaningful to all of us that he felt so close to our community."

Steve Ain, Executive Vice President of United Israel Appeal Canada, also met Yitzhak Rabin most recently last month. "Throughout his political career, both in and out of office, Rabin always respected the opinions of Jewish communities in the Diaspora. He treated us as partner in an enterprise and never downplayed the importance of world Jewry," says Ain.

Victor Yagoda, Missions Director of UIA Canada describes Rabin as "a great figure during all the different stages of his life."

"The overwhelming reaction of world leadership to his untimely death demonstrates that we have lost a truly great leader."

"We lost one of the best friends of Diaspora Jewry," says Julia Koschitzky, who chairs the Keren Hayesod Board of Trustees. Koschitzky, who sat next to the Prime Minister at the October dinner, recalls Rabin being more animated and at ease than she had ever seen him before. "He was really relaxed around us and seemed to be genuinely having a good time. He spoke about many things including his first trip to Canada as a young officer and about how it was our responsibility to make aliya a priority for our community."

Former UJA Campaign chairman, Allan Offman, spent a great deal of time with Rabin over the last 10 years and found him to be "a totally accessible person who was humble and modest about his background."

Offman drove Rabin around Toronto during a visit in the early 80's and recalls feeling "like I knew him all his life" after only half an hour of conversation. Offman also remembers Rabin's surprised reaction to see the large turnout of people who came to hear him speak at Beth Tzedec synagogue. "He couldn't believe all those people came just to see him."

Julia Koschitzky: "We lost one of the best friends of Diaspora Jewry."

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The making of a memorial

North York Parks and Recreation Commissioner Joe Halstead was at home when he got the call from Mayor Mel Lastman at midnight, Saturday, November 4. The Mayor asked for Halstead's help in organizing what turned out to be the largest gathering of Toronto's Jewish community in recent history. Only this time, they were gathering to mourn the death of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. Over 7,000 people attended.

Even before the intial shock and horror had worn off, leaders of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region rallied to formulate a coordinated response to the tragic news and begin the process of healing.

After deciding that North York's Centennial Centre would be an appropriate venue, CJC's Executive Director, Ontario Region, Manuel Prutschi, made a call to North York mayor Mel Lastman, asking for his help. "By midnight, the mayor had called me back to tell us that he spoke to the Commissioner and that everything would be taken care of," explained Prutschi.

Meanwhile, Federation officals were grappling with the decision to cancel telethons planned for Sunday and the following two evenings in light of Rabin's death. After conferring with many rabbis, UJA officials in Israel and local staff, the telethons, expected to raise around $2 million, were postponed; the UJA Campaign was extended until December 6 and a briefing for UJA canvassers, featuring Israeli Consul-General Yehudi Kinar, was quickly arranged.

"In the end it was an easy decision", recalled Ted Sokolsky, UJA Campaign Director. "The community needed a break and some time to heal and the memorial was a way that we could all be together."

As soon as the site for the memorial had been chosen, Federation staff and volunteers divided into several committees to take care of logistics. "We were still drilling down the wooden planks to cover the floor as people started to arrive," said the Federation's Avi Benlolo.

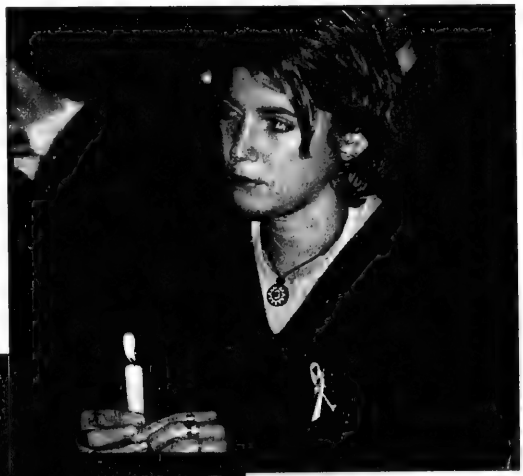
In addition to 500 parking spots behind the arena, an extra few hundred were donated by Branson Hospital and the Esther Shiner Stadium. The owners of Park-it also volunteered to help Federation and Congress direct drivers to parking locations and ensure a safe pathway for pedestrians on their way to the memorial.

Inside the arena, ushers worked diligently throughout the evening guiding people to their seats or standing room areas.

North York Parks and Recreation played a critical role in making the evening a success. "We realized the importance of what we were asked to do so we rolled up our sleeves and went to work," explained North York Parks and Recreation District Supervisor, Malcolm Bromley.

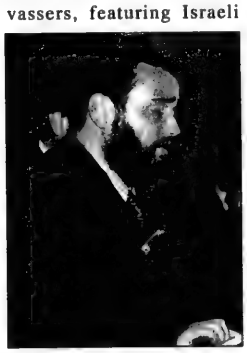
Bromley and Halstead were in charge of preparing the arena and acquiring everything from 2000 extra chairs to 300 sheets of new plywood to cover the floor. "Both my staff and the people from the Federation and CJC were incredibly helpful, many working till 4:00 a.m. Tuesday cleaning up after the memorial," said Bromley. "The evening itself was one of the smoothest functioning events I have ever seen."

"No words can truly reflect our pain," said Federation President Sandra Brown.

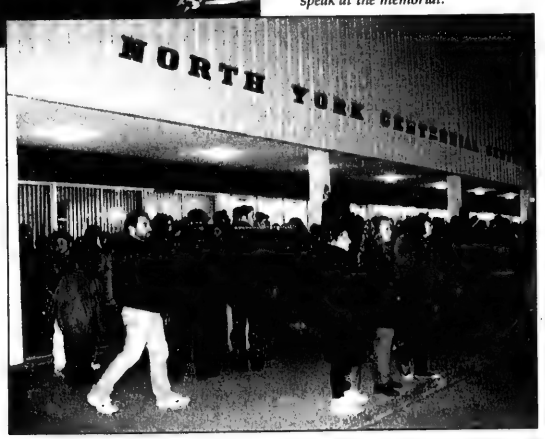


This young woman was one of many whose candles said more than words could express.

Israel's Consul-General Yehudi Kinar returned from Yitzhak Rabin's funeral in Jerusalem to speak at the memorial.



Cantor Shlomo Suffrin concentrates on his prayer for Yitzhak Rabin.



There were 5,000 people inside and another 2,000 outside who could not get in.

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UJA's Countdown '96 takes off

Carole Sterling briefs Countdown '96 volunteers the day after Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated.

After a two day delay, dozens of UJA canvassers have been keeping the phone lines burning for seven days during *Countdown '96*.

The "super week" of fundraising telethons was launched last Tuesday after a postponement following the death of Yitzhak Rabin. UJA decided to proceed with *Countdown '96* after consulting community rabbis who recommended that UJA's normal activities should resume. However, canvassers demonstrated sensitivity to those who were still emotionally affected by Prime Minister Rabin's death.

"We didn't press anyone who felt uncomfortable about discussing their pledge during the shiva week for Mr. Rabin. We agreed to call them back," noted Carole Sterling, who, with Richard Sadowski, co-chaired *Countdown '96*. "Actually, many people were even more pre-disposed to giving," Sterling added. "The Jewish community comes together in times of crisis."

As a sign of respect, bingo games and prize giveaways that were supposed to be conducted during the telethons were cancelled for the shiva period.

With three weeks to go before the Campaign concludes on December 6, card completion is UJA's most important priority. *Countdown '96* volunteers contacted thousands of contributors who had not yet pledged. Their donations pushed UJA's Three Year Vision campaign total to more than $57 million. This year, Toronto's United Jewish Appeal became the world's first to seek pledges for three years. So far, nearly 50% of contributors have joined the Three Year Vision.

Although Sterling considers the campaign to be progressing very well, she cautioned that "our community's financial burden has increased dramatically."

"Provincial budget cuts impose a very real impact on our Jewish poor. Simply put, we need more money."

Many *Countdown '96* canvassers, who represent community agencies, have a strong stake in the campaign's success. "They're personally affected by the dollars we raise," Sterling said.

UJA's Outlook '96

Greenspan says Simpson verdict a triumph for the system

TORONTO - The U.S. justice system won when O.J. Simpson was acquitted of murder last month, according to renowned Canadian criminal lawyer Eddie Greenspan.

Greenspan offered a prolonged response to a question about the trial's outcome at *Outlook '96* for members of UJA's Lawyers and Accountants Division.

"This was a case where reasonable doubt prevailed," he told them. "He was found not guilty. Why was that not a triumph for the system?"

In his other comments on the case, Greenspan said that:

- Detective Mark Furman, who became infamous for his racial slurs, helped to spoil the prosecution's position. "Once one of the officers is unworthy of credit it may cast doubt on the rest of the case."
- Judge Lance Ito did his best to assist the prosecution. "Whenever Judge Ito could make a ruling against the defense he did," Greenspan observed.
- Permitting O.J. Simpson to try on the controversial gloves was a "classic blunder" for the prosecution. "It was one of the stupidest mistakes in the trial."
- DNA testing is neither better nor worse than any other kind of scientific evidence.

During Greenspan's prepared remarks on *Defending Evil: The Ethics of Criminal Law*, he expressed no hesitation about defending anyone. "I haven't the slightest moral conflict," he stressed, "about defending people accused of murder, sexual assault or even crimes against humanity."

"One's obligation to defend a client does not import any obligation to defend a person's crime," he noted. "My duty is to act for an accused political terrorist, not for political terrorism."

By acting on behalf of an accused individual, Greenspan said a defense lawyer acts on behalf of society as well.

Eddie Greenspan (second from left) flanked by Outlook '96 Co-chairs Robert Cohen (L) and George Weinberger. Beside Weinberger are 1996 UJA Campaign Co-chairs Carol Kassel and Charles Gold.

Federation food drive

By Mara Koven

As the poor struggle to digest provincial welfare cuts, the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto is taking action to relieve their hunger.

Food barrels have been placed in the lobby of the Lipa Green Building for donations of kosher, non-perishable items from November 13-30. The goods will be distributed by North York Harvest Food Bank.

"There is a desperate need for food. Those on welfare including the elderly and disadvantaged are going to be severely affected by welfare payment reductions," said Alan Sandler, chair of the Federation's Community Planning & Allocations Department.

A single welfare recipient now receives $520 a month in government social assistance. Agriculture Canada estimates the monthly cost of a nutritious food basket for a single individual in Metro Toronto at approximately $150. That would leave $370 a month for rent and other needs.

"When it comes to paying rent or eating, people will have to pay rent first and buy food later," said Loren Freid, executive director of the North York Harvest Food Bank. "We are anticipating a 40-100% increase in demand in November, December and January."

Nearly a third of the children whose families use the Daily Bread Food Bank go without food at some point, according to the organization's statistics.

The Federation is encouraging contributions of high protein food such as peanut butter, canned fish, juice and baby formula.

The Jewish Federation Food Drive will be open for donations Monday-Thursday 8am-8pm, Friday 8am-3pm and Sunday 10am-5pm. For more information, please call (416) 631-5728.

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מאחר ויהודי רצח את יצחק רבין- יואך תהליך השלום ויקבל משנה תוקף, יתרה מכך - הרוצח ישיג את היפוך מטרתו, ובבחירות הבאות (רשמו נא לפניכם!) תזכה מפלגת העבודה, משום שאין סיכוי ש 15-20 האחוזים שמהססים יצביעו עבור הימין. ולא יעזור לבניימין נתניהו שמן הזית ושמן הקיק שהוא נוסך בדברי הצער שלו על רבין. העבדה היא שהוא נאם באופן קבוע לפני ציבור שמראה בובות של יצחק רבין לבושות בבגדי אֶס אֶס ועליהן שלט "רבין רוצח" . לא שמעתי עדיין שהוא לא הסכים להשתתף בכנס שמוצגים בו סמלים כאלה! לו אני יועץ התעמולה של מפלגת העבודה בבחירות הייתי מראה רק קטע קטן של נתניהו נאם וברקע בובת יצחק רבין בבגדי אֶס אֶס! תמונה כזו מספיקה להעביר צמרמורת בכל ישראלי שפוי לעוד דור שלם! שישאר בינינו: על שינאת אחים כזו חרב בית המקדש!

מעגלי היסורים:

מכל מעגלי היסורים שיצר הרוצח היהודי, עולים בדעתי דווקא אימו ואביו, גרוב אחיו ואחיותיו, ועשרות בני דודו וילדיהם, ודודותיו וגיסותיו, מעגלים מעגלים של מאות אנשים ישרים וטובים שהוא טימא לדורות. אנשים שיכנסו להיסטוריה כבני משפחתו של רוצח המנהיג על שהביא שלום! מעכשיו ולמשך עשרות שנים יצביעו עליהם בעוברם ברחוב, וילחשו אחרי גבם מילים קשות. איזה עונש נורא על לא עוול בכפם! קשה לי להאמין שהסטודנט למשפטים לא חשב על כל זה טרם עשה את מעשהו הנורא. וזה מוכיח עוד יותר את כוחה המהפנט של המשיחיות הקיצונית של הגייהד היהודי, אין אבא ואין אמא, המטרה מקדשת כל אמצעי.

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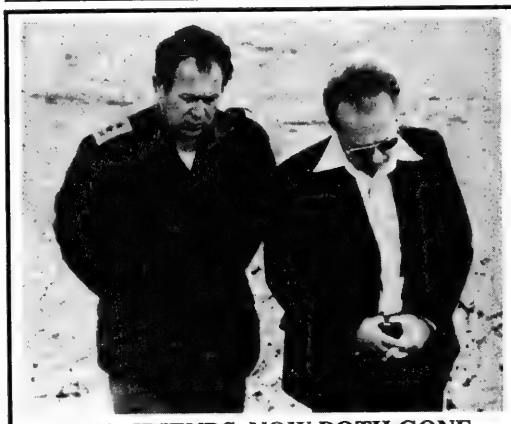
כך, בעברית, בדמעות, נפרד הנשיא קלינטון מיצחק רבין. וכל ישראלי ויהודי שראה אותו בצערו - עלו דמעות גם בעיניו. לא רק על הצער האישי על מותו של מנהיג דגול, אלא גם בהתרגשות על צערם של אנשים רבים כל כך בעולם על מה שקרה לישראל. וזה אולי מקור הסוד של רבין: הוא הצליח להחזיר את ישראל המבודדת לקהילה הבינלאומית בכך שעבר את קפיצת הדרך הבלתי אפשרית כדי להגיע להידברות עם טרוריסטים ערביים. ישראל היא דמוקרטיה חזקה, ואין איש שאין לא תחליף. את משא השלום ימשיכו ויביאו להשלמה שמעון פרס, יוסי שריד, אהוד ברק, אפרים סנה ועוד רבים וטובים.

מעולם לא הסכים יצחק רבין לשיר בפומבי. והינה בעצרת השלום האחרונה שכנעו אותו לשיר את "שיר לשלום" מדף נייר. ראיתי אותו שר, מבויש מעט כי היה איש סגור וביישן, אחר כך קיפל את הדף ושם בכיס החליפה. לאחר מותו נמצא הדף מוכתם בדם, ואיתן הבר הקריא ממנו את "שיר השלום". אבל כדברי שמעון פרס: " אפשר לפגוע באדם, ובשיר, אך לא ברעיון הנשגב של השלום,"



TWO FRIENDS, NOW BOTH GONE

This photo shows the late prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin, consulting in 1976 with his close friend, chief of staff Motta Gur. Gur was the commander of the paratroop force that captured the Western Wall in 1967. He took his own life earlier this year due to his severe suffering from terminal cancer.

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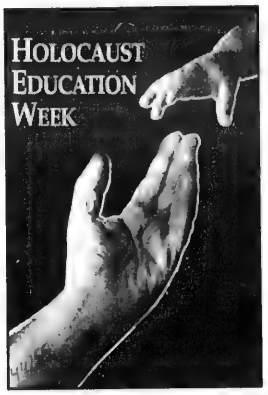
UN sets wheels in motion to establish int'l court

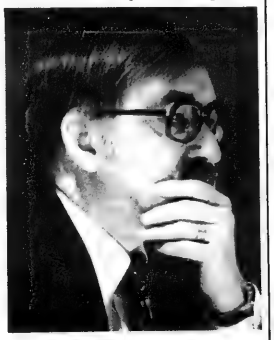


By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The bureaucratic wheels are in motion at the United Nations (UN) towards establishing a permanent international criminal court to prosecute alleged war criminals, a prominent Canadian jurist said last week.

A draft document outlining an international convention that would form the basis of the international court will be discussed at the UN's fall 1996 session and could well be approved, said Justice Jules Deschenes.

Deschenes, who headed a 1985-86 inquiry into Nazi war criminals in Canada, said such a court would serve as a signal that war criminals cannot escape the consequences of their action. It would also serve as a tribute to those who convened at Nuremberg following World War II to prosecute Nazi war criminals. Canada, he added, has fully endorsed the initiative and is "spearheading" it.



Justice Jules Deschenes

Speaking at a luncheon that was part of the 15th annual Holocaust Education Week, Deschenes pointed out that he is currently participating in a UN-established international criminal court to deal with war criminals from the former Yugoslavia.

That court is "a step in the direction of a permanent court," he said.

The court was established in a relatively brief nine-month span by the UN and includes 11 judges from around the world. Deschenes said he is one of two from North America, while Africa and Europe are each represented by two judges, Asia has three, and Latin America and Australia are each represented by a single judge.

The jurists have established a 125-article code containing rules on procedure and evidence.

A 24-cell jail has been established in a suburb of The Hague, Holland but it currently has only one occupant.

Altogether, 43 individuals have been indicted by the court's prosecutor's office. The 42 remaining individuals are being protected by their national governments. The alleged war criminals hail from either Serbia-Montenegro or from Serb-controlled Bosnia, he said, and they include the top leadership of Serb-held Bosnia.

Both those governments refuse to recognize the court's jurisdiction and while the court does not have a police unit to arrest them, it has other recourse. It can publicize their crimes and issue an international warrant for their arrest, Deschenes said.

While that wouldn't lead to their arrests, it would make them prisoners of their countries subject to arrest if they leave its borders, he said.

Reviewing the Canadian experience, Deschenes said the federal government seems to be moving now towards the second of the recomendations contained in his 1986 report. At the time, he urged government lawmakers to consider both criminal sanctions and the removal of citizenship followed by deportation of Nazi war criminals.

After failing with four criminal prosecutions and succeeding in deporting Jacob Luitjens to Holland, the government seems to have settled on the denaturalization/deportation route, he said.

Deschenes' address was sponsored by the Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada.

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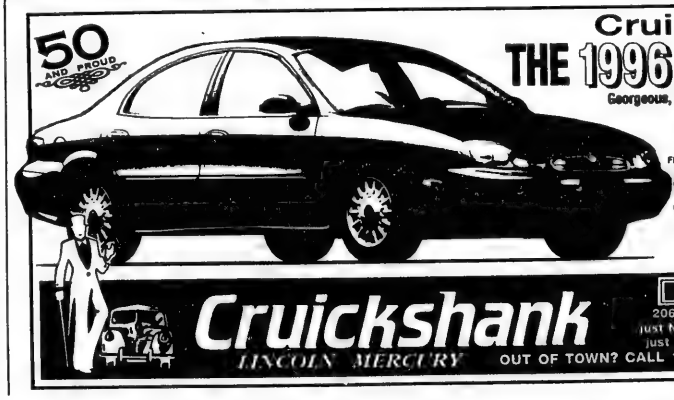

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Sunday, Nov. 19

MUSIC AT THE KOFFLER

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MULTI-MEDIA ART SHOW

Artist **Tutzi Haspel-Seguin** multi-media art show 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., 43 Camberwell Rd. Part of proceeds goes to ORT and Older Women's Network. 783-0781.

BOOKS AND BAGELS

As part of Holocaust Education Week, **Jack Kuper** reads from his new book *After the Smoke Cleared*, 11 a.m., Bloor JCC. 924-6211.

10-PIN BOWLING

Jewish single 10-pin bowling group of Club Zion, ages 37-55, 3:30 p.m., Playtime Bowl, 33 Samor Rd. 787-7523 or 787-7421.

Monday, Nov. 20

STRESS MANAGEMENT

Bikr Cholim health lecture series, Stress Management, continues with You have More Control Than You Think with **Dr. David Posen**, 8 p.m., 3636 Bathurst St. $5. RSVP 783-7983.

GIFT SALE

At Na'amat fundraising gift sale, 20 vendors offer interesting items, 7-10 p.m., 272 Codsell Ave. $2.

Tuesday, Nov. 21

BESS MYERSON

Her Own Spirit of Beauty is the theme of the State of Israel Bonds Women's Division meeting featuring **Bess Myerson**, Miss America 1945, 8 p.m., Beth Tzedec Congregation. $10 in advance, $15 at the door. 789-3351.

NFJA MEETING

Marking Holocaust Education Week, New Fraternal Jewish Association presents the Medina Theatre, 8 p.m., Lodzer Centre, 12 Heaton St.

VOLUNTEERS FOR ISRAEL

Canadian Volunteers for Israel invites volunteers and friends to a reunion with **Gen. Aharon Davidi**, 7:30 p.m., Toronto Zionist Centre, 788 Marlee Ave. $12. RSVP 781-6089.

A MUSICAL SHOWCASE

A Musical Showcase, a pre-Chanukah celebration in honor of Jerusalem 3000 with **Cantor Yehuda Rottner** and soloists of Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Choir, 7:30 p.m. Beth David $10

SHIRA CHAPTER JWI

Shira chapter, Jewish Women International's chapter for professional women session on Financial Planning, 7:30 p.m. **Shari** 787-2691 or **Susan** 483-7531.

ERETZ YISRAEL

Rabbi Immanuel Schochet discusses Mitzvot in Eretz Yisrael After the Redemption, 8 p.m., Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, Thornhill. 905-7000.

KOSHER COOKING SCHOOL

Kashruth Council of Toronto Kosher Cooking School features Casseroles Galore Part III — Meat, 8 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. $15. 635-9550.

WONDERS OF CREATION

Rabbi Avraham Plotkin's series continues with Meditating Over the Wonders of Creation, 8 p.m. Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 905-886-0420.

VEGETARIAN LIFESTYLE

Rabbi Moshe Stern speaks on A Vegetarian Lifestyle — A Jewish View, 8 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

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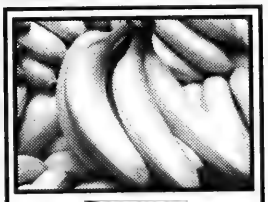

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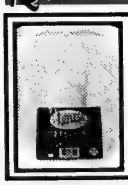

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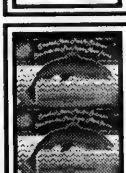

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Wednesday, Nov. 22

THE POWER OF PRAYER
Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue series, The Power of Prayer with **Elliot Malamet** begins with Prayer Can Really Change Your Life, 8 p.m.

LUNCH AND LEARN
Rabbi Mark Dratch, spiritual leader of Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, lunch and learn series at Bloor JCC continues with Haskalah and Tradition. Bring kosher lunch or purchase at JCC.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE
Chaverim chapter, Jewish Women International, guests **Ann Powell** and **Allen Sheps** speak on Domestic Violence, 8 p.m. **Janice** 905-881-3460 or **Joanne** 905-731-7473.

THE MYTHS OF AGING
Baycrest's Wellness Education Group sponsors The Myths of Aging with health educator consultant **Anne Freeman**, 1:30-2:30, Wagman Centre. Register by Nov. 21, 785-2500, ext. 2267. For information **Judy Chu,** ext. 2340.

Thursday, Nov. 23

ISRAEL AND DIASPORA
The Itta and Eliezer Zeisler Beth Midrash fall series, Israel and the Diaspora, features **Jehudi Kinar**, consul general of Israel, and **Shira Herzog**, Kahanoff Foundation, in a dialogue on Israel and Affluent Diaspora Communities, 8 p.m. Beth Tzedec Congregation.

WOMEN'S ROSH CHODESH
Women's Rosh Chodesh celebration, Shaarei Shomayim Congregation, Maariv for and by women 7:45 p.m. followed by shiur by **Rabbi Martin Lockshin**, Women and the Halachot of Torah Reading.

RESISTING HATRED
Resisting Hatred: Rejecting the Roots of Intolerance, co-sponsored by National Council of Jewish Women of Canada, Toronto section; Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region; Urban Alliance on Race Relations, 7:30 p.m., St. Lawrence Centre.

ANTI-JUDAISM IN ROMANIA
Dr. W. Filderman Lodge, B'nai Brith Canada: **Sam Bacher** on Anti-Judaism in Romania Under Stalin, 6:30 p.m. 15 Hove St.

And What Else Is New...

GERIATRIC MEDICINE
Issues in Geriatric Medicine is the theme of the Dr. Ira Pollock Clinic Day, sponsored by Baycrest Centre and Mount Sinai Hospital Friday, Nov. 24, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Mount Sinai 18th floor auditorium. 789-5131, ext. 2363.

OUR MUSICAL LEGACY
Temple Sinai's Our Musical Legacy Oneg Shabbat program Friday, Nov. 24, Music on Jewish Themes, features cellist **Daniel Kazaz** accompanied by pianist **Victor Polansky**, plus discussion by both performers and composers **Louis Applebaum** and **Ben Steinberg**. Services 8:15 p.m.

BEIJING CONFERENCE
United Jewish People's Order member **Ester Reiter** speaks on her experiences at the recent Women's Conference in Beijing, Friday, Nov. 24, 8 p.m., 585 Cranbrooke Ave. Child care available. 789-5502.

A NIGHT OF MUSIC
National Conference of Synagogue Youth presents A Night of International Jewish Music, Sunday, Nov. 26, 7 p.m., John Bassett Theatre, Metro Toronto Convention Centre. **Robyn** NCSY 781-7451. For free tickets, tune to *The Jewish Radio Show* with **Phil Kravetsky** on CJMR 1320 AM weekdays 7:30-8:30 a.m.

TEMPLE EMANU-EL
Ron Bernstein of Kibbutz Yahel in the Negev speaks at Temple Emanu-El's Friday, Nov. 24, service 8:30 p.m., followed by an Oneg Shabbat. 449-3880.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study lectures at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. Call 905-889-6066.

Monday, Nov. 20, 8-9 p.m. — Rivka: A Woman of Vision with **Chana Weisberg**, dean.

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 10:30-11:30 a.m. — The Soul Before and After with **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**.

WHOSE LAND IS IT?
Temple Sinai four-week series, Whose Land Is It Anyway? with **Selma Sage**, Tuesdays, Nov. 21, 28, Dec. 5, 12, 7-8:30 p.m. $40 non-members, individual session $10. To register, 487-4161.

AISH HATORAH
I Can't Believe You're Orthodox!, Monday, Nov. 20, 7:30 p.m., Aish Hatorah Thornhill, 949 Clark Ave. W. 905-764-1818.

The Prism Paradigm: Probing Spirituality 3 — The Mashiach, Tuesday, Nov. 21, 8 p.m., Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W. 905-764-1818.

NEWS FROM SOLEL
Sunday, Nov. 26, youth group video and pizza party; family services Saturday, Nov. 25 (Grade 2 service) 10 a.m.; regular services Friday, Nov. 24, 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday morning minyan with breakfast 7 a.m. 905-820-5915.

CORRECTION
Debbie Gilbert, who spoke at Pride of Israel Wednesday, Nov. 1, on Coping and Dealing with Death is an occupational therapist.

CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE
Conference for Survivors of Childhood Sexual Abuse, Nov. 17-19, Primrose Hotel, 111 Carlton Ave. $99. 905-479-5791.

GREAT WEEKEND
Shaarei Shomayim adult education and Gesher great weekend, Nov. 24 and 25, features speaker/entertainer **Benji Levine**, director of Gesher. Friday dinner topic, A Tzaddik in Our Times; Saturday morning sermon and evening public lecture 8 p.m. A Nation Divided — A Destiny United. Friday dinner $25 adults, $15 children, free under five years, $69 family. Reserve by Tuesday, Nov. 21. 789-3213.

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The Telephone Language Companion (TLC) Program of the Community Integration Program seeks volunteers to phone recently-arrived immigrants from the former Soviet Union. Commitment is to phone an assigned companion twice weekly for six months to help the immigrant develop telephone skills. 636-1880, ext. 261 or 636-2316.

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At the Bathurst Jewish Centre:
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Yoga classes with **Carol Miller**, Tuesdays 6 p.m., Room 207.

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Winterlude, a winter break program for ages 4-16, offers music, arts and crafts, recreation, song, dance, drama, sports, swimming, social activities. Winnie's Winterlude, a half-day program for ages 2½-4, offers arts, crafts, music, gym, games, special events and more. 636-1880, ext. 378.

At Bloor JCC:
Benefit Auction of Fine Art, Saturday, Nov. 25, 8 p.m. $10 per person includes cheese and wine. To reserve 924-6211.

Good Age Club excursion to the Market Gallery to see The Big Picture, panoramic photography exhibit 1903 to 1993, Thursday, Nov. 23, 2 p.m. at gallery, 1 p.m. at Bloor JCC. Must reserve. **Judy** 924-6211.

For Seniors

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Nov. 23 is Learn to Draw with **Ovid Azuri** 6 p.m.; bingo 7 p.m. 661-4689.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club kosher trips to Arizona, Ottawa, Western Canada, Catskills, Miami. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

LZA Seniors Club — Chanukah party Saturday, Dec. 16; Miami registration Wednesdays 10 a.m.; Ladies Line Dancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m. All events at Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.

Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets Friday, Nov. 17, 9:30-10:45 a.m., boardroom. **Paula David** 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club: Saturday night dance Nov. 18; Sunday dance Nov. 19; Chanukah party, Wednesday, Dec. 20, $5 and $6. 395-7881.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE
Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Literary luncheon with **Donia Blumenfeld Clenman** reading from *Older and in Love: Israel Odyssey* and *A Scroll of Remembrance*, Monday, Nov. 20, 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. Members $6.50.

The Misuse of Medication and Alcohol with **Dr. Bonnie Madonik**, Donwood Institute, Thursday, Nov. 23, 1:30 p.m.

Health Related Pleasures with **Brenda Zalken** continues Mondays Nov. 20 and 27, 1:30-2:30 p.m. **Sandra**, Wellness Desk.

Painting with Water Colors, in partnership with North York Board of Education Continuing Education, with **Bilha Morgan** Tuesdays Nov. 21-Feb. 6, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Check for fee structure.

Calligraphy, Mondays through Dec. 18, 1-3 p.m. with **Ernest Goldsmith**.

Movie *Meet Me in St. Louis*, Sunday, Nov. 19, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday social features songs in many languages with **Lenka Lichtenberg** Nov. 22, 1:30 p.m.

WEIZMANN INSTITUTE DINNER

Pictured at a festive dinner hosted by the Canadian Society for the Weizmann Institute of Science celebrating the ongoing success of the Canadian Institute of Energies and Applied Research at the Weizmann Institute of Science are (from left) Jules James, Morris Kerzner, Leo Perkell, Murray Koffler and Tom Beck. [Robert Stamenov photo]

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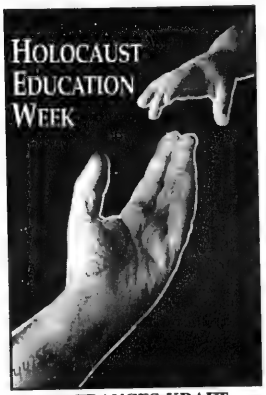

Survivor's story opens Holocaust Education Week

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Faye Schulman's ladylike demeanor offers no hint of the wartime horrors she remembers, nor of her former exploits as a partisan.

The septuagenarian Toronto grandmother, who survived the Holocaust with the help of luck, sound instincts and photographic skills useful to the Nazis, drew a standing room only crowd to the Leah Posluns Theatre last week for the opening night program of Holocaust Education Week.

Schulman's talk was also part of the annual Jewish Book Fair, which coincided with the launch of her book *A Partisan's Memoir, Woman of the Holocaust.*

Although Schulman's hometown of Lenin in eastern Poland no longer exists, her talk brought the town back to life for a rapt audience.

Lenin's 5,000-member Jewish community — approximately half the town's population — was like a big family, she said. Before the war, local Jews lived in harmony with their non-Jewish neighbors.

With the advent of Nazism and the onset of war between Germany and Russia, which had occupied that part of Poland, the horrors began.

Indicating a portrait of a young couple and their 6-month-old twin boys, Schulman related their shocking fate. "The Nazis took the twins outside. They tore the twins apart — an arm, a leg — and one Nazi threw them into the air while the other was shooting. This is how they enjoyed themselves."

John Polak of Canada Post and Eleanor Getzler of the Holocaust Remembrance Committee unveil an enlargement of the commemorative Holocaust stamp issued last week. [Frances Kraft photo]

In August 1942, those Jews remaining in Lenin were assembled and shot dead in three trenches. Only Schulman, then a teenager, and five families were spared.

Schulman witnessed the massacre from an attic window of the town's synagogue and was later forced to develop Nazi photos of the scene.

Within weeks she escaped to join a partisan group, serving as a soldier and nurse under primitive conditions in the forest.

Schulman's rifle became "a friend" as well as her pillow during the two years she lived in the woods. She felt a deep need to fight and "lift the dignity of the Jewish people."

As a partisan, she burned her childhood home, so the Nazis "wouldn't have a place to settle."

Her late husband, Morris, also a partisan, specialized in blowing up trains headed for the front line.

Schulman saw many partisans die, among them a young man she accompanied on a risky mission. Schulman was left to complete their task when he left their canoe before her and was blown to bits by a live mine.

She wants the younger generation to know of the bravery of Jewish partisans. "They fought very hard. Unfortunately not that many survived. Maybe this is why we hear so little about them. There is something to be proud of."

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John Polak, corporate manager-corporate affairs, Canada Post Corporation, presented representatives of the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre with an enlargement of a newly issued stamp commemorating the 50th anniversary of the end of the Holocaust. Among those on stage for the presentation was Holocaust survivor Robert Engel, whose face appears on the stamp as part of a collage.

Dinner raises close to $450,000 for WIZO's Women for Women project

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A recent tribute dinner raised close to $450,000 for Canadian Hadassah-WIZO's Women for Women project offering a network of services for battered women in Israel.

Over 600 people attended the $500-a-plate event organized by Toronto Hadassah-WIZO in honor of Maureen Kempston Darkes, president and general manager of Canada's largest automobile manufacturing company, General Motors of Canada Limited.

The dinner was held at the Sheraton Centre Hotel on Nov. 5, one day after the assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

After consultation with Toronto's Israeli Consulate, it was decided to proceed with the dinner because of the importance of helping abused women, an organizer told *The CJN.* A moment of silence was observed in Rabin's honor, and plans to have musicians present were cancelled.

Among the services funded by Women for Women through WIZO (the international umbrella organization for Canadian Hadassah-WIZO) are telephone hotlines in Hebrew, Russian and Amharic, a shelter for battered women, 29 legal advice bureaus, self-help groups and educational programs for police and other professionals.

Darkes was praised by dinner chair Karen Miller for quickly responding in support of the project.

"It's characteristic of her modesty that her willingness to accept this tribute was born entirely of her belief that it represented an opportunity to advance not herself but an important and deserving cause," said Robert Prichard, president of the University of Toronto, Darkes' alma mater. The low-profile 47-year-old honoree completed both her undergraduate and law degrees at U of T.

Darkes' response, which began with a well-spoken tribute to Rabin and his peace efforts, made reference to the need for debt reduction at every level of government. "It will be increasingly up to the business community to come forward,

Maureen Kempston Darkes

enhance their social responsibility and support worthwhile causes," she said.

Other speakers included Judy Mandleman, Vancouver-based president of Hadassah-WIZO Canada, who paid tribute to Rabin; Senator Trevor Eyton; William Saunderson, minister of economic development, trade and tourism; Mel Lastman, mayor of North York; Nancy Diamond, mayor of Oshawa; and Henry Jackman, lieutenant governor of Ontario. Scheduled speaker Jehudi Kinar, consul general of Israel, was en route to Rabin's funeral.

Former Ontario premier William Davis was emcee for the evening. Vivien Sharon, president, Toronto Hadassah-WIZO, made a presentation to Darkes. Marvin Rosenshein sang the national anthems of Canada and Israel.

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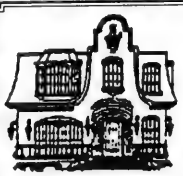
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'Settler' mission alters focus

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A one-week mission to Israel in support of Jewish settlers has changed its focus in the wake of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination on Nov. 4.

Now renamed Achdut Yisrael to express solidarity with all the people of Israel, the mission which left Toronto last Wednesday was planned locally by Jewish Action Coalition (JAC). The fledgling grassroots organization had spearheaded three demonstrations outside the Israeli Consulate to protest the Israeli government's handling of the peace process. (*CJN*, Nov. 2)

An American contingent of some 200 people who were to take part in the mission have pulled out.

The approximately 45 Canadian participants will be billeted with settler families as planned, but a march scheduled for Nov. 13 in Jerusalem was cancelled.

"People are reassessing," said George Meister of JAC. "There's a lot of finger-pointing now. We have to ask what we can do to avoid something like this happening in the future."

Although he describes himself as right wing, Meister takes care to point out that his political views don't preclude an open mind.

Even before the assassination, he was in contact with Peace Now about planning a public dialogue representing divergent viewpoints within the Jewish community.

In Israel, he hoped to promote dialogue between different factions as well. "We all want peace," he said.

1,000 book Israel trip

TORONTO — Organizers are scrambling to find additional planes and hotel rooms for the largest mission to Israel in Canadian history.

Mission 3000, Feb. 19 to 28, 1996, a United Jewish Appeal/ United Israel Appeal (UIA) project, has already signed up 1,000 Canadian participants. More than a third are from Toronto.

Steve Ain, UIA Canada executive vice-president, promises that every effort will be made to accommodate those whose names are now on a growing waiting list.

The mission will visit Israel from Metulla to Eilat, with intineraries individualized .

"Every day will be a highlight. Every day will be better than the next," Ain told hundreds of prospective mission members and past participants at a Toronto meeting last week.

"We're not going to show you the country. We're going to share it with you," said Victor Yagoda, mission director for UIA Canada.

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Harnick at CJB Breakfast

TORONTO — The proposed closing of North York Branson hospital is only a recommendation, Ontario Attorney General Charles Harnick told some 175 people recently at the annual installation breakfast of the Council of Jewish Brotherhoods of Metropolitan Toronto and vicinity.

The council's 1995 executive was installed, with Sheldon Berg as president.

Harnick said closing Branson is not government policy, but rather a recommendation of a report advocating the closure of 12 Metro acute care hospitals, released by the district health council earlier this autumn. The health ministry will be analyzing the report before it takes any steps, he added.

Harnick said he's supporting his constituents in the riding of Willowdale in their fight to keep Branson open, even setting aside partisan politics to work with Liberal MPP Monte Kwinter, who represents the riding of Wilson Heights, he said.

As for pro-Nazi publisher Ernst Zundel, Harnick said the attorney general can only prosecute him, or any other perpetrators of hate, if the police lay charges. His ministry cannot initiate any charge nor change the hate law, he said.

"We administer the laws the federal government passes."

Harnick also assured the audience that Premier Mike Harris, who is on the board of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem, is a "friend of the Jewish community."

— By Barbara Silverstein

Mankowitz Speaks

TORONTO — The Jewish world is undergoing a "revolutionary" change in the way the Diaspora relates to Israel, and in the workings of the Jewish state itself, leading Israeli educator Ze'ev Mankowitz believes.

The great institutions of nation-building are losing their lustre and are undergoing fundamental changes as Israel moves into a new era, he said.

"It's becoming less of a nation state with an overriding collective agenda and more of a civil state that's beginning to pay attention to the needs of its citizens," Mankowitz said.

As a result, the era of large "collective goals" like the draining of swamps, settling the Negev and ingathering of exiles are beginning to take a back seat to the same individualistic goals sought in Western democracies like Canada and the United States, he said.

Historic institutions like the Jewish Agency and the Histadrut are being restructured to make them conform to changing needs, Mankowitz said.

The philanthropy that has been a centrepiece of Diaspora/Israeli relations will change as well, Mankowitz predicted. Contributions from the Jewish world amount to only 1.5 per cent of Israel's gross domestic product while the need for funds in the Diaspora, particularly for continuity programs and education, is growing.

"If we don't move beyond philanthropy, we'll be in trouble. We have to find new forms of cooperation," he said.

Mankowitz, director of the Melton Center for Jewish education in the Diaspora at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, was in Toronto as a guest of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT). During his one-week visit, he addressed educators, students and JFGT professionals.

— By Paul Lungen

Seniors and Health Care

TORONTO — The close vote in Quebec's referendum will result in some "rethinking" on federal and provincial cutbacks to social services, says Warren Allmand, Liberal MP for NDG riding, who has opposed the Liberal caucus decisions on cuts.

Allmand spoke recently to about 1,100 seniors at a public forum at St. Lawrence Centre. The turnout was so large that Allmand and other speakers had to address the crowd twice, in the Bluma Appel and Jane Mallett theatres.

The forum was sponsored by the Alliance of Seniors to Protect Canada's Social Programs, including the Association of Jewish Seniors and the Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living. Special buses brought many to the forum. Al Gorlick and Frances Chapkin were co-chairs.

"If it was a big No vote that would be not so good," Allmand said. "But two-thirds of those who voted Yes are soft Yeses, they're not really separatists. They're sending a message to the government. This is a good time to stick your foot in the door."

There is no intention in the Liberal caucus to transfer health care to the provinces, Allmand said in reply to a questioner worried about falling standards if that took place.

The forum approved a resolution calling on the government to end cuts to welfare and health services, and post-secondary education, and to restore the universality of Old Age Security by eliminating clawbacks. The Canada Pension Plan and Guaranteed Income Supplement programs should be maintained, the resolution said.

— By Ben Rose

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Zerker and Fackenheim

TORONTO — The chances of phase two of the Oslo accords leading to a real peace are poor, not only because Yasser Arafat is unable or unwilling to be a true partner in the process, but also because it is based on inherently false premises, according to Prof. Emil Fackenheim of Hebrew University and York University Prof. Sally Zerker.

They were speaking to a crowd of over 200 at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation at a recent program sponsored by the synagogue's adult education committee, Herut-Likud and the Toronto Zionist Council.

The program took place prior to the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Zerker, a non-Israeli, reminded "those who accuse me of presumption that more than half the people of Israel also oppose Oslo 2. A recent poll said that 60 per cent of the population wants a referendum."

Fackenheim urged North Americans to come to Israel to show Israelis, particularly the government, what democracy means.

The contribution of Women in Green, who are mostly from the West, he said, is to show that "the opposition is to be treated with respect."

Fackenheim said he is concerned that Jewish settlers will be abandoned, that Palestinians will claim their area is too small once their refugees return, and especially, that Jerusalem is in danger of falling under non-Jewish control.

"If Peres has lied about everything else, why would you trust what he says about Jerusalem?"

There is a widespread "crisis of faith in Zionism," he said. "We must work to restore the belief that Zionism is just."

— By Leila Speisman

Yiddish Storytelling

TORONTO — Roslyn Bresnick-Perry was 56 when she went to university.

As the oldest student, she was often asked to give firsthand accounts of her experiences. A natural spinner of yarns, she began a second career and has become a nationally known storyteller, author and prize-winning recording artist.

The 70-something New Yorker was one of the featured artists at the fourth annual Jewish Storytelling festival which took place recently here.

She performed with Leslie Robbins, Shulamis Yelin, Alec Gelcer, and Neila and Neshama, the wife and daughter respectively of the late Rabbi Shlomo Carlebach, for an audience of 200 at the gala storytelling concert held at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

Bresnick-Perry is committed to passing on stories of shtetl life to younger generations, she said. "I want to keep alive my memories of my whole family," most of whom perished during the Holocaust.

Yelin, 82, a storyteller from Montreal, lamented the decline of Yiddish. A well-known author, poet and educator, she has lectured and read her works internationally. Last year, she won a special award from Jewish People's Peretz School for her contribution to Jewish literature.

Neshama Carlebach said the wound of Shlomo Carlebach's death a year ago is far from healed. "It feels like it happened an hour ago. Singing his music makes me feel like I'm in heaven [with him]. Telling his stories brings me one step closer."

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Military allowed racist soldiers

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — Membership in white supremacist organizations was not a barrier to enlistment in the Armed Forces at the time a peacekeeping mission was sent to Somalia, the federal inquiry into the conduct of the Airborne Regiment heard last week.

"Being a member of an extremist group would not have been a matter for discipline at that time," said Cmdr. Paul Jenkins, who headed a special investigation into the right-wing extremist activities of some soldiers at Canadian Forces Base Petawawa. He was answering questions from Keith Landy, council for Canadian Jewish Congress, which with B'nai Brith Canada, has limited standing at the inquiry.

Documents introduced at the hearings showed that several soldiers from CFB Petawawa were present at a two-day white supremacist rally in Ottawa in July 1991. They were subsequently investigated but not disciplined.

Aryan Resistance

One soldier, an admitted member of the violent Aryan Resistance Movement, left the military when his period of service ended in 1992 but was allowed to re-enlist two years later, at a time when the Armed Forces had supposedly established a zero tolerance policy towards racism.

Congress also alleged that soldiers at CFB Petawawa held a "Marc Lepine memorial dinner" in a mess hall on Dec. 6, 1991 — the second anniversary of the Montreal massacre — to honor the killer of the massacre's 14 female victims.

Bernie Farber, speaking for Congress, admitted he had no evidence to back the claim but said the information came from a reliable source.

The holding of the dinner was corroborated last week by several media outlets.

Rubin Friedman, director of government relations for B'nai Brith, said the cross-examination of Jenkins showed there was no concern about racism within the Armed Force before the peacekeeping mission to Somalia ended in disgrace after the murder of a teenage Somali boy who was held prisoner by Canadian troops.

"They were given no instructions to treat this as a serious issue. In 1993, after seeing media reports, they decided to look into it. Anything they have done on racism has been entirely politically motivated," he said.

From coast to coast

Education fund to purchase Israel Bonds

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — A newly established educational endowment fund will be watched with interest by the national State of Israel Bonds office in Toronto and if successful, may be adopted across the country.

A first in Canada, the Educational Endowment Fund (TEEF) will purchase State of Israel Bonds here to fund its program.

TEEF will be officially launched at a breakfast Nov. 19, 9:30 a.m. at Adas Israel Synagogue, where the honoree will be Rabbi Zev Eisenstein, the Hamilton Hebrew Academy's principal for the past 23 years. Co-chairs are Dr. David and Ilana Feldman.

TEEF is the brainchild of Hamilton Bonds general chair, Al Rams.

"Almost $2 to $2½ million per year," he estimates, "is sent out of the [Hamilton] community to benefit Israel." Yet very little is raised for local needs, he says.

TEEF's aim is to make funds available for educational purposes, over and above money raised through the United Jewish Appeal (UJA) and allocated by the federation to the day school and the afternoon and Sunday Hebrew and religious schools.

These funds would be used for special projects, programs and the purchase of educational aids, as long as, the official announcement states, "they fall within the guidelines of providing Jewish/Hebrew education for all members of the community — children, teens and adults."

TEEF will actively engage in fundraising through various social functions such as bingo nights, fashion shows and tribute cards, plus one annual gala event at which a person prominent in the education field will be honored.

All major local fundraising groups, which raise money for Israel but direct very little of their efforts towards support of the local community, will be asked to contribute by organizing one event per year, Rams says.

He also hopes to involve the synagogues which would benefit from TEEF.

With the money raised, TEEF will purchase Bonds, the interest on which will in turn go to the educational endowment fund.

"It's the ultimate double mitzvah whereby our community supports the State of Israel through the purchase of Bonds," while Israel in turn supports our educational programs through the interest on these Bonds, says Rams.

TEEF will be administered by the federation in conjunction with the already established community endowment fund; disbursements will be made by the endowment committee, says Rams.

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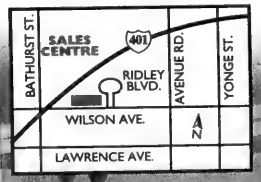

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B.C. communities hold memorial rallies for Rabin

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — The communities here and in Vancouver paid tribute to Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin as a hero in war and in peace.

Both communities held hastily organized memorial rallies, attracting hundreds of mourners from both the Jewish and general population.

Rabbi Victor Reinstein, of Victoria's Congregation Emanu-El, converted the regular Mincha service on Nov. 5 to a memorial, welcoming Jews and those "from the wider community," including a number of city councillors.

"We mourn a great man," said the rabbi. "His mission for peace cannot be stopped. Rabin was a tough soldier and military leader — a hero. But he realized that a change was needed and launched his country on the path to peace. His ultimate goal was to make friends of the enemy. His peacemaking far exceeded his stature as a soldier."

Rabbi Reinstein noted that Mincha is a service devoted to comfort, and he asked the congregation to join in comforting Rabin's grieving family, the people of Israel and Jews, Christians and Muslims everywhere who were beneficiaries of the Prime Minister's quest for peace.

A group of tearful Israelis who teach at the congregational Hebrew school, sang the number Rabin had joined in singing at the Tel Aviv rally just before he was gunned down. The entire assembly joined in reciting the Kaddish.

The *Victoria Times-Colonist*'s banner headline on Sunday was "Shalom Chaver." In addition to the wire story on the assassination, the paper carried a local story of tributes.

Leah Levi, a Victoria native who lived in Israel for several years, sobbed uncontrollably when she was told about the killing.

Her Israeli husband, Uriel, said Rabin "will be missed unbelievably." He said the assassination could spark a crackdown on far-right extremists who claim the prime minister was a traitor for agreeing to Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank. There are great fears in Israel, he added, about the ultra-right extremist minority.

Michael Goldberg, a past president of the shul, said that though local Jews have a range of opinions on the peace initiative, none would have approved of assassination.

"We're feeling devastated about the news," said Irvine Margolese, a community leader, at a meeting at the Jewish Comunity Centre for Detroit Rabbi Sherwin Wine on the Saturday night. Margolese called for a minute's silence in tribute to Rabin as the meeting started.

Rabbi Wine, founder of the Society For Humanistic Jews, a secular international organization, said: "I'm shocked and haven't fully recovered from the shock of this major tragedy for the Jewish world and the world in general."

The fact that Rabin was killed by somebody who claimed to be an agent of G-d is an unhappy reflection of a powerful movement of religious fundamentalism, he said. "We now have Jewish religious fundamentalists who feel they have a G-d given right to obliterate anyone they don't agree with."

In Vancouver on Nov. 6, an evening memorial service was held at Schara Tzedeck Synagogue — the largest in the city. The service was organized by the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver (JFGV) and the Pacific region of Canadian Jewish Congress.

"The B.C. Jewish community is in shock and mourning," said Drew Staffenberg of the JFGV and Erwin Nest of Congress, in announcing the service.

Dr. Michael Elterman, Congress regional chair, said the slaying doesn't indicate that opposing political factions can't compromise. "The assassination does not fall within the domain of Israeli politics," he declared.

Rabbi Philip Bregman said, "I have a feeling of profound sadness. Israel and the Middle East and the world are a lot poorer now. Once again the ultimate price is paid by an individual who was trying to bring peace to the world. The fact that the assassin is an Israeli makes it even more horrible."

A commemorative address was given at the Vancouver service by Rabbi Mordechai Feuerstein, and the K'El Maleh Rachamin was chanted by Cantor Yaacov Orzech. Cantor Murray Dixon recited the Kaddish.

Brig.-Gen. Itzchak Fuchs, the new Jewish National Fund shaliach in British Columbia, delivered a memorial tribute to his former commander.

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IDF leaves Jenin

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JENIN — Israel ended its military occupation of Jenin last Monday, withdrawing its troops from the West Bank city under the self-rule deal signed with the PLO in September.

Israel is pushing ahead with moves to implement the Olso 2 accords despite the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Palestinians danced and chanted "God is Great" as 15 Israeli army jeeps left Jenin's military headquarters under PLO escort. Israeli soldiers waved goodbye as Palestinian policemen and civilians rushed into the military complex.

Local supporters of the PLO fired automatic weapons into the air in celebration.

About 500 Palestinian policemen arrived from the West Bank self-rule enclave of Jericho before dawn to take charge of Jenin in the north of the West Bank. They immediately deployed throughout the city.

Under the deal signed in Washington in September, Israel agreed to leave six Palestinian cities and parts of Hebron and to hand over civil powers and limited security responsibilities in 450 West Bank towns, villages and refugee camps to the PLO.

It is due to complete its military redeployment, except for Hebron, a flashpoint of Jewish-Arab violece where about 400 Jewish settlers live among more than 100,000 Palestinians, late in December.

The transfer of authority in Jenin was to be complete this week, with the handing over of the last spheres of civil authority.

Non-orthodox conversions approved

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — In a landmark 6-1 decision, Israel's Supreme Court last Sunday accorded de facto to recognition to Reform and Conservative conversions performed in Israel, but declined to recognize them explicitly.

"The meaning [of this decision] is a revolution of historic proportions," said Rabbi Uri Regev, who heads the Reform movement in Israel. "Another breach has been made in the wall of the Orthodox monopoly."

However, he added, Reform and Conservative converts are still "second-class citizens," because they cannot marry in Israel.

Current law gives the Chief Rabbinate sole control over marriage and divorce, and only the Knesset can change that.

The Chief Rabbinical Council, meanwhile, held an emergency meeting Monday to discuss the ruling.

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau said there had never been such a "harsh" decision "endangering" the future of the Jewish people and Israel as a Jewish state.

Reflecting the comments of many other rabbis, Jerusalem Chief Rabbi Yitzhak Kolitz said that even if the Interior Ministry did register Reform and Conservative converts as Jews, rabbis would not marry them because they would not be Jewish according to Halachah.

The case was brought by Eliane Goldstein, a Brazilian who underwent a Reform conversion after marrying an Israeli, then asked the Interior Ministry to register her as a Jew. The ministry refused.

The court ruled that the ministry's reason for refusal was invalid. The state had argued that the conversion was invalid.

However, the court said this ordinance applies only where conversions touch on matters of personal status, such as marriage and divorce. It said it does not apply to civil issues, such as how a person is registered.

"It is possible that a man could be considered Jewish for the sake of one law, but not be considered Jewish for the sake of another law," the ruling states.

However, it added, the court was asked to consider only whether the state's reason was wrong — not whether Reform conversions are valid.

Therefore, it cannot state that a Reform conversion enables Goldstein to be registered as a Jew.

What type of conversions are valid for religious purposes should be decided by the Knesset, it said.

Reform and Conservative conversions performed overseas have been recognized as valid for religious purposes since 1989.

The following is the text of the letter of apology issued by the family of Yitzhak Rabin's confessed assassin, Yigal Amir, as reprinted from the New York Times.

To the Rabin family and all the people of Israel!

A terrible tragedy has befallen us and all the people of Israel with the murder by our son of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, of blessed memory.

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The Canadian Jewish News regrets the typographical errors which occured in the condolence announcements for the late **Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin** ז"ל in our issue of Thursday, November 9, 1995.

The following names should have read:

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Our heartfelt condolences to the Rabin family, the citizens of Israel and all who value democracy, peace and tolerance.

We share in the sorrow.

Israeli withdrawals may lead to sovereign Palestinian state

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Within about 24 hours of Yitzhak Rabin's funeral in Jerusalem, the Israeli army resumed its withdrawal from Jenin, the first of several major Arab towns on the West Bank Israel is to evacuate as part of the Oslo 2 accord with the PLO.

Israel is crossing a historic line with the implementation of Oslo 2. Israel, in effect, has agreed to partition Palestine — relinquishing the dream of a Greater Israel and in all probability, setting the stage for the eventual establishment of a sovereign Palestinian state in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

Shimon Peres, Rabin's successor, fully shares his predecessor's vision of a peace settlement. It is sharply at odds with that of the right-wing opposition, which, for ideological, religious and military reasons, would retain eternal control of Judea and Samaria.

Rabin was not unsentimental about these biblical lands, the cradle of the Jewish people and the fulfilment of messianic yearnings.

But he was marching to a different drummer, whose echoes cautioned him against trying to dominate by force a people — the Palestinians — who desire to be free and independent.

As Rabin put it on Sept. 28 at the Oslo 2 signing ceremony in Washington: "The 2.2 million Palestinians in the territories are entirely different than us — religiously, politically, nationally. We don't want to rule over them."

Housing Minister Bejamin Ben-Eliezer, a former commander of Israeli troops in the West Bank, was even blunter: "The dream of Greater Israel is dead and buried forever ... The occupation is over."

Though anathema to a substantial number of Israeli Jews, these sentiments are not really startling bolts of lightning but rather expressions of the mainstream school of Labor Zionism.

The idea of partitioning Palestine, sacrilegious to Zionist Revisionists and religious Zionists, bubbled to the surface in the 1930s, writes Israeli scholar Ehud Sprinzak. Faced with a Palestinian revolt and a British colonial administration that was retreating from the promise of a Jewish homeland in Palestine, the Labor party (Mapai) leadership concluded that the Yishuv's only chance for statehood and international recognition lay in the principle of partition.

The Palestinian Arabs rejected the 1947 United Nations scheme dividing Palestine into a Jewish and an Arab state. As a result, they were dispossessed and scattered. But like the Jews, they were sustained by strong historical memories.

The Six Day War in 1967, which brought the West Bank under Israel's jurisdiction, revived the notion of territorial maximalism among Israeli rightists.

The Land of Israel Movement, with its insistence on keeping the West Bank forever, was born. Its spiritual leader, Rabbi Zvi Yehuda Kook of the Mercaz Harav yeshivah in Jerusalem, warned that "the Torah forbids us to surrender even one inch of our liberated land."

With the acquiescence of the then Labor party government, his disciple, Rabbi Moshe Levinger, resettled Hebron. The Gush Emunim movement, encouraged by a Likud government, subsequently spearheaded the settlement drive in the territories.

By 1992, the year the Labor party swept back to power, the West Bank was dotted with some 120 settlements and populated by more than 110,000 Jews.

The new government, spurred on by such factors as the intifadah, the defanging of Iraq in the Gulf War, the demise of the Soviet Union and the trend toward moderation and realism in the PLO, began what many feel is the belated task of disengaging Israel from the Palestinians.

Rabin subscribed to the philosophy of separation — partition, in essence — because he feared that Israel would metamorphose into an unmanageable and volatile binational state if the territories were not jettisoned (in exchange, of course, for an equitable settlement with iron-clad security guarantees).

Till the end of his days, territorial compromise remained at the core of Rabin's policy. Yet he always made it clear that Israel's final borders should not — and would not — correspond to those of the pre-1967 era.

Rabin wanted to retain settlements in western Samaria close to the old Green Line, the Gush Etzion bloc near Jerusalem and parts or all of eastern Jerusalem.

In addition, he believed that Israel's "security border" should be located in the Jordan Valley.

We are shocked and saddened by the brutal assassination of the Israeli Prime Minister
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who lived and died for peace.
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The Week in Israel

Nov 6

• Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was laid to rest in Jerusalem. More than 80 countries were represented at the funeral.

• UNESCO announced in Paris it would rename a square outside its headquarters in memory of Rabin. The 183 flags outside of UNESCO's building were lowered to half-mast in tribute to the prime minister.

Nov.7

• Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan made his first official visit to Israel to convey his condolences to the Rabin family and to the people of Israel. "I asked Mrs. Rabin what message she would like to convey to Amman, and she requested to pass on what her husband would have wanted: hope and peace," the prince said.

Nov. 8

• The head of the dignitary protection division of the General Security Service (GSS) announced his resignation. The findings of a GSS internal committee revealed severe mistakes in all activities of the protection service's performance. *(The GSS subsequently admitted that it had been told in advance of a plot to kill the prime minister, but had been unable to locate the potential suspect.)*

• *Davar* reported that the High Court of Justice instructed the Israeli Air Force to administer entry examinations for the pilot training program to IDF officer Alice Miller.

Nov. 9

• At a meeting of religious leaders and settlers Rabbi Yoel Bin Nun of Ofra stated that following the seven days of mourning, he will reveal the names of the rabbis who permitted the spilling of the blood of the prime minister . He said that he would fight the rabbis even if it meant his life.

Nov. 10

• *Kol Israel* reported that there had been at least three previous attempts on the life of the late prime minister.

JERUSALEM 3000 EVENTS

• The Jerusalem Society of Medical Students will hold the first Jewish medical exchange program for medical students from around the world, Dec. 17 to Jan. 14, 1996. In addition to hospital experience, the program will include extensive cultural and social activities in Israel. For information call 011-972-2-758 483 or fax 011-972-2-758 834

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'Angels are accompanying you now'

The following is a translation of the remarks of Noa Ben-Artzi Philosof at the funeral of her grandfather, Yitzhak Rabin.

Please excuse me for not wanting to talk about the peace. I want to talk about my grandfather.

You always awake from a nightmare, but since yesterday I was continually awakening to a nightmare. It is not possible to get used to the nightmare of life without you. The television never ceases to broadcast pictures of you and you are so alive that I can almost touch you — but only almost, and I won't be able to anymore.

Grandfather, you were the pillar of fire in front of the camp and now we are left in the camp alone, in the dark; and we are so cold and so sad.

I know that people talk in terms of a national tragedy and of comforting an entire nation, but we feel the huge void that remains in your absence when grandmother doesn't stop crying.

Few people really knew you. Now they will talk about you for quite some time, but I feel that they really don't know just how great the pain is, how great the tragedy is; something has been destroyed. Grandfather, you were and still are our hero. I wanted you to know that every time I did anything, I saw you in front of me.

Your appreciation and your love accompanied us every step down the road and our lives were always shaped after your values. You, who never abandoned anything, are now abandoned. And here you are, my ever-present hero, cold, alone, and I cannot do anything to save you. You are missed so much.

Others greater than I have already eulogized you, but none of them ever had the pleasure I had to feel the caresses of your warm, soft hands, to merit your warm embrace that was reserved only for us, to see your half-smile that always told me so much, that same smile which is no longer, frozen in the grave with you.

I have no feelings of revenge because my pain and feelings of loss are so large, too large. The ground has been swept out from beneath us, and we are groping now, trying to wander about in this empty void, without any success so far.

I am not able to finish this; left with no alternative, I say goodbye to you, hero, and ask you to rest in peace, and think about us, and miss us, as down here we love you so very much. I imagine angels are accompanying you now and I ask them to take care of you, because you deserve their protection.

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There is a terrible sense of fragility

[Cont'd. from page 1]

unit, students of Bar Ilan University, the son of the head of the surgery department of a major hospital. In every one, Israelis see themselves.

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"The country is finished," cried Shimon Sheves, Rabin's longtime adviser and friend, moments after the prime minister's death.

A week later, it seems that Sheves was partly right. The country as we know it is finished.

Like the Yom Kippur War, the assassination of Rabin has left Israel shell-shocked. And like that war, the assassination of Rabin marks a new age in Israeli political culture.

Until October 1973, Israelis had an almost blind faith in government — a childlike belief that the leaders always know what's best for them. The leadership's total failure to anticipate an Arab attack exploded that myth, and with it the people's absolute faith in government. Today, it is the government's faith in the people that has been dealt a stunning blow. Today, it is the people's faith in each other that has been shattered.

"We used to think that as Jews we were all part of one family," says Jerusalemite Uri Forman. "We could fight and argue, but in the end we were all brothers. We would never hurt each other. There was trust. But now that's gone. It turns out that we are just like people in any other country. Strangers, not brothers."

The most overt sign of this new reality is that the people can no longer get close to government leaders. Everyone is suspect. When the Labor Party held a memorial for their slain leader last week, the entire downtown area of Tel Aviv was cordoned off and everyone entering the party headquarters, even Members of Knesset, was searched. Anyone without an official pass was whisked away.

Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres could not even attend the public ceremony to dedicate Yitzhak Rabin Square later that day. Security officials insisted it would not be safe for him to be surrounded by so many people in the same spot where Rabin was gunned down.

Gone are the days when Israeli leaders would mingle in crowded open-air markets with shoppers and vendors, shaking hands and patting backs. Gone is the casual banter between cabinet ministers and the man in the street. Now every leader is surrounded by bodyguards, and the public must keep its distance. Gone is the age of innocence.

Israelis have learned that words kill. They are mobilizing to guard the level of public discourse. If leaders have bodyguards, institutions now have verbal watchdogs. In the first week after Rabin's death, a teacher was suspended, a university student expelled and a factory worker fired for praising the murder. Two Kiryat Arba Jews who cheered the assassination in front of foreign television crews were arrested for incitement. That word — incitement — evokes the same kind of anxiety that suspicious parcels once did. There is fear that inflammatory words will explode in everyone's face.

There is a terrible sense of fragility. "We never realized how vulnerable our democracy is," wrote one commentator in the Hebrew daily *Yediot Aharonot*. With that sense of fragility comes caution. Some say too much caution.

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Shin Bet says it knew of plot to kill Rabin

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Compounding the apparent security lapses that made the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin possible, the Shin Bet admitted last week that it had been told in advance of a plot to carry out the killing, but had been unable to locate the potential suspect.

The disclosure was the latest blow to Israel's domestic security service, which came under harsh criticism in the wake of an internal report targeting security lapses that made it possible for the assassin to get within point-blank shooting distance of Rabin at a Nov. 4 peace rally.

The head of the Shin Bet, identified only as "C" for security reasons, told last Sunday's weekly cabinet meeting that the information provided in advance about the assassination was too general.

He added that Shin Bet officials had received dozens of reports about possible assassination plots.

The Shin Bet head reportedly offered to resign, but was asked to stay on by Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres, who said he should remain until a state commission of inquiry issued its findings.

Peres expressed his full confidence in the Shin Bet, particularly the division charged with protecting dignitaries. However, the head of that division was one of several Shin Bet officials who resigned in the wake of the assassination.

Peres also called on the cabinet to refrain from issuing public criticisms of the Shin Bet's operations.

The cabinet voted last week to establish a commission of inquiry into the assassination.

The three members of the commission — former Supreme Court President Meir Shamgar; reserve Maj.-Gen. Zvi Zamir, a former head of the Mossad; and Prof. Ariel Rosen-Zvi, dean of the faculty of law at Tel Aviv University — met for the first time last Friday.

The committee agreed to meet four days a week until it issued its findings.

Advance information about the assassination was conveyed to police last June, according to Israel Radio.

The informant was identified as Shlomo Halevy, a Jerusalem resident who studied law at Bar-Ilan University with the 25-year-old confessed assassin, Yigal Amir.

Israel Television reported that Halevy learned of Amir's plans from another friend, and then contacted a police officer who was his former commanding officer in the army.

Halevy gave a description of Amir, but not his name. Halevy's lawyer said this week that his client did not want to name Amir, in case the information was not accurate.

The revelation took place as Israeli authorities continued rounding up suspects in connection with the assassination.

Although Amir said he acted alone, police are pursuing the possibility that the killing of Rabin was the work of a group of right-wing conspirators.

A soldier serving in an elite combat unit was arrested last Friday on suspicion of supplying arms to Yigal Amir and his brother Hagai, who was also arrested in connection with the murder.

The soldier, identified as Arik Schwartz of Bnei Brak, was arrested after weapons were found during a search of his home.

Amir reportedly plotted the assassination for months with his older brother Hagai, 27.

They had planned eight previous assassination attempts, initially planning to kill Rabin outside his home in the Tel Aviv suburb of Ramat Aviv, using a sniper's rifle, Israel Radio reported.

Among other offenses, Hagai Amir is suspected of attempted murder and illegal possession of arms.

He said in court that he had nothing to do with his brother's actions, and that his brother "was not crazy. He's mature and knew exactly what he was doing."

But Judge Dan Arbel rejected the idea that Yigal Amir acted alone, adding that evidence had been found of plans to commit other acts of violence, including car bomb attacks.

In a related development, security officials reportedly located two rabbis who had given religious justification for killing the prime minister.

Israel Television identified them as Rabbi Nahum Rabinovich of Ma'aleh Adumim and Rabbi Dov Lior of Kiryat Arba. Both men denied the reports.

Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Meir Lau said it was up to law enforcement officials to determine whether the reports were true.

But if they were true, Rabbi Lau added, the rabbinate would convene a special committee to consider the spiritual and moral implications of rabbis' actions.

After his arrest, Yigal Amir said he had consulted with a rabbi before carrying out the assassination.

Canada criticizes Congress

CJN News Services

CAIRO — The United States' decision to move its embassy in Israel to Jerusalem is "inappropriate" and a bid to influence the city's final status, Canada's Foreign Affairs minister has charged.

Andre Ouellet says the question of Jerusalem should be part of an overall agreement between Israel and the Palestinians.

Just after the U.S. Congress voted to move the American embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem by May 1999, Ottawa said its embassy would remain in Tel Aviv.

Ottawa regards eastern Jerusalem, captured by Israeli forces in the 1967 Six Day war, as occupied Arab territory. Like almost every other nation, Canada does not recognize Jerusalem as Israel's capital.

Speaking here last month, Ouellet said he believed the American decision constituted "an inappropriate external pressure.

"The question of Jerusalem must be resolved among the parties and we do not approve of this kind of outside pressure," he said following a meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

The week before, Egypt criticized the vote to transfer the American embassy to Jerusalem.

The thorny status of Jerusalem is to be discussed within the framework of Israeli-Palestinian negotiations on the final status of all land occupied in 1967, scheduled to begin in May.

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Israel Travel

Hotel rooms hard to find during Jerusalem 3000

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to the CJN

JERUSALEM — Jerusalem 3000, a celebration devised by the city of Jerusalem to boost tourism, has proven so popular that hotel rooms may be hard to find during peak times in 1996.

"We believe that we will accommodate all those who will come," said Jonathan Harpaz, director of the Jerusalem Hotel Association, during a recent swing through Toronto and Montreal.

Festivities related to Jerusalem 3000 began last September and continue through September 1996. Many special events are planned, including massive pageants, artistic performances, exhibitions, conferences and festivals.

At present, Israel's Ministry of Tourism has registered some 8,000 hotel rooms, containing 16,000 beds, within Jerusalem. According to Harpaz, Jerusalem should have 12,000 rooms by the year 2000, in time for another historic anniversary of great importance — the Christian millenium.

As if that's not enough to keep planners hopping, a third milestone — the 50th anniversary of the state of Israel — occurs in 1998, right between these other celebrations.

The city's promotional kick for Jerusalem 3000 is also geared toward "the long-term effect," said Yossi Tal-Gan, director of Jerusalem 3000, who was also recently in Canada. "Even if people don't come for Jerusalem 3000, they might come in 1997 or 1998."

City officials are eagerly looking forward to welcoming talk show host Larry King, who is reportedly planning a *Larry King Special* telecast from Jerusalem in December. If hotels fill up as a result of such good publicity, tourists could stay in kibbutzim, hostels, even in hotels in Tel-Aviv, less than an hour away by car.

Five years ago, when then Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek proposed a year-long celebration to mark the 3,000th anniversary of King David's arrival to Judaism's most holy city, no one on the planning committee could have realized that Israel would be engaged in extensive peace talks with the Palestinians and the Jordanians.

"We'd been trying for nearly 50 years to come to peace talks with our neighbors, but no one knew five years ago that we would have these talks," said Tal-Gan. "The Oslo accord came as a surprise to all of us."

Since archeologists and historians have concluded that King David and the ancient Israelites conquered Jerusalem between 1006 and 999 BCE, the 3,000th anniversary could actually have fallen anywhere from 1994 to 2001.

The city itself is more than 5,000 years old, but it was never a capital for any people until the time of King David. As Tal-Gan points out, no other people except the Jews have ever declared Jerusalem as their capital.

Tal-Gan insists that Jerusalem's touristic success will not spoil the city by increasing its already notorious traffic congestion or enlarging its already sprawling suburbs.

"The master plan of the city of Jerusalem calls for a maximum of 700,000 residents and that's the most we can plan for," he says. Jerusalem presently is home to 600,000 residents.

For further information on Jerusalem 3000 and travel to Israel, contact the Israel Government Tourist Office, 180 Bloor St. W., Suite 700, Toronto M5S 2V6. Phone: 416-964-3784 or 800-669-2369 outside Toronto.

Some special events

JERUSALEM 3000 — Some Important Events:

Special Events: * King David's Feast, a kosher feast in which you dine like a king. March 18, 1996 * A Thousand Voices Sing to Jerusalem, a free open-air choir from the Netherlands. June 6. * Celebration of Gospel Music, featuring choirs and gospel groups from all over the world. July 26 to August 4. * Mizmor Le'Ir David, hundreds of cantors performing in many synagogues and halls. July 21 to Aug. 4.

Artistic Performances: * *Fidelio*, Deutsche Staatsoper (Berlin) at the Sultan's Pool. Sept. 7 and 9. * Beethoven's Ninth, Deutsche Staatsoper. Sept. 8. * Gala Concert of Psalms, Zubin Mehta leads the Israel Philharmonic at the Sultan's Pool. July 31. * Sight and Sound Spectacular, a celebration of the history of Jerusalem in music, lighting, lasers and fireworks. August 5 to 22. * *David and Absalom*, new play by Shmuel Hasfari. August 20 to Sept 5. * *Nabucco*, Verdi's grand opera about Nebuchadnezzar, Sultan's Pool, Sept. 11, 12, 15 to 18. * *The Dissidents*, Ben Zakai, a play by Yehoshua Sobol depicting the Jewish revolt against the Romans. Oct. 7 to 24. * King David's Violin, Israeli Philharmonic and violinists Itzhak Perlman, Pinchas Zukerman, Shlomo Mintz, Gil Shaham and others. December 1996.

Exhibitions:

* King Solomon's Seal, exhibition on Islam's influence on Western culture, Tower of David Museum. Until May 31. * Jerusalem, A Capital for All Times, King David's Jerusalem compared with seven other capitals of the ancient world. Bible Lands Museum, Jan. 17 to Dec. 31. * Judaica 3000, huge exhibition and fair of Judaic art. May 5 to 9.

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And he boasts that El Al, established as Israel's national carrier in 1949, is profitable as well as prompt. The airline took in nearly $1 billion (US) in total revenues in 1993, and has shown a profit in each of the last nine years — a troubled time for the industry as a whole.

El Al has added services and lowered fares to maintain its attractiveness in the Canadian market, which has become intensely competitive since Air Canada began direct flights to Israel last June.

"For the consumer, it's almost a *Gan Eden*," says Nechustan. "The airline is making less money."

El Al carries about three-quarters of the roughly 40,000 Canadians who travel to Israel by air each year.

The rest flew on a variety of European carriers before Air Canada entered the picture, according to Nechustan.

"We've had no change in our numbers since Air Canada began its service. In fact, last summer our numbers were the best of any summer in the last six years. We accept the fact that Air Canada has decided to start operating this route. This is according to the bilateral agreement between our two governments. We hope that their presence in the market helps to increase the tourism traffic."

To meet the competition, El Al has increased the variety of its in-flight meals, switched to using only top-of-the-line, wide-bodied 747-400 jumbo jets on its Montreal and Toronto flights, and started an advanced check-in and seat selection service for returning passengers in several major Israeli cities and hotels. Its new Loyal Traveller program, like the earlier Frequent Traveller program, rewards customers with points that may be exchanged for free flights or seat upgrades.

Nechustan, like all El Al pilots and technicians, was formerly in the Israeli Air Force — in his case, for 27 years, most recently as a colonel. Having served his country so faithfully, he notes that of the world's airlines, only El Al has remained loyal to Israel in good times and in bad. During the Persian Gulf War of 1991, all other airlines ceased flying to Israel, leaving El Al to provide Israel's sole airlink with the outside world.

And what other airline has such a distinguished humanitarian record? Nechustan cites the fabled Operation Solomon, also of 1991, which spirited thousands of Ethiopian Jews to the Jewish state from Addis Ababa. El Al has been crucial to the ingathering of exiles to the Jewish state since Operation Magic Carpet began transporting Yemenite Jews in 1949. The most recent arrivals include hundreds of thousands of Jews from the former Soviet Union.

Several major issues face Israel's national carrier as it adjusts its corporate ailerons to the current international tradewinds. Should El Al be privatized? The Israeli government has commissioned an American firm to assess the airline's monetary value in case it decides to go that route.

"I don't see any disadvantage to privatization, I see only advantages," says Nechustan. "Let politicians and governments govern the country, and let's not mix politics with economics. The task of a government is not to own companies; business people can do it better. But the decision is in the hands of the government."

Another dilemma is whether El Al, which presently services 47 international destinations, should fly to them on the Jewish Sabbath and Jewish holidays. Presently, it flies 302 days annually, excluding Shabbat and holidays, while most of its competitors fly 365 days to stay profitable. According to some studies, El Al is losing as much as $80 million (US) per year as a result of the religious restrictions to its operations.

"Some of our religious passengers — and God bless them for flying El Al — claim that from the moment El Al ceased flying on Shabbat and holidays, we started to make money," Nechustan observes. "That was in 1978. Before then, we flew on Shabbat and on the holidays, and we lost money. It's a tricky issue, and I don't know what the answer will be."

Whatever the airline's future, its on-board atmosphere is unlikely to change. The bustling conviviality that often pervades the passenger cabin is what makes El Al unique, Nechustan claims. "On what other airline can you see, from the moment the plane takes off, people who are wandering around, looking for friends on board? And as you can imagine, they often find them.

"Sometimes I wonder why such passengers have to pay for their tickets — they're walking to Israel, they don't sit on the plane at all," he jokes. "But we love them and we appreciate their loyalty to the national carrier. And we thank them for flying El Al."

Promotional ads blend the ancient, modern

TORONTO — Israel and Jordan have launched parallel promotional campaigns aimed at Canadian travellers, says the director of the Israel Government Tourist Office here.

"We are entering a new era in Canada," declares Ruth Ben-Tzur, citing figures showing that the number of Canadians travelling to Israel by air has already increased sharply in recent months.

One of Israel's proposed magazine advertisements shows a young couple, obviously enjoying themselves, drinking a toast on a beach; the caption reads "To Life!" Below them, a smaller photo shows an intriguing architectural detail of Jerusalem's Jaffa Gate.

According to Ben-Tzur, the ad reflects the Tourism Ministry's careful strategy to blend the contemporary and the ancient. The idea is to present Israel as the kind of sun-and-sand destination that North Americans crave in winter, not just as the historic, nurturing cradle of the Judaic, Christian and Muslim worlds.

"We are going to give Canadians a new product which they never saw before. Israel will no longer be presented as a place where people go only on pilgrimage, just for religious reasons or because they love Jewish sites or archeology.

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There has been "a revolution" in the number of Canadians visiting Israel, Ben-Tzur says, sparked in part by regional peace initiatives and by Air Canada's entrance into the Toronto-to-Tel Aviv travel market last June.

"There has been a 40 per cent decrease in airfares and the market has responded," she says. "There was a 43 per cent increase [in Canadian air travellers to Israel] in May 1995 over May 1994. June showed a 26 per cent increase over 1994." (Figures for July and August have not yet been compiled.)

Ben-Tzur says much of her job lies in showing Canadian travellers that Israel falls within a competitive price range for them.

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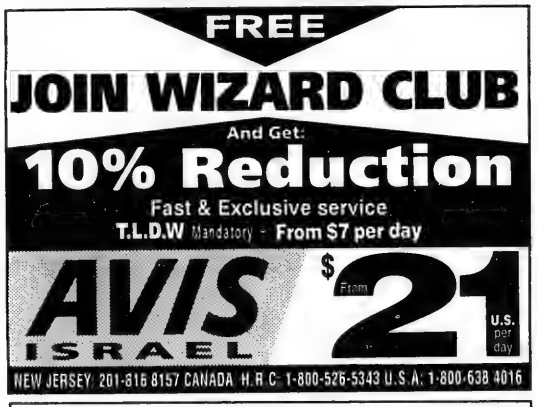

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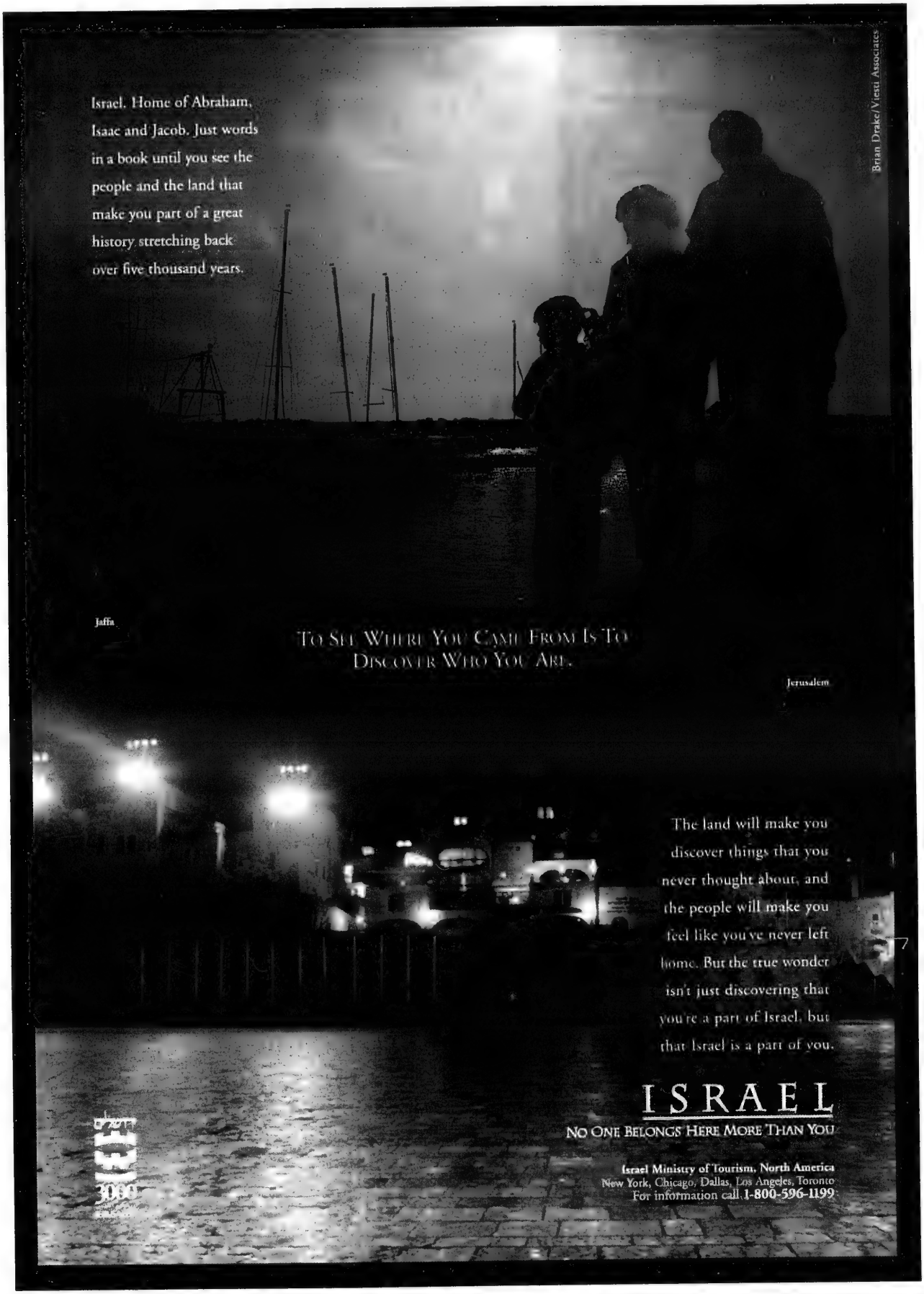
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Regent offers Red Sea cruises

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to the CJN

TORONTO — Regent Holidays recently became the first major tour operator in Canada to offer Canadian travellers a Red Sea cruise from Eilat, with optional visits to Egypt, Jordan and Greece via the Suez Canal.

Sailing on the Greek Epirotiki line, Regent's Red Sea cruises offer something that was practically unthinkable only a few years ago: the possibility of using Israel as a hub from which to visit the neighboring countries of Jordan and Egypt.

The first cruise ship carrying Regent passengers on the Red Sea departs this week from Eilat. Depending on the itinerary, the various cruises drop anchor at such exotic ports of call as Aqaba, Jordan; Sharm'el Sheikh, Safaga and Port Said, Egypt; and Crete, Rhodes and Athens, Greece.

Regent began marketing Israel in Canada about three years ago. The company's latest offering is a strong indication of Israel's increasing appeal and affordability for Canadian travellers.

"Israel is an extremely good value compared to Europe, which is considerably more expensive," says Regent's Joanne Cothran.

Regent's 14-day Italian program costs about $3,200 in August. By comparison, the company offers a 13-day Israeli program — including return air fare, hotel accommodations, full breakfast, guides, entrance fees for all sightseeing, hotel service charges and local taxes — for $2,699.

"Not only are you getting a much better price, but you're going much further in air miles," says Cothran.

Like Regent, Sunquest Vacations of Toronto offers competitively priced packages to Israel that can be combined with sidetrips to Egypt Jordan and Turkey.

Four years ago, Sunquest became the first major tour operator in Canada to offer Israel-bound tour packages to Canadian travellers. At a recent tourism conference in Tel Aviv, Sunquest president Leo Desrochiers received an award from the Israeli government for the company's contribution to Israeli tourism.

"The Israel Government Tourist Office and our suppliers in Israel are very happy with our marketing efforts in Israel, because we've raised the overall visibility of Israel in the Canadian marketplace," says Sunquest vice-president Jill Wykes.

The company is proud of its expertise both in Israel and in Canada. Sunquest's Israel specialist, Ari Bauer, who is based in Toronto, is a former Israeli tour guide with 17 years of experience.

Both Wykes and Cothran agree that the most important component of the Canada-to-Israel travel market is not individual travellers but group tours. Both actively pursue Jewish groups, from charities to bar mitzvah parties, as well as the far more lucrative Christian pilgrimage market.

Although Sunquest had planned its own charter flights, the project never took off and now both Sunquest and Regent passengers travel via El Al. Canada's third major tour operator to Israel is Air Canada Vacations, which flies on Air Canada.

As they compete, the three companies have trimmed profit margins and improved and diversified their respective products. "All of the competition in the marketplace has been very good for consumers," says Wykes. "The effect on all of us has been to bring prices downward."

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Wins silver medal

Israeli skater pays silent tribute to Rabin

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For one gripping minute, the sound of silence permeated the Harbor Station ice rink in Saint John, N.B., at last week's Sun Life Skate Canada competition.

Fifty-five hundred spectators stood spellbound as Israeli figure skater Michael "Misha" Shmerkin skated to centre ice, with a kippah atop his head and his hand on his heart, to pay tribute to slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Then Shmerkin, still in shock at the news of Rabin's assassination, skated a remarkable program that included landing five of six planned triple jumps. When it was all over, the spectators rose to their feet in an outpouring of emotion and gave Shmerkin a standing ovation. Some waved Israeli flags.

It was a remarkable feat — "the performance of a lifetime" according to one Saint John newspaper — but Shmerkin remembers very little of the actual skate.

"I put all my concentration on the performance and afterwards, I didn't remember anything," he told *The CJN* in a telephone interview from his home in Israel.

Speaking through an interpreter, Shmerkin said it was as though he was operating "on automatic," but thanks to his many years of figure skating and his experience of international competition, he was able to get through the event.

The judges evidently agreed with the thousands who applauded the gutsy performance, ranking him third in the free skate to go along with a third in the short program. Together, those scores were good for second overall, a silver medal performance.

A remarkable performance

It was a remarkable performance — all the more remarkable because at first Shmerkin did not even want to compete. When a friend told him just hours before he was to take to the ice that Rabin had been killed, Shmerkin didn't believe him. He raced to turn on his hotel TV set to confirm it for himself.

His first thought was to pull out of the event but Yossi Goldberg, head of Israel's figure skating association, convinced him that finishing the competition "in a special way" would best honor the memory of the murdered prime minister.

Goldberg, who visited Toronto after the Saint John competition, said he received the consent of Skate Canada officials for Shmerkin to devote a minute's silence in memory of Rabin. Israel's flag was lowered to half staff and Goldberg, who also serves as mayor of the northern town of Metulla, sat back and hoped for the best.

Shmerkin said that even though his free skate program is an enthusiastic and joyous one, "I couldn't smile. It was a difficult challenge because on the inside I wasn't happy, but I put my best face forward.

"I wanted to perform well for Mr. Rabin," he said.

Despite devoting his one-minute warmup to the tribute, Shmerkin not only skated well, he won the hearts of those at the rink and others watching on television.

"He took the silver in honor of Prime Minister Rabin's memory," said Goldberg.

Back in Israel, Shmerkin took to the Olympic-size ice at the newly expanded Canada Centre in Metulla to prepare for a meet in Germany.

Then it's back to Israel in December to participate in Skate Israel, the first-ever figure skating competition hosted by the Jewish state. (It was only with the completion of the new ice rink that Israel could offer to host such an event.)

In March, Shmerkin, an oleh from Odessa, will be back in Canada to compete in the world championships in Edmonton. There's even a chance he'll also visit Vancouver and Toronto for skating exhibitions. A performance in Vancouver was cancelled at the last minute due to the death of the Israeli prime minister.

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Buttons brings burlesque shtick

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to the CJN

TORONTO — As he prepares to bring his recent smash Broadway revue to Toronto, stage and screen veteran Red Buttons, who is 76 and lives in Los Angeles, joked that he was contemplating taking French lessons just in case the Yes side won the Quebec referendum.

"I might even bring my wife along, and introduce her as a 'tres biyenta.' That's a French yenta, a tres biyenta."

Reached by telephone at his home, the former vaudevillian and burlesque trouper described the show that many New York critics and audiences found highly entertaining during its recent six-week run. "It's a history of show business from my 60 years of show business. I'll be talking about the old days. It's autobiographical and anecdotal, and I'll be talking about all the great stars I met and worked with — Al Jolson, Sophie Tucker, Jack Benny, Bert Lahr, Jimmy Durante, Gene Kelly, Bing Crosby ...

"If I have to say so myself — and I'm saying so myself — it's really a fabulous couple of hours in the theatre. For people who like to laugh, it's the place to be on Nov. 20."

Red Buttons

By and large, New York critics and audiences agreed. Commending his medley of Borscht Belt and burlesque shtick, *New York Times* reviewer Ben Brantley wrote: "For fans over 60, watching him must seem like reclaiming a long-lost cousin, all too happy to share memories of Shophie Tucker, Al Jolson and the days when good Jewish boys venerated their Yiddische mamas without apologetic irony."

Known for his red hair and impish looks, the comedian is often placed in a comedic firmament that includes Sid Caesar, Milton Berle and Red Skelton, for whom he admits he is sometimes mistaken. He has performed in 31 films and countless night clubs, and has appeared often on television in such shows as *Friars Roasts, Knots Landing* and *Roseanne*.

Mr. Buttons tells many tales and drops many names, and knows how to mine the rich nostalgia of a long show business career. He was born Aaron Chwatt in the "one square mile that produced the likes of Fannie Brice, Eddie Cantor, George Burns and Irving Berlin." His Broadway show was at the Ambassador Theatre — the same theatre where, 53 years earlier, he was on stage the night of the infamous raid on Minsky's burlesque show.

Red Buttons plays at the Royal Alex for one performance only on Mon. Nov. 20, 8 p.m. For tickets, call 416-872-1212 or toll-free 800-461-3333

By LISA GALET
Special to The CJN

Job Search is a monthly column by job search consultant Lisa Galet. Readers should forward any questions to The CJN.

Maintaining the right attitude is as much a part of job hunting as sending in resumes and filling out application forms. There are many important attitudes to keep in mind:

Be prepared. Take control of your days. Pace yourself. Set a reasonable speed to follow. Schedule your time, set quantified objectives and follow through. Reschedule activities you missed out on. Being prepared will allow you to plan to include all opportunities.

Be balanced. Keep from letting yourself get too excited about opportunities. Don't see yourself hired for a job after being asked for an interview. I'm not saying don't be pleased with yourself, but you should plan beyond the interview. Look out for the job search activities and opportunities you will want to entertain after your interview is over. Not getting on an emotional roller coaster could be the best thing you do for your job search. Being balanced will keep you from becoming extremely depressed.

Be action oriented. Network. Go to job search centres. Seek out an employment counsellor. Talk to the contacts of your former employers, their suppliers, their competitors. Follow through on the actions you begin. Send out the letters you say you will send out. Keep track of everything you do in some sort of diary. Keep up your defined pace. Being action oriented will help you maintain your image of working hard at your job search.

Be goal directed. Focus on small wins. Be happy not only when you get the interview but when you accomplish something you set out to do — no matter how small. Recognize the worth and effort in yourself. Being goal directed will keep you aiming toward getting the job you want, or at least recognizing the type of work you should be looking for.

Be assertive of your self-worth. Say No if you have to. Be prepared for all opportunities you may have. Look like you care about yourself, both in your dress and in your deportment. Know what you are good at and be willing to talk about your strengths. Being assertive of your self-worth, above all, is important in being happy.

Be realistic. Say Yes if you have to. Know yourself and the marketplace. Be prepared to accept a position you may not have wanted to accept last year, if you believe the position is right in other ways. Recognize that you may need some upgrading, but do not count on education to get you a job. Being realistic may be depressing but ultimately will lead you to satisfactory employment.

Be open and receptive. Continually seek and analyze informa-

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Jewish Unity and Yiddish Literature: At this moment of turmoil and despair, the issue of Jewish unity is again at the forefront of our thoughts. Thus, it was most refreshing to hear the distinguished American Yiddishist, Prof. Itche Goldberg of the City University of New York, discuss Yiddish literature's famous triumvirate of writers, each of whom helped bring the Jewish family closer together a century ago, at a time when political forces seemed to be pushing us irreversibly apart.

It was Sholem Aleichem, Goldberg recalled, who said the easiest language in the world is Yiddish — you simply open your mouth and you speak it. But using Yiddish for literary purposes was another matter entirely. It took the combined geniuses of Mendele Mokher Seforim, Sholem Aleichem and Yitzhak Leibush Peretz to transform the everyday Yiddish vernacular of the Jewish masses into an elevated literary language.

Yiddish's three great literary patriarchs did most of their writing in the late 19th and early 20th centuries; Peretz died in 1916, Seforim in 1917, Aleichem in 1918. To mark the 80th *yahrzeit* of Peretz's death, Goldberg delivered a bilingual talk on Peretz in North York's Leah Posluns Theatre as part of the Jewish book fair.

What made Peretz (and, by extension, Seforim and Aleichem) so popular with Jews of every stripe? For one thing, he proclaimed the primacy of the people, seeing them as the enduring source of spiritualism and heroism. Peretz, like all great writers, identified with the common man. "Until that time, there was hardly a person who could speak directly to the people and tell them they were important," said Goldberg.

Peretz understood the economic and social conditions of the masses at a time when the rabbis had lost their sway, poverty was unrelenting and pogroms were bringing grief and suffering to Jewish hearts. Faced with all the problems of modernity, Jews were seeking to build a brave new world — "but they were giving up their contact with the old," Goldberg said.

"Peretz told them, 'Never mind creating a new world, we need our links to the past.' He showed the people that there was a certain heroism in the past, a certain life, a certain ethical basis. As early as 1891, he said that to come into the modern age, we needed to be able to appreciate the values of the past from whence we came."

After his talk, Goldberg was ringed with admirers and it took some time before *Eye On Arts* had the opportunity to ask him, for a start, about stylistic differences between Peretz and Sholem Aleichem.

Without missing a beat, the kindly, white-haired, erudite gentleman replied: "Peretz was more European than Sholem Aleichem, he was closer to the Jewish labor movement, the Bund, which came into existence in 1897. In a sense, his writing was more intellectual and he was more interested in the individual and in the alienation of his time. The writing of Sholem Aleichem did not possess the psychological insights that Peretz had already developed.

"Peretz depicts the individual from the shtetl, lost in the city," he continued. "He describes people and begins to understand their special situations. If Sholem Aleichem was closer to Dickens, you'd find that Peretz would be closer to some of the English writers, like a young Bernard Shaw, in terms of his awareness of social problems and psychological elements."

Among many shared traits, Goldberg said the three patriarchs believed in life and in the importance of affirming life, despite all of its problems, hardships and, yes, tragedies.

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Books & Bagels: Toronto filmmaker Jack Kuper, whose Holocaust memoir *Child of the Holocaust* has been in print for 27 years, reads from his recent memoir *After The Smoke Cleared*, which covers the post-Holocaust years. Bloor St. JCC, 750 Spadina Ave., Nov. 19, 11 a.m. Admission free. 416-924-6211.

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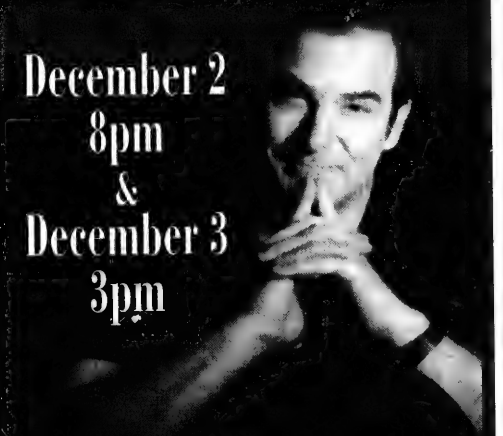
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Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

Planes, Trains & Automobiles: On referendum night, otherwise known as The Night We Almost Lost Canada, it became apparent that the impromptu rally of some 150,000 Canadians in Montreal on Oct. 27 was an instrumental factor in saving this country.

Canadians who rushed to Quebec from New Brunswick, Ontario, Alberta, British Columbia and elsewhere in Canada have related heart-warming accounts of how federalist-minded Quebecers hugged them, cheered them, shook their hands and thanked them for coming. This heroic gesture on the part of thousands of ordinary Canadians renewed the vigor of the federalist forces within Quebec and is certain to be remembered, hopefully even celebrated, in history books in days to come.

On the Wednesday before the rally, Canadian Airlines Intl. announced special fares from many cities in Canada to Montreal for as low as $99 return. "We launched the fare initiative system-wide on all routes flying into Montreal," airline spokesperson Laurie Schild told *Travel Talk*. "We offered the unity fare specifically for people who were wanting to attend the rally in Montreal."

According to Schild, the airline had both an altruistic and a pragmatic motive in offering the cut-rate fares.

"First, our view on the whole unity issue is that we have always believed in a united Canada. Second, it was an opportunity for us to move some seats that would otherwise have gone empty."

Within hours, the airline's main competitor, Air Canada, was publicizing similar bargain fares to Montreal. "We decided to match the fare on a commercial basis," spokesperson Kym Robertson said. "That's quite similar to the stance that we've taken with most price initiatives that Canadian has made in the past. Clearly, our stance was commercial rather than political."

Although Quebec's chief electoral officer charged that the fares were illegal, both airlines stood their ground and had received no further complaints from the province at the time this column went to press.

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Quebec Travelogue: The Monteregie is a picturesque region south of Montreal running from the suburb of Longueil to Lake Champlain and the U.S. border. The region consists of a few towns (the largest is St.-Jean-sur-Richelieu) surrounded by a gentle rural landscape that is broken by several dramatic massifs. Mont-er-egie means "the King's mountains" and refers to this series of five massive outcroppings. A sixth rocky outcrop to the north is Mount Royal, the mountain in the heart of Montreal.

One of the Monteregian hills, Mount Saint-Hilaire, features a nature reserve, hiking trails and sweeping views that extend to the Olympic Tower in Montreal. Part of the mountain holds a private preserve, partially funded by the Bronfman family, that protects one of the few original-growth forests left in southern Quebec.

Several other hills support sugar shacks where maple syrup is enjoyed in spring, and apple orchards where apple juice is fermented into flat or sparkling varieties of cider.

The region also features half of Quebec's 17 wine producers; the others are in the Eastern Townships. In summer, wine and apple-cider tours of the region are popular.

Fort Chambly, a reconstructed French fortress, offers a glimpse into history. The Richelieu Valley once possessed immense strategic importance for the warring French, British and Iroquois nations. The region, having once constituted the front line between New England and New France, went to the separatists in the referendum.

St.-Jean-sur-Richelieu is an industry-based town of 38,000, many of whom commute daily to Montreal via the congested Champlain Bridge. Since the late 1980s, a large shopping mall has drawn people away from the old downtown, which contains many empty and boarded-up storefronts. Last year, the PQ closed the town's famous military college.

"I don't know what's come over the young people," a retired francophone factory worker, who had lived his whole life in St.-Jean-sur-Richelieu, told me before the referendum. "I try to tell them that if only we could work together, Canada could be the greatest country on earth! We have everything! But they don't listen! They tell me to keep quiet, to keep out of it."

There are some excellent bed and breakfast hotels in the region. In St.-Blaise-sur-Richelieu, L'Epivent (514-291-3304), an elegant 1860s farmhouse of stone and wood, makes an excellent base from which to explore.

The Festival des Montgolfieres, a hot-air balloon festival, is held every summer. For more information, contact the Quebec Tourist Board, 416-977-6060.

Figure, landscape retrospective reveals remarkable scope

By MIRIAM CHINSKY
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Margaret Florence Ludwig's 1975-95 retrospective of figures and landscapes at Gallery Louise Smith from Nov. 18 until Dec. 2, reveals remarkable scope.

Born in Peterborough, she frequently returns to the area from her Toronto home to paint familiar haunts, the swirling waters of Burleigh Falls, the well-loved terrain.

But now that her family is grown, she can indulge an urge to range the outer rim. In recent years she has flown, sailed, snowmobiled, even dogsledded, to remote reaches from Baffin Island and Greenland, to the Antarctic.

"I breathe better in cold air," Ludwig says, who gets her landscapes onto canvas on site whenever possible.

Far from the comforts of Forest Hill, she scrambles across the ice before a huge chunk where she was standing, cracks and floats out to sea; watches Inuit children at play; wonders at a soaring iceberg and a parade of whales. And she experiences the exhilaration of vast expanses in the pure air.

In her work she has also developed an affinity for figures. Her nudes embody grace and respect.

Ludwig's style, confident, caring, is both figurative and impressionistic.

A graduate of the Ontario College of Art, she also studied sculpture and graphics at Central Tech and York University. She has exhibited at solo and group shows and her works are in corporate and private collections in Canada, the United States and England.

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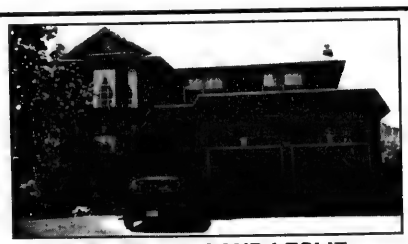

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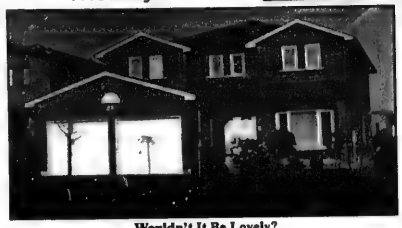

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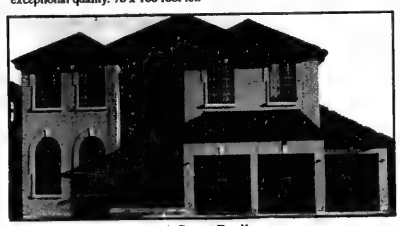

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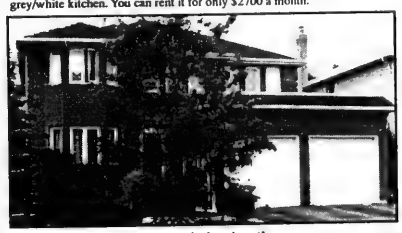

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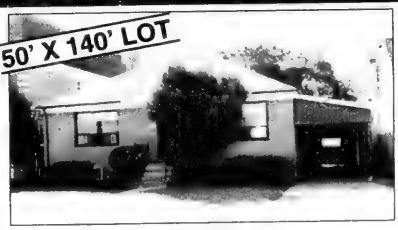

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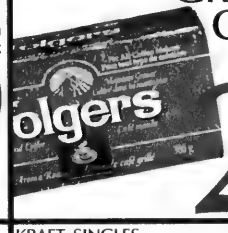

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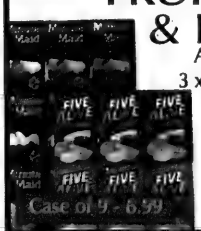

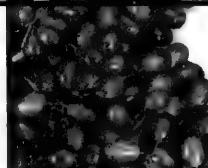

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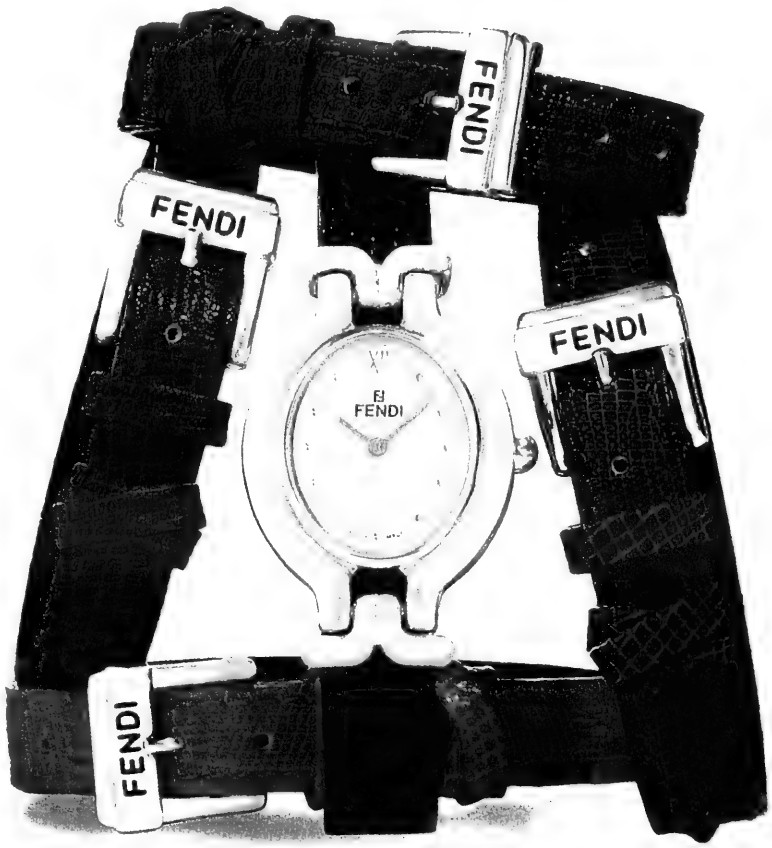

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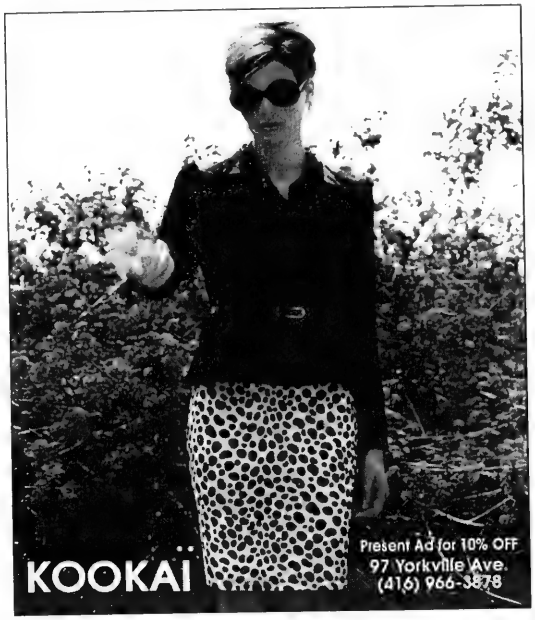

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"Through my 21 years in the business of making people look their best, I have experienced the joy of my clients after they have undergone a style change," says Fiorio. "There is a sparkle in their eyes and a happiness that permeates their expression. Opening a makeover studio was a natural evolution."

His makeover packages are priced at $180 including: makeup application, hairstyling and photographs. The photographs will use an innovative black and white technique that gives images a unique sense of warmth and depth.

The key to creating this look is an updated '90s version of classic sepia. Fiorio stresses that the results are not the "glamor" shots you find in shopping malls, but editorial-style portraits.

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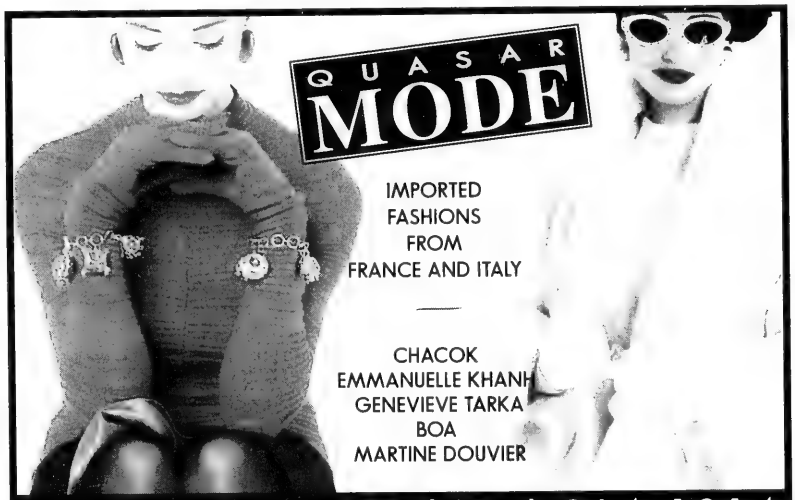

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A notch above the crowd

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
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Michel Karkar, the owner of Michel's, a custom-made shirt company in North York, prides himself on the quality of his shirts.

"We consider ourselves a notch above the crowd," he says. "You won't find better quality workmanship."

He also guarantees his product. "If there's any problem within the year of purchase we replace the shirt for free."

Michel's does custom work for a lot of high-end clothing stores and has its own clientele — people call Karkar from as far away as California, Michel says.

Prices range from $110 for a shirt made from two-ply Egyptian cotton, woven in England to $220 for two-ply 180-thread cotton, woven in Italy. These shirts are well-priced because they are only about $10 to $20 more than factory-made designer shirts, says Karkar.

"We can afford to keep our prices down because we're working out of a warehouse space. We don't pay the high retail rents."

Karkar, 34, immigrated to Canada from Lebanon in 1988 and shared a downtown retail space with Stavros Fine Tailors, a made-to-measure suit company, until three years ago when he moved his business — he employs five tailors — to its current warehouse space.

"In a short period of time I have built up a large number of clients, which includes women, who respect the work I do," says Karkar. "Everything is made by hand-operated single-needle sewing machines."

He starts from scratch measuring clients — he'll go to peoples' offices and homes if necessary — and drawing up individual patterns which he keeps on file. Measurement and fittings must all be done by appointment.

It generally takes three weeks to get a shirt made, but during the holiday season it's slightly longer.

White shirts, solid or white on white patterns, are his biggest sellers. Most of his clients are business people who prefer traditional apparel, he says, adding that black is also very big. "We're doing more black shirts than ever."

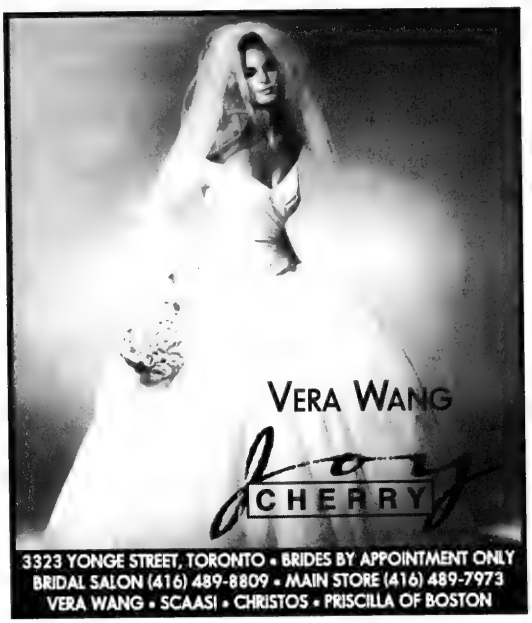
According to Karkar, thin-striped shirts in the English tradition will always be in style, but not the "high fashion" Mandarin collar shirts. Button-down collar shirts have also declined in popularity, he says.

He recommends styles that will flatter his customers, he says. "If a customer has a wide face we don't make him a spread collar. It will make his face look wider."

Karkar likes the elegance of French cuffs worn with cufflinks, but this style is not convenient for everybody, he says. Seventy per cent of his customers choose the French cuff and 80 per cent have their shirts monogrammed. "The Monogram is a nice touch," he says.

Karkar says custom-made shirts may become hard to buy in the future. There are only four people left in Toronto who do custom shirts, two of whom are close to retirement age, he says. "Younger people are not interested in this business. They want to do things quickly."

Michel's (416-633-3934) is located at 3967 Chesswood Dr., Toronto.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The new Leality!

By CAROL BIRKEN-WISE
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Ron Leal introduces his Premier Collection for "T.A.G.," The Apparel Group Ltd. The design philosophy is "maximum minimalism." Leal simplifies the design by stripping away unnecessary details allowing clothes to be worn in a variety of different ways.

A fingertip-length jacket tops jeans by day and a matching bustier dress by night. Think of it as the new "Leality," designs that slip into your wardrobe and effortlessly move from day to night, weekday to weekend. Defined by luxurious Italian fabrics and luminous palettes, Leal plays with color and texture, adding his innovative touch to classic silhouettes.

I recently spoke to Leal about his unique fashion ideas.

Question: What makes your designs different?

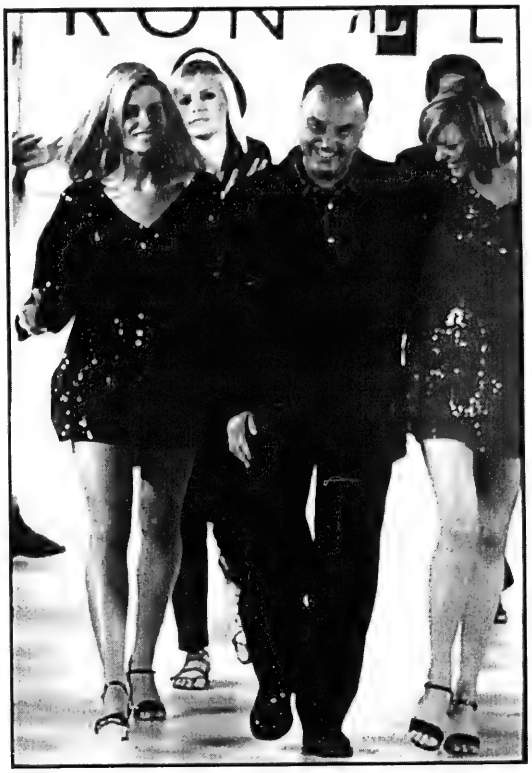
Answer: This line is a complete lifestyle collection, meaning that evening and casual clothes work together. For example, a sequined tank top can be worn with a pair of jeans or a pencil-thin pair of pants. Dress it up or dress it down.

Question: What kind of women wear your clothes?

Answer: There is something for everyone. Generally, the age group is from late 20s to the golden years. Women from all walks of life want to look beautiful with a little lustiness. That is what I do for them.

Question: What are the best and easiest colors to mix and match?

Answer: The base colors of your wardrobe should be black, navy, grey or brown. Any of your favorite colors will work well as an accent.



Ron Leal walks down the runway after a successful show.

Question: What inspired you to design your first spring collection?

Answer: Ava Gardner in the *Night of the Iguana.* She was cosmopolitan, sexy and glamorous, but there was still this sense that she had a little Virginia mud between her toes. She was loved by men and admired by women. Women today lead a multifaceted life, with work, motherhood and social life, they have to have clothing to suit their culturally schizophrenic lifestyle.

Ron Leal's fashions are available at Finishing Touches, Fred Green and Boutique Dita.

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Native art in fashion

This collection of a Pinecone Long Laparka with beaver trim, Spirit Eagle sweater, turtleneck and gloves is part of the Laparka 1995 style designed by Canadian designer Linda Lundstrom.

Her latest styles incorporate the work of four Native artists including Maxine Noel's Spirit Eagle, pictured here.

Lundstrom has been incorporating Native motifs in her designs for the past six years and has recently begun selling her Laparka coats in the United States and France. She hopes the trend will help to improve relations with First Nations people in Canada.

The Laparka collection is available in nine colors, regular and plus sizes.

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Andrew's prime destination for head-to-toe dressing

Maura at Andrew's: one example of the city's finest coat selection

With quiet dignity, a family of Toronto fashion pioneers has parlayed Hazelton Lanes' largest retail space into that rarest of modern retail birds: a clothing store that's not only emerged hale and hearty from the recession but is actually growing.

Through the efforts of son Darren Mason and daughters Beverly Lerner and Cheryl McEwen, Joyce Mason has seen the 25-year legacy of her Village Shop stores embellished and enhanced by the success of **Andrew's**, a world-class but serenely approachable shopping environment that ably represents the mall it anchors.

At 12,000 square feet, it sprawls invitingly at the entrance to Hazelton Lanes' west wing. Marvellously big for a boutique, yet wonderfully small for a department store, its distinct selection of sportswear, evening wear, outerwear, lingerie, accessories, fragrances and cosmetics has earned it an international reputation for quality and value. In addition to its Toronto customer base, Andrew's boasts a clientele from all over North America who make it their destination in a twice- or thrice-yearly buying pilgrimage. Their keenness is matched only by the buyers who shop the world over for the merchandise they seek.

A fashion-only family

This family – whose only business is fashion – subjects each potential acquisition to intense scrutiny: many pieces are called, but few are chosen. Armed with an agenda of quality and value to which they adhere unwaveringly, they "agonize over everything we buy, so hopefully our customers won't have to," says Darren. "Before we purchase an item, we ask ourselves two questions," he continues. "First, what inherent property does the item have that would make it interesting to a customer? Second, is it really worth the retail price?" A "nay" to either of these questions is enough to nix the purchase; only a unanimous "yea" grants it admission into a merchandise mix that Mason refers to as "focused." "As soon as you walk into the shop, you'll have an idea of what's in store for the season," he says. "Each display tells a story."

Listening to customers

That customers have responded to this merchandise mix is not surprising; according to Mason, "We really listen to our customers; the merchandise you see here is a reflection of their good taste." Enhancing the siblings' ability to listen is the fact that one or more of them is always on the floor serving their customers, who derive added comfort from knowing not only that the owners are in the store, but also that they love what they do. The same is true of their staff, many of whom have enough fashion experience to qualify as institutions in their own right: Carmen Marovas and Esther Perez in sportswear, Sylvia and Luba in lingerie, Judy Young in evening wear and accessories, Alice in coats (with probably the city's best coat selection at her command, Wonderland analogies are inevitable). Melanie Pichler, whose storewide responsibilities include marketing, typifies the Andrews persona: no titles to hide behind, just service to provide.

By buying selectively, Andrew's has avoided the pitfalls of overmerchandising: each piece has its own space and place. No need to dig for buried treasure: from a luxuriously wearable sweater by Ara to the stunning simplicity of a tailored black coat dress from Cattiva of New York, these gems are all at your fingertips.

Particularly impressive is the coat selection: from classic tailored pure wool coats through luxurious cashmere (including a real find at $1,200 that compares favourably with those selling elsewhere for $3,000) to fur-lined coats to sleek car coats, Andrew's offers a host of outerwear options.

Gaston Jaunet at Andrew's: many are called, but few are chosen

K.S. at Andrew's: one of many meaningful choices

Making every piece count

The variety for which Andrews is revered is a function not of more merchandise, but of making every piece count. "You don't create variety by simply adding colours," says Mason; "you create it by offering meaningful choices." Fifteen different styles of black pants and ten styles of turtlenecks attest to Andrew's' commitment to the basics.

An emphasis on wardrobe building — as opposed to updating — is part of Andrew's' long-range approach to customer satisfaction. "A blazer that works for you now should work five years from now," says Mason.

In every department – sportswear, evening wear, outerwear, lingerie, accessories, fragrances and cosmetics – service at Andrew's is more than skin deep. Five full time tailors are on staff to ensure a perfect fit for each and every garment purchased. Perhaps more important, you're treated with the kind of genuine warmth and respect that stems from people really liking what they do.

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The Village Shop Plus: more of a good thing

True to the 25-year legacy of fine tailored sportswear, suits and coats on which The Village Shop's reputation was built, The Village Shop Plus offers all of these exclusively in sizes 16 to 24. Like its sister store Andrew's, which has inherited the Hazelton Lanes Village Shop's mainstream size offerings in a dedicated section, TVS Plus presents a welcoming front and offers the close personal service of seasoned professionals. The merchandise mix leans towards classic styles and clean lines, with an abundance of natural fibres. Precision of fit is paramount; TVS Plus clients have come to rely on the shop's ability to fulfill this need in blouses, pants, suits, jackets, and coats for all occasions. The Village Shop Plus has carved an important niche in a marketplace that up until recently often treated plus sizes as an afterthought to mainstream fashion.

According to Heather, the manager, customer response to the newfound availability of larger sizes which concede nothing in goodness of fit and style to their smaller counterparts has been extremely gratifying. She and her knowledgeable associates are well-schooled in the art of larger size dressing are on hand to ensure that what fits right also looks right. As at Andrew's, variety is key; the carefully crafted window displays are eloquent testimony to the manifold mix-and-match possibilities that lie within. Larger sizes and larger selection without style compromises mean more of a good thing.

Conway and Gower redefine dining elegance

The sumptuous elegance of the old British dining room is alive and well and living at Conway and Gower in the west wing of Hazelton Lanes. "Everything for the dining room but the food" is their motto, and they deliver on this promise in an inviting showroom resplendent with fine English and European china, crystal, Irish and French linens, oil paintings, watercolours and prints.

For as little as $10 or as much as $12,000, Conway and Gower has the perfect gift for anyone's home, including your own. Proprietor Hilary Jones is usually on the premises and has the expertise to advise you on your gift and Bridal Registry purchases. The atmosphere is extremely low-key, the service warm and personal. Gifts are wrapped, stored and delivered at no extra charge and can be delivered worldwide. To assist out-of-town guests, phone and mail orders are accepted.

As a further enticement for customers seeking a wedding gift, Conway and Gower offers 10% off all pre-wedding registry purchases and they give the couple a gift both on their wedding day and on their first anniversary.

If you're a fine china lover, you'll be happy to know that among others, Conway and Gower carries the esteemed Richard-Ginori line, including the elegant setting pictured above.

Combining the elegance of a fine china showroom and the warmth of a curio shop, Conway and Gower offers Hazelton Lanes shoppers the missing pieces to any dining-room puzzle.

Alan Cherry Bridal makes waves in Hazelton Lanes, draws ten-minute standing ovation at Le Parc

Christian Dior, exclusive to Alan Cherry Bridal

It happens occasionally at the theatre and once in a blue moon at a sporting event, but the ten-minute standing ovation received by Alan Cherry Bridal on October 30 at Le Parc may be the first standing "O" of that magnitude to occur at a fashion show in Canada.

Brides who've had the pleasure of visiting the new Alan Cherry Bridal Salon in Hazelton Lanes are clapping too. Once ushered into the palatial premises, they're treated to the considerable expertise of Vice-President Maria Arrigo, designer Nancy DiCroce and consultant Sabrina Corrado in selecting exclusive gowns by Christian Dior, Guy Laroche, and Helen Morley that are available in Canada only at Alan Cherry.

Directly across from the bridal salon sits Alan Cherry For Men, whose formal attire also wowed the crowd at Le Parc. Working in concert with Alan, associate Santo De Rose draws on a wealth of experience in assisting customers with their menswear purchases. The very latest men's fashions from Ferre, Lubiam, Marco Azzali and Zegna, among others – all hand-picked by Alan and Santo – ensure customers of the highest standards of quality, style, and value. As Toronto's better-dressed men have known for years, an Alan Cherry purchase is like money in the bank, and now that he's back in men's wear after a brief hiatus, his old customers are flocking to Hazelton Lanes to cash in their chips. Living up to his motto that "service at Alan Cherry starts where other stores stop," Cherry and his staff bend over backwards to enure that customers are satisfied.

"The Cherry Triangle"

Completing the trio of adjacent Cherry stores in Hazelton Lanes is the well-established and thriving Lox Stock and Bagel restaurant, where shoppers in and outside Hazelton Lanes converge to quench their hunger and thirst. Though some have suggested that the area now be called "Cherry Lane", Alan prefers to call it the "Cherry Triangle." Like the infamous Bermuda Triangle, he reasons, it "swallows up shoppers," but unlike its Bermudian counterpart, "once you're inside *this* triangle you'll never want to leave."

Carol Wise Reports on Fashion Gala at Le Parc

"Curtain Call", the very best of Theatre in Fashion Benefit Gala, delighted 1,100 patrons recently at Le Parc banquet hall.

The event was highlighted by a fashion show exhibiting the latest designs from Alan Cherry of Toronto.

It was a truly unique night of entertainment. The fashions ranged from leather jackets worn with blue jeans to extravagant ball gowns. The smashing finale was a gorgeous wedding gown, the model floating down the runway to the song *The Impossible Dream* – an interesting choice of music. Dan Duran of *the Dini Petty Show* introduced each of these items.

Jim Walton and Camilla Scott, the leading talent of the musical *Crazy For You*, did an exclusive and outstanding performance. Scott will soon be hosting her own talk show early in the new year.

The real reason behind this fabulous evening was to raise funds to support VITA (developmentally challenged individuals), Community Living Services, Cancer Research, Bereaved Families of Ontario and the Canadian Breast Cancer Foundation of York Region.

My compliments to the caterer Italo Cellupica for providing a superb seven-course dinner.

– Carol Wise

Christian Dior for Alan Cherry: one of many gowns that brought down the house at Le Parc

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Leading lady of Chez Catherine, Versace, Ferre, Krizia is no mere player on world fashion stage

Timeless pieces like this Ferre original make a visit to Chez Catherine and its sister boutiques unforgettable

Fashion is like the theatre," says Catherine Hill. "Each season you have to write a new script; each day is a new performance, filled with excitement and new challenges."

A quick "read" of her beloved Chez Catherine — the crown jewel of Hazelton Lanes — reveals a fashion script that the Bard himself could scarcely have penned better. Indeed, were Shakespeare alive today, his romantic leading ladies would undoubtedly be advised to "get thee to Chez Catherine" to fill their wardrobe needs.

From the fanciful to the austere, from the quietly distinguished to the utterly breathtaking, the one-of-a-kind couture creations found at Chez Catherine are indeed the "nonpareil" of the fashion world. And if one person can be at once a fashion icon, friend, dean and den mother to her customers and associates, then Catherine Hill is that person — flitting gracefully through *Chez* and its sister boutiques (Ferre, Krizia and Versace) with a warmth and wit that touches everyone.

On the fashion runways of Europe today, at Chez Catherine tomorrow

A fashion crystal ball

"I love what I do," she purrs. Her European buying excursions are "a thrill and a challenge. If I love something now, will my customers love it in eight months when it appears in the store?"

Season in, season out, the answer has been a resounding "Yes." Twenty-two years after Mrs. Hill hung up her shingle as a Hazelton Lanes original, Chez Catherine has endured and prospered as Toronto's foremost high fashion salon, apparently immune to the recession that has felled several worthy contemporaries.

What's the secret?

"No secret," says Catherine — "just loving what I do, working very hard at it, and surrounding myself with the best staff in the industry." Clearly, her feelings about staff are reciprocated: a decade of service on the good ship *Chez* is more the rule than the exception. At the helm, downplay her role as she might, it is Mrs. Hill and her exquisite taste and vision that have driven the business. For her, Chez Catherine is not a store to be filled up with merchandise, but an art collection to be upgraded slowly, lovingly, piece by piece.

Evening wear is a case in point: for bar mitzvahs and other milestones, the designer originals that grace her shop attract buyers from all over North America and beyond. Indeed, though many store owners can be said to shop the world over for their goods, it is also true that the world over shops Chez Catherine. For her clients, the question is not Will I find it at Chez, but How will I narrow it down to one dress?

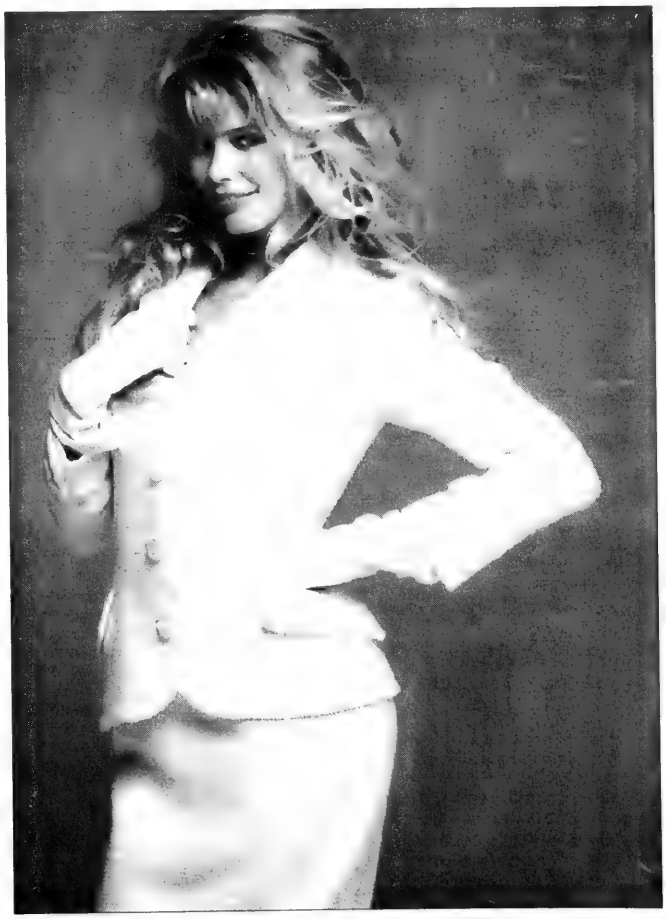
No less a victim of this dilemma than her customers, Mrs. Hill finds her love affair with each piece rekindled as she walks through the shop. Ultimately, that's good for business: who better to believe than another avid customer?

Versace, Ferre, Krizia

When Catherine's keen eye and foresight led her to acquire the exclusivity for Toronto of Versace, Ferre, and Krizia, she felt the only way to appropriately represent them was to create a signature boutique for each. With the designers' blessings, she proceeded to construct these boutiques in accordance with their worldwide design specifications. Each is an architectural landmark: *Ferre* with its yard-wide stainless steel columns, *Krizia* with its aqua-flecked marble floors, and *Versace* with its sweeping concave backlit screen wall. Each boutique houses the complete designer collection, including shoes, handbags, jewellery, and other accessories. If you love Versace, Ferre, or Krizia, a visit to Hazelton Lanes is the quickest route to the runways of Europe where their creations are first unveiled.

And then, of course, there's *Chez*, where it all started. Its gleaming criss-cross parquet floors dotted with oriental rugs exude warmth and beckon you thither. Once inside, you know you're in a special place. Even the most sophisticated fashion *voyageurs* who've seen the best of Milan, New York, and Paris agree there's no other place quite like Chez Catherine. The marvellous work of Karl Lagerfeld, Christian Lacroix, Christian Dior, Galliano, Rena Lange and other design luminaries tells part of the story, but it is not the whole story. There's an ambience here that exists nowhere else. Like a world apart, it sits cozily tucked away in the easternmost reaches of Hazelton Lanes' lower concourse. Whether you are there five hours or five minutes, you will remember your visit. Each piece that catches your fancy will remain etched in your memory, for here nothing is easily forgotten. The label may say Lacroix, Dior, or Lagerfeld, but it also bears the signature, in spirit if not in fact, of the indefatigable Catherine Hill.

Versace evening wear: stunning is an understatement



Leave it to Versace to bring out the best in a classic suit. Of course, having Claudia Schiffer model it doesn't hurt. Available exclusively at Versace, Hazelton Lanes.

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Kika Boutique breaks new ground in design

In a stunning new boutique in Hazelton Lanes' west wing, a "new" Canadian designer is turning heads with a distinguished yet fanciful fall-winter collection.

Drawing on her experience in art, interior design, and fashion, Kika Misztela has married clean flowing lines with soft, pliant constructions and a host of innovative accents. In warm hues of champagne, camel, navy, cranberry, plum, chocolate brown, and hunter green, her collection features a variety of suits and coats that wear equally well to the office and the theatre. Prices range from $185 for blouses to $795 and up for coats.

The pièce de resistance is her signature wool/cashmere /angora coat (pictured above) that combines the functions of a coat, a cloak and a cape in one grand package. Dolman sleeves segue into a sweeping oversized cowl neckline that can be wrapped around the neck to ward off the elements. Each coat is individually sewn by a sample-maker, and the fabric is to die for. At $930, it may be the steal of the fashion season.

Closer to convention, Kika features a variety of striking wool coats to suit every taste. Raised collars add distinction to structured wool jackets, while the younger set will enjoy her smart, snappy short fitted jackets. Women of all ages will appreciate her skirt/pant that looks like a skirt but wears like a pant, and her luxurious pure cotton poplin blouses. They're typical of the line's ability to marry style and comfort. In a warm and welcome departure from the brass-band look, all buttons are covered in matching fabric.

By adding new twists to some classic designs, Ms. Misztela has chiselled a firm toehold in the Canadian fashion design community, and is a welcome addition to Hazelton Lanes.

The Spa at Hazelton an oasis of relaxation

Health-conscious women and men of all ages are spending thousands of dollars to remove a six-letter word from their vocabulary, but for a small fraction of the cost **The Spa at Hazelton** will be glad to banish s-t-r-e-s-s from your life for the duration of your visit and beyond.

The first thing you notice on entering the premises is how immaculate they are. Cleanliness borders on fanaticism here: "We like each customer to feel as if they're the first one to use the facilities that day," says Marketing Director Suzanne Leduc Aylen. To this end, each room, station and device is cleaned and disinfected thoroughly after each usage. Against a backdrop of soothing taupe, a staff well-versed in the art of genuine service and attentiveness makes a visit to The Spa at Hazelton a real pleasure.

Services include those you'd expect (hair, makeup, manicures, pedicures, facials, electrolysis, waxing, Swedish massage, and tanning beds) and some you might not expect (aromatherapy, shiatsu, and a full range of innovative skin and body treatments – such as breast and stretch mark treatments – designed to alleviate a variety of stress problems and related symptoms). Best of all, you can soak up this soothing scenario at prices that are competitive with just about anyone's. For example, haircuts start at $22 (men's), $28 (ladies'), and $15 (children's).

Increasingly popular are the Spa's day packages, which invite you to check your stress at the door and give yourself up to an oasis of healing.

For example, the "Day of Indulgence" (regularly $300, currently on special at $270) leads you on a six-hour magic-carpet ride of hydrotherapy bath with essential oils, deep cleansing facial, treatment pedicure with paraffin, light make-up, aromatherapy massage, treatment manicure with paraffin, hair shampoo and style, and spa lunch. This, or one of a number of other packages, is more than enough to make you feel like a new woman – or man, as many busy executives have discovered thanks to doctor's orders or a gift certificate bearing a subtle message from understanding family members, friends or business associates.

Located in the upper level across from De Femme and Avec Plaisir, The Spa at Hazelton provides a welcome respite from the rigours of big-city life. For anyone prepared to make even a small commitment to smelling the roses, this is a good place to start. Call 922-9226 for an appointment.

Avec Plaisir: lingerie with form and function

Elevating lingerie to an art form, **Avec Plaisir**'s husband-and-wife team of Peter and Vasilia have for a decade offered "la crème de la crème" of lingerie lines to a discerning clientele that includes the likes of Jacqueline Smith and Susan Sarandon. Fabulous bras and panties from France by Lou and Christian Dior (not to be confused with the American-made Dior label); incomparable bras from England by Rigby and Peller (by appointment to Her Majesty the Queen – which in Hazelton Lanes means you!); luxurious bras from Italy by Verdonna and Christie's; sensuous daywear and sleepwear from Germany by Louis Féraud; and from Switzerland, the ultimate in soft, wearable natural fibre camisoles (wool, silk and cotton) from Hanro and Medima.

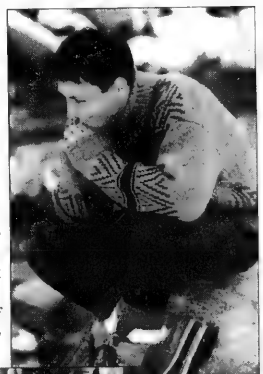
Though they carry the top brand names, says Vasilia, she and her staff are not slaves to any particular label. "Fit is everything. You may love the look of one line or the texture of another, but if it doesn't fit properly, it's useless." If your bras *don't* fit perfectly, you're in good company: according to Vasilia, fully 70% of her first-time customers are wearing the wrong size, usually because they've purchased at a store that lacks either the full size range or the fitting expertise or both. Avec Plaisir, on the other hand, carried sizes 30A to 44DD and thoroughly trains its staff in the nuances of bra fitting. And the few extra dollars you may spend on a quality undergarment at Avec Plaisir will be repaid many times over the life of the garment, says Vasilia. "There's a popular misconception that you can't get both style and substance in an undergarment. A quality undergarment offers both: no compromises. Beauty, support, fit, comfort: they all go hand in hand."

Lou of France at Avec Plaisir: style, substance go hand in hand

4 You's casual classics appeal to men of all ages

Some clothing lines subtly suggest that the wearer "Relax." Every once in a while, a collection comes along that shouts it from the mountaintops.

If you're the kind of man who likes to whistle as he works, "4 you" may indeed be For You. All the rage in Europe, this invigorating line is now available in Hazelton Lanes at North America's first standalone 4 You store.



With some 30 years of experience in better quality menswear, Franchisee Armand Elkaim says the line embodies "the casual, individualistic spirit that today's man needs as an antidote to the fast pace of life, love and the pursuit of business."

Prominently featured are richly-textured natural-fibre shirts and vests in warm earth tones of chocolate, charcoal, and olive that carry effortlessly from home and hearth to the great outdoors and back again. Easy to wear and approachably priced (shirts from $55, vests mostly under $100), all go well with jeans and give the line a universal semi-casual appeal that has allowed it to find favour among men of all tastes and all ages. For relaxing at home or at the cottage, or just tooling around town, it strikes a perfect balance between looking good and feeling good. Even the dressier ensembles, like a banded-collar three-piece suit with a tantalizingly asymmetrical pinstripe, breathe "Relax" from every pore.

Echoing these sentiments are vignettes from the 4 You product brochure, like: "Reach your goal, but remember to enjoy the ride," and "Many work so hard for their future, they don't live to enjoy it." Amen.

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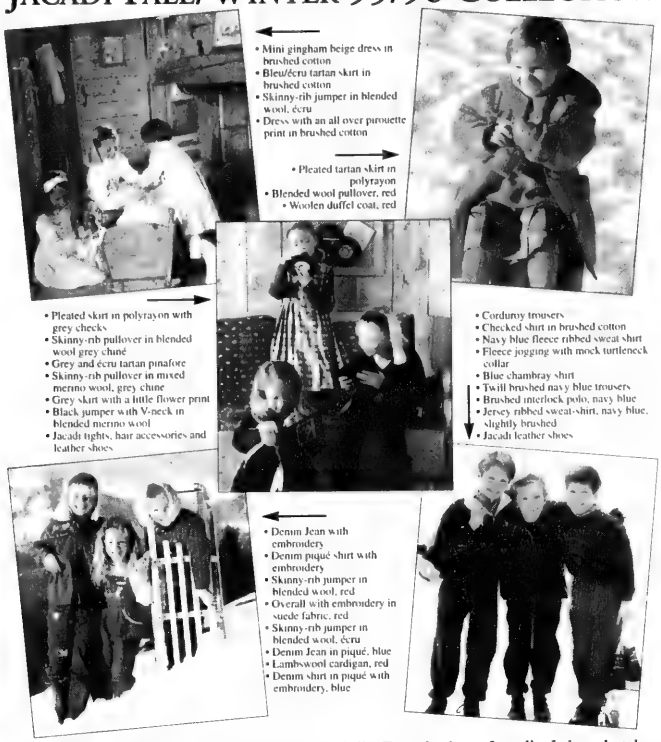
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Marci Lipman's fleece features fauna, fun, frolic

Marci Lipman is living proof that it pays to love animals. Of course, having an artistic flair and a keen business sense doesn't hurt either.

One of the first to discover and nurture the demand for colourful fashion T shirts and sweatshirts, Lipman's transition from art poster designer to full-fledged fashion designer began with the release of her now-famous "Udder Delight" T-shirt. Little did she know at the time that her playful tribute to the holstein cow would set in motion a fashion phenomenon that has blossomed into an eight-store chain.

Marci Lipman's feel-good art will redefine your idea of comfort

From that single novelty item, the Marci Lipman line has grown to include a wide range of casual wear and sleepwear for men, women and children of all ages.

The two elements present in the original design – animals and humour – still find their way into most Marci Lipman creations. Each design is based on a piece of original art commissioned by Lipman, and most highlight aspects of the Canadian landscape and lifestyle to which we all can relate. An outdoorsy person who loves animals (and not just from a distance, as her two black labs – Smokey, 7, and Buddy, 2 – will attest), she draws on personal experience in developing the scenarios which show up in her designs. Sometimes droll, sometimes positively Thurberian, her work can best be classified as "feel-good" art. But it doesn't just make you feel good *inside*; the comfy/cozy 100% cotton fleece, polar fleece and flannel that are the mainstays of the line will redefine your idea of comfort.

Her Hazelton Lanes store is particularly popular among parents and grandparents shopping for that perfect birthday or bar/bat mitzvah gift. T-shirts and sweat shirts are perennial favourites, and with some 50 new items being added to the line each season, there's always something new and exciting in store.

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New colors add to the old

Judit Reichlin, designer of the Divine Knits collections has assembled a glorious mix of colors, textures, and styles for her Fall/Winter collection.

Based upon the concept of "mixing and matching" new items blend easily with past seasons' colors to allow customers to build upon their existing Divine Knits apparel.

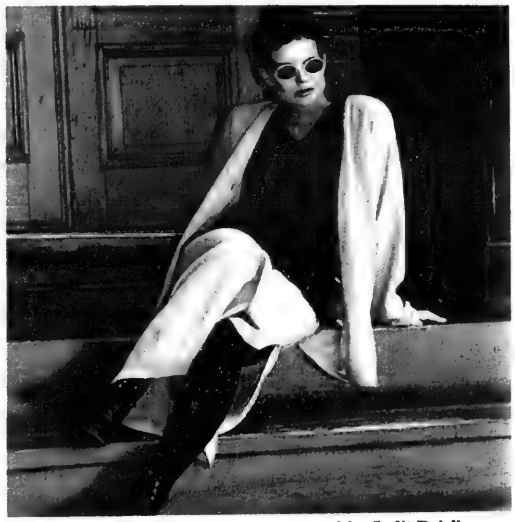
Headlining this season are four rich new colors and a variety of style options, typifying the quality, function and versatility that Divine Knits are known for.

The new palette of colors can be integrated with seasonless carry-over "base" colors of black, ivory, red, navy, taupe and oatmeal.. Fall and winter hues include stone grey, amethyst, bronze, and loden green.

For a stunning monochromatic look, layer a long vest over a fitted mock-neck sweater, with loose trouser-style pants and a jacket, all in deep loden green.

Add a bronze cropped vest or an amethyst cardigan that doubles as a jacket, to update combinations. Reichlin's innovative designs allow one garment to be a basis for many different looks.

Such a versatility, coupled with the advantages of 100 per cent cotton fibre make Divine Knits the ideal travel wardrobe. Garments may be easily packed without wrinkling, by rolling or folding into a suitcase.



One of Divine Knits' garments designed by Judit Reiclin.

Divine Knits seasonless garments are designed for a variety of occasions. A long cable knit sweater looks casual when worn with a slim knit pant and vest, yet can be easily dressed up for evening with a matching cable knit skirt, slit on one side. Styles are classic yet current, without conforming to trends.

Textural mixes are also a focus of Divine Knits for fall. Basket weaves, cable knits and ribbing are visually proportionate, allowing different textures to be worn together.

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Yves Rocher ecology

By CAROL BIRKEN-WISE
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I love my planet and I am learning to protect it has been the philosophy of the Rocher family for the last three decades.

A botanist and chemist by profession, Yves Rocher has always viewed ecology as a personal commitment. Growing up in La Gacilly, one of the flower centres of France, he began experimenting with plant extracts at an early age. He sought to 'unlock' the secrets of nature, to apply the essences of flowers, fruits and vegetables towards creating visibly healthier, more radiant skin.

Yves Rocher has the world's most sophisticated botanical laboratories which create the widest range of botanical-based beauty care products in the world. The botanical ingredients claim to create a visible change in the look and feel of the skin.

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Today, Yves Rocher is a household word among European women. The definitive alternative to high-priced brands, Yves Rocher connotes superior botanical beauty care with its high performance formulas in skin care, fragrances, make-up and body care. As a result, Rocher appeals the world over to all age brackets and socio-economic groups.

Yves Rocher is available through catalogue distribution with personalized phone service and home delivery. It is also available at the Bay. Yves Rocher will allow North Americans to experience the natural beauty care Europeans have known for years.

Winter Fashion

Beauty SHOP

By Carol Birken-Wise

As each sparkling snowflake is delicately unique in design, so is each person's face. We all possess individuality and natural beauty. The pretty snowflake's longevity is brief, but a healthy, glowing face can be a lifelong blessing. However, proper skin care and makeup awareness are essential.

Blistering winds and icy cold days are unavoidable winter elements that will likely make your skin feel tight and dry. Your cleansing regime should include makeup remover (cream or gel) followed by a skin toner. Use a richly formulated day and night cream as well as a treatment cream to nourish your skin. Exfoliate once a week to remove all dead cells. Don't forget about your hands; dried out cuticles are not only unsightly, they can be painful. Use a rich hand cream at least twice a day.

Keeping your skin in good condition will provide a great base for a successful makeup application. If you haven't worn foundation since last winter or if you don't wear it at all, it is time to start. Think of it as the foundation of your home. You don't need a lot of thick goop; a small amount will even out your skin tones and create a healthy glow.

Makeup for the winter months will be dramatic, fun and colorful. Lips will be your focal point and the choice will be yours. Whether you choose a vivid berry color or a '60s beige, you will be right in style. Your eyes will be second only to your lips. Keep them sexy with lots of taupe shadow and black or charcoal eyeliner. To modify this look, use a pencil eyeliner.

Below is a list of products that will help you put your best face forward:

SKIN CARE

Think of your skin as an artist's canvas and keep it smooth and flawless.

CHANEL, "Hydra Serum" is a successful paradox. It is a real hydrating treatment (contains 40 per cent active hydrating substances) which vanishes when applied, leaving your skin soft and silky. It can be used under makeup, alone or in association with other creams.

POLO SPORT by Ralph Lauren, launches "Face Fitness," the all-in-one skin fitness formula. This oil free, lightweight and fragrance free moisturizer will make dull looking skin look healthier and younger. Polo sport products are designed for men, yet work for women.

ESTEE LAUDER, "Time Zone Recharging Complex" is an ultra-light cream that rehydrates skin and improves elasticity, thickness and long term moisturization. "Time Zone Eyes" is a concentrated, liquid cream that helps diminish fine lines, puffiness and dark circles. It's a must! Every night!

BIOTHERM, "Biomains" is an anti-aging treatment which relieves dryness, protects skin from premature aging and strengthens nails. Its water resistant formula leaves your hands soft and smooth all day.

FOUNDATION

During the winter months, foundation is as important as your winter coat. It will protect your face from the cold dry air. It will also make your skin look healthier and provide a foundation for the rest of your makeup application.

ESTEE LAUDER, "Lucidity Light Diffusing Foundation" for dry and normal skin increases the skin's ability to retain moisture even after six hours. This silky liquid creates an optical impression of perfect skin through the diffusion of light. Coverage is adjustable from sheer to full.

ELIZABETH ARDEN introduces "Flawless Finish Hydro Light Foundation." This treatment foundation with the power of ceramides (strengthen and repair skin making it appear younger) is a lightweight cream-gel formula. It is fragrance fee, oil free, and has a satin finish with medium coverage. It is particularly good for women with dry skin.

BLUSH

For a natural, healthy look, apply blush in the middle of your cheekbone and just above your eyebrows.

CHANEL, "Powder Blush." This unique texture that is shaped like a bubble is at once silky, light and long lasting. It never streaks and applies perfectly with each application. Choose from a variety of natural shades.

ELIZABETH ARDEN, "Luxury Bronzing Powder" is the answer to the winter blues. Just a little of this magic powder and you will have that warm glow of the summer months.

EYES

Soft and natural or dramatic and sexy is what's on the winter hotline.

LANCOME, "Ombre Artiste" is a new way to wear eye color. This foam tip shadow pen releases smooth, waterproof color. It's easy to apply and stays on all day. Use as eyeliner or shadow.

CHANEL, "Basic Eyecolor." This all-in-one compact is perfect for all skin shades. It glides over your eyelid like silk while creating a soft and natural effect.

LIPS

CHANEL, "Quatre Levres Intense Lip Intensities" is an innovative compact containing four different textures, allowing different lip effects in a single color theme: matte, gloss, creamy and irridescent.

ESTEE LAUDER, "Pink Ribbon '95 Double Color Everlasting Lipstick" was created to flatter a wide variety of skintones. All net proceeds of sales go directly to support the Breast Cancer Research Foundation.

FRAGRANCE

LANVIN, "Arpege." A melody of flowers and woods, this original formula created in 1927 enhances women as music enhances life. Its scent is like voices in a choir succeeding one another only to combine in perfect harmony.

Shalom Chanel

Shalom, the new face of Chanel, enjoys a growing success in North America and especially in Canada, where in September she graced three magazine covers and over 60 pages.

Jacques Helleu, artistic director at Chanel, discusses his reasons for picking Shalom Harlow to star in the COCO perfume's latest advertising campaign.

Question: Why did you choose Shalom?

Answer: Shalom embodies intelligent femininity. As a ballerina she is particularly graceful and charming. Moreover she has better acting skills than some full-fledged actresses. But mostly we selected Shalom for her outstanding personality.

Question: Do you find any resemblance between Shalom and Mademoiselle Chanel?

Answer: The resemblence is striking. Since Shalom was selected to promote COCO, a fragrance created in honor of Mademoiselle Chanel, I thought it might be interesting to stress the many features that they have in common.

Question: This new COCO advertising campaign is very different from the ones you produced with Vanessa Paradis and Ines. Do these three "COCO" women have anything in common?

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Answer: All three have strong personalities that go far beyond modelling.

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Casual looks with a professional edge

Modern dressing for work or play is based on ease and flexibility. With the emergence of casual dress in the workplace women need modern, casual looks with a professional edge.

"Key to a successful working wardrobe is a thoughtful mix of traditional weekend and business wear," says Michele Kestern, owner of The Casual Way.

The Casual Way's Fall/Winter '95 collection has a range of fashion options to meet every need. The newest tapered jackets and blazers are a simple way to update casual classics for "pulled-together appeal."

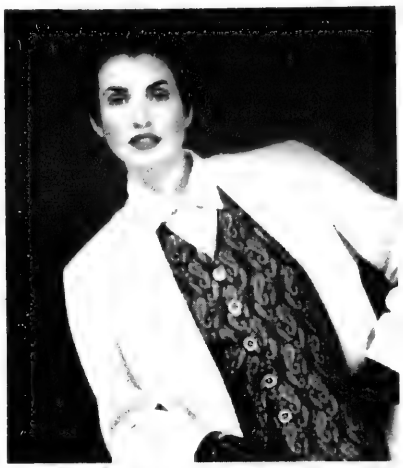
Jackets provide a perfect topper for leggings, wool trousers and knitwear separates and can be worn as an outer-wear jacket, as well as an inside blazer to compliment any style.

Plaid and classic tartans, pinstripes, tweed, houndstooth and checks, look especially new in blazers, long and short kilts and in trim. Colors follow classic traditions in charcoal grey shown with crisp white, traditional navy and burgundy. Fabrics are soft and cozy--cashmere, brushed cotton, corduroy and boucle.

Suits are must have for fall/winter as tone-on-tone dressing continues to be a strong trend; both functional and versatile, they can be worn alone or as separates with pieces you may already own.

For fun and an element of surprise, animal prints and zippers add a special touch in trim and function. To add a touch of sheen, look to the newest rayon sweaters and satin blouses.

Leggings in a heavyweight fabric with styled pockets or in novelty velvet or corduroy and worn with the newer, shaped blazers give up to the minute appeal – as do jeans trouser style or five-pocket slim cuts when worn with a blazer, vest or a silk shirt. A lightweight denim shirt worn under a blazer or on its own with wool trousers or a pleated skirt looks terrific.



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Federations back Peres

By MORDECHAI BEN-DAT

BOSTON — Judging by the public pronouncements at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations last week in Boston, the Jewish federations of North America have decided to take a public stand in favor of the current peace process.

Morton Mandel, past president of the council, threw the full weight of that body behind the policies of the government of Prime Minister Shimon Peres. "The only way to preserve the gift of Yitzhak Rabin," Mandel told the audience of more than 4,000 lay and professional community leaders who had filled Hynes Convention Centre on Wednesday night, "is by supporting Shimon Peres." Mandel's message was loud and clear: The silent majority will remain silent no longer. It was reiterated from the podium by other council leaders throughout the two plenary meetings.

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The next evening, more than 1,500 people – men, women, blacks, Hispanics and whites, of all ages – gathered in Copley Square to join with the Brandeis University Coalition for Peace in "a rally to support the continuation of Yitzhak Rabin's (z'l) legacy of peace in the Middle East." The mass demonstration, with lit candles, lapel buttons, oratory and song, was fully endorsed by the Council of Jewish Federations.

After the rally, most of the demonstrators walked the few short blocks back to the convention centre to meld with the thousands already sitting in their seats to take part in what proved to be a moving, emotion-laden plenary session tribute to the fallen prime minister. Former U.S. secretary of state Henry Kissinger eulogized Rabin, to whom he referred as his "colleague and brother," as "a visionary and a strategist" who had become "almost prophetic in the pursuit of peace."

"With every passing decade," Kissinger said, "Yitzhak grew bolder in his vision and almost biblical in his eloquence. He left a legacy of vision, strength and hope."

Israeli Finance Minister Avraham Shochat promised the audience that the government of Israel would follow the late prime minister's three-pronged program of pursuing peace, expanding and developing the economy and encouraging the arrival of new immigrants. In his deep baritone voice, choking with emotion, Shochat urged the audience to "join forces with the government of Israel to root out Jewish radicals and extremists from within our midst."

"In the name of Yitzhak Rabin," he cried, "I ask you to raise your voices in your communities for tolerance, for pluralism, for democracy and for peace."

The keynote address was delivered by Peres. He spoke by live satellite feed to the thousands gathered in the convention hall and to countless other thousands of Jewish community activists across the continent.

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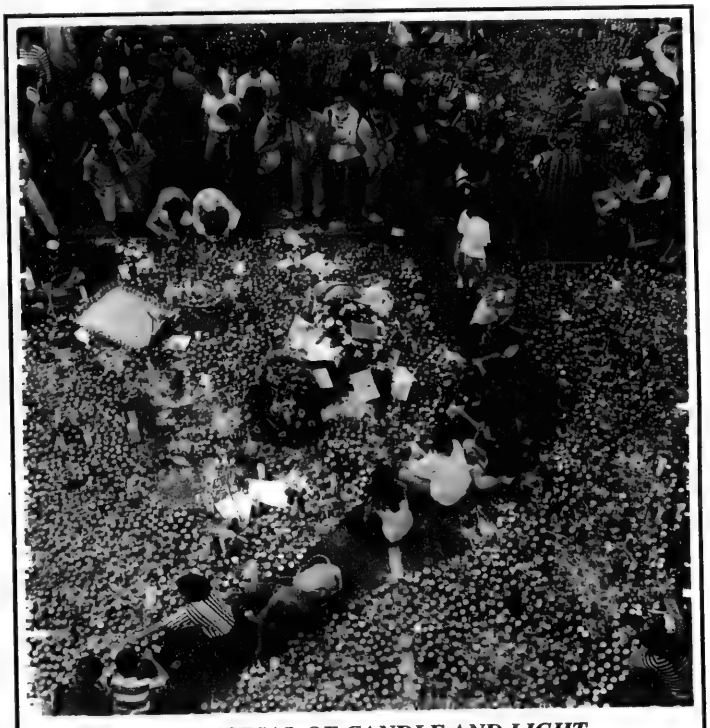

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Thousands of people, many of them youngsters, daily come to the square where Yitzhak Rabin was shot just to quietly move around or place a memorial candle. The square has since been renamed Yitzhak Rabin Square. *[RNS photo]*

A question of responsibility

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — A Canadian-born rabbi who heads a yeshivah near Jerusalem, has been accused by a fellow rabbi of indirect responsibility in the murder of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Rabbi Nahum Rabinovitch, who was born in Montreal, heads the Birkat Moshe yeshivah in Ma'ale Adumim. He has come under fire for comments which critics say may have furnished the killer with a religious justification for his act.

Rabbi Rabinovitch, who headed North York's Clanton Park synagogue before moving to Israel in 1971, vigorously denies the charges, calling them "lies and blood libel."

The accusations were made by Yoel Bin-Nun, a rabbi from the West Bank settlement of Ofra, who is spearheading a struggle to weed out extremist rabbis from the religious camp in the aftermath of the Rabin murder. Bin-Nun calls his campaign an urgent exercise in soul-searching, but right-wing critics call it a witch-hunt.

Rabbi Bin-Nun stunned the religious establishment two weeks ago when he threatened to reveal the names of several rabbis who provided Rabin's killer with religious arguments that may have given him the green light. The media leaked two names that Bin-Nun reportedly passed on to Israel's chief rabbis; one of them was Rabbi Rabinovitch's

Rabbi Bin-Nun never confirmed the names publicly, but during a radio show last week, he accused Rabinovitch of bearing "indirect

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CANADA

Kosso Eloul Dies

TORONTO — Internationally acclaimed sculptor Kosso Eloul died here earlier this month of heart failure. He was 75.

Eloul's work was known around the world, but perhaps his most important sculpture is the eternal flame at Yad Vashem.

He was born in Russia and grew up in Israel, where he co-founded an artists' movement known as New Horizon. He moved to Toronto in 1964.

He has some 44 pieces on public display in the Toronto area.

BBC Hotline

TORONTO — B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights has established a national hotline to monitor and report hate crimes and harassment.

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Pollard Web Site

TORONTO — Citizens for Justice for Jonathan Pollard Canada have announced a new Web page on the Internet, said to be fully authorized by the imprisoned spy for Israel and his Toronto-based wife, Esther.

The page is located at: http://pages.prodigy.com/ON/andyweb/pollard.html

JNF Shaliach Departs

HAMILTON — After three years here as Jewish National Fund emissary to the communities of southwestern Ontario outside Toronto, Yoram Gordon has returned to Israel.

The community recently bid him farewell with an Oneg Shabbat at Temple Anshe Sholom, which was attended by about 200 guests.

Gordon ascribed his success in London, Windsor and Kingston to the fact that he became "part of the community and involved in everything that was going on."

New JNF President

WINNIPEG — Norm Vickar is the new president of the Manitoba and Saskatchewan regions of the Jewish National Fund, succeeding Earl Pitch.

Vickar is a former Saskatchewan cabinet minister and former mayor of Melfort, Sask.

ISRAEL

'Too Much Security'

JERUSALEM — Knesset members last week complained that security measures have become too tight.

"The exaggerated security measures we have been subjected to are reminiscent of a South American banana republic," Yossi Katz of Labor told his party's executive meeting.

Since the murder of Yitzhak Rabin, security people have been following even relatively unlikely targets in the government.

"We've gone from one extreme to the other," Katz said.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal said the steps are necessary.

Rabin Stamp

JERUSALEM — A stamp commemorating the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin will be issued a month after his death.

Israel's Postal Authority said the stamp would bear Rabin's official photograph and would be issued in a five-shekel denomination.

Communications Minister Shulamit Aloni said that stamps in memory of prime ministers are usually issued on the first anniversary of their death.

But in light of the circumstances surrounding Rabin's death, she added, it was decided that a stamp in his honor should appear sooner.

Israel's Population

JERUSALEM — Israel's population may top six million by the year 2000 if current growth rates continue, according to the Central Bureau of Statistics.

The population last year stood at 5.6 million, with 81 per cent comprised of Jews.

The total grew by 140,000 people, similar to the growth rates in 1993 and 1992.

Portuguese Visit

JERUSALEM — The president of Portugal addressed a special session of the Knesset this month during a four-day official visit to Israel.

Mario Soares praised Israeli and Palestinian leaders for their progress on peace.

Soares also asked forgiveness from Jews for Portugal's involvement in the Inquisition.

WORLD

Rabbi New President

NEW YORK — Toronto-born Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman has been chosen the new president of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR), the Reform movement's four-campus university and professional development centre.

He succeeds Alfred Gottschalk, who will become chancellor after heading HUC-JIR for 25 years.

Rabbi Zimmerman is currently the spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El in Dallas, Texas. Prior to that, he served as assistant and later senior rabbi at New York's Central Synagogue.

Paraguayan Promise

WASHINGTON — At a recent meeting here with officials of B'nai B'rith, the president of Paraguay, Juan Carlos Wasmosy, said it's time to open his country's long-locked files on Nazi war criminals.

"Over the years, Paraguay has been seen as a haven for Nazi war criminals," said Sidney Clearfield, executive vice-president of B'nai B'rith. "This is a positive step forward."

Polish Appointment

WARSAW — Poland has appointed Krysztoff Sliwinski to the newly created post of Plenipotentiary of the Foreign Minister of the Republic of Poland for Contacts with the Jewish Diaspora.

A former Polish ambassador to Austria, Sliwinski will deal with such issues as reparations to Jewish institutions, individual Jews and their estates in Poland and abroad, for properties lost during the war. He also will serve as a cultural attache, representing Poland to the Jewish world, and vice versa.

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Peace is Jewish people's 'moral choice': Peres

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The unity of Jerusalem, Israel's security and the West Bank are the three major concerns left to be addressed in the ongoing peace process, says Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres.

Peres was speaking to the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Boston via satellite feed from Jerusalem. The feed was relayed to other federations throughout the United States and Canada, including Toronto.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto invited community leaders to hear the speech at the Lipa Green building, where about 100 attended.

Jerusalem, Peres said, is "excluded as an issue" in the peace negotiations. "We do not intend to compromise on Jerusalem. It was never a Palestinian or an Arab capital. But the Jewish people never had any other."

There will be no dismantling of the settlements on the West Bank, he promised.

"The problem [there] is not the existence of the settlements or the number of settlers," he said. Rather, Jews and Arabs must learn to get along with each other. "If there is a different rapport, their relationship will not be a problem."

Israeli forces will be redeployed from Judea and Samaria in areas "where there is a concentration of Palestinian life, which is not more than 27 per cent of the West Bank," before Christmas, in accord with Oslo 2.

Israel, however, "will be careful to keep what is needed for our future," he said. "From the Jordan River to the Mediterranean, there will be no other army. The security [of Israel] will be in the hands of Israeli military forces."

Gaza is already run by the Palestinians. "We didn't give it up — it was never in our hands."

Peace, he said, is "a moral choice — a Jewish choice. We don't want to govern another people against their will."

The search for peace with Syria must go ahead "in terms of sheer logic," Peres said.

"If we reach a peace with Syria, we will insist all Arab leaders (except maybe the crazy ones like Libya) will come together at the river of Damascus and say, 'This is the end of war; this is the beginning of peace; this is the end of the mobilization of our youngsters for war.' "

Aliyah must be encouraged, he said, "not because it is hard to live elsewhere, but because it is so positive to live where Jewish tradition is a reality."

He warned, "We can't keep together unless we can respect the rules, laws and manners of a democratic society. There is no unity without democracy and no democracy unless we accept the will of the electorate."

Speaking in Boston, Avraham Shahat, minister of finance and a close friend of slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, said assassin Yigal Amir "didn't act in a vacuum. He emerged from a radical fringe element that breeds fanatics and killers."

Amir "had the support of groups who said that Rabin was a killer, a Nazi a traitor," Shohat said, charging that "the man who pulled the trigger was given ammunition by a small number of fanatic groups in Israel and the United States."

Jews have not understood the danger of such people, he said. "As a representative of the government of Israel, I ask you to join us in rooting out these radicals."

Also in Boston, an emotional Henry Kissinger spoke of Rabin as a visionary, a strategist and an analyst, who in his last years "achieved an almost biblical eloquence."

Peres echoed these remarks, saying he had never seen Rabin as happy as in his last few days.

He invited Jewish leaders to come to Israel to mark the *shloshim* of Rabin's death.

JEWISH WAR VETERANS REMEMBER

Over 500 people gathered Nov.12 for the annual Remembrance Day march by members of the Jewish War Veterans of Canada. Participants marched from Earl Bales Park to a service at Beth Radom Synagogue. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

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Sharing ideas

The annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations was held last week in Boston. When one includes the numbers of volunteers who helped to facilitate the proceedings and who assisted the 4,000 delegates to find their way, literally, through the proceedings, it is likely that almost 5,000 people took part in the assembly.

Delegates could choose to participate in the lectures and workshops of only one of four different subject areas. Euphemistically, organizers called each of these different subject areas institutes. They were: financial resource development, Jewish identity and continuity, public social policy/human services, and Israel-Diaspora relations. In each institute, speakers of renown and expertise led the discussions.

Not surprisingly, with so many similar-minded, highly individualistic people thrown together to talk, reflect, share ideas, exchange views, learn and argue, the level of energy and enthusiasm at the meetings was high. It spilled out of the meeting rooms into the hallways. It was palpable in conversations in workshops and even in coffeeshops. There was a sense among delegates that there was much work to be done but given demographic trends, financial difficulties, communal divisions, and religious tensions, not much time in which to do it.

And yet, despite the energy and the enthusiasm emanating from the thousands of people who mingled together in close contact for a handful of days in Boston, the proceedings were unmistakably influenced most by one key person who was not there: Yitzhak Rabin.

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Many readers may be unfamiliar with the Council of Jewish Federations (CJF). Some background information therefore may be helpful.

The Council of Jewish Federations was created in 1932 as an umbrella organization for the Federation movement. The first Jewish federation began in 1895, 100 years ago in Boston. Five agencies - an orphanage and home for the aged, a general relief organization, an employment bureau, a women's service organization, and a free burial association - joined forces to form the first federation, the Federation of Jewish Charities. The central body made decisions on financing and planning while respecting the autonomy of the agency that actually provided the service to the needy. This was the prototype federation. It quickly became a model for other communities.

Today, there are 189 Jewish federations in North America representing most Jewish populations centres with 1,000 people.

As most people know, federations have a mandate that reaches in two directions, locally, to assist the needy at home and externally, to assist the needy in Israel and in other parts of the world. According to Council literature, nearly $800 million (U.S.) is raised in annual contributions to federations, with endowment funds and capital and special campaigns pushing the total to over $1.1 billion.

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The Council of Jewish Federations of Canada (CJFC) came into being January 17, 1993 in a reorganization of two existing national organizations. It has representation on the CJF Board of Directors. In effect, it is a smaller umbrella within the larger North American one (CJF).

The CJFC includes three types of members: federated communities, affiliated communities and certain agencies.

The cities with federated Jewish communities are: Calgary, Edmonton, Hamilton, London, Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto, Vancouver, Windsor, and Winnipeg. These communities represent more than 90 per cent of the 365,000 Jews who live in Canada. Affiliated communities, including the four Atlantic provinces and Saskatchewan, comprising approximately 4,000 Jews, are represented by two regional councils. The major agencies which fall within the CJFC umbrella are Jewish Immigrant Aid Services of Canada, Canadian Jewish Congress, and The Canada-Israel Committee.

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For the benefit of the many Canadians attending the Assembly who were interested in public social policy issues, the CJFC arranged for learning sessions with uniquely Canadian perspectives on social policy issues. The list of speakers for the various sessions was indeed impressive. Unfortunately I could attend only the session which focused on the Jewish communal response to the inevitable reductions in provincial and municipal contributions to Jewish community agencies.

The leader of the session was Elaine Todres, Deputy Solicitor General for Ontario. Although she prefaced her presentation by stating she was appearing only in her personal capacity and not as a civil servant, Ms.Todres brought to the inquisitive group the benefit of her strong ability to communicate, engaging elan and varied experience at Queen's Park.

Her conclusions were clear but not comforting. She stated that we are at a crossroads in the delivery of Jewish services to the needy. All our assumptions have to be changed to accommodate both the changing funding policies of the public sector and the diminished funding capabilities of private individuals. The community must decide upon its hierarchy of needs and then, upon a strategy for fulfilling them.

One assumption however, Todres eloquently emphasized must not be changed. It is the core value and the chief purpose underlying the very existence of all Jewish federations wherever they exist: the duty to help the needy. "Tzedaka is an issue of mitzvah, of obligation; it is not an issue of personal motivation." In these uncertain times, it was a timely personal reminder. - MBD

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Fanatics and doves lead conflict in Mid-East, Israeli peace activist, writer says

By BARABARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The conflict in the Middle East has evolved from a clash between Jews and Arabs to one between "fanatics" and doves, says Amos Oz, one of Israel's foremost writers and peace activists.

Oz last week delivered the inaugural Rabbi Stuart and Hadassa Rosenberg memorial lecture at Beth Tzedec Congregation, where Rabbi Rosenberg served as senior rabbi from 1956 to 1972.

"The fanatic's sense of identity depends on the existence of an enemy," Oz told the audience of 750. "They need an enemy to feel good."

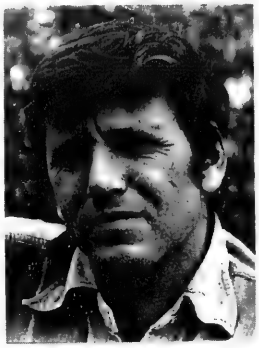
He described the fanatics as "a Jewish Hezbollah" who advocate an "Iran-like theocracy," and he called for their "excommunication."

"The settlers on the West Bank — the right wing — are just as shocked and bewildered [by Yitzhak Rabin's death] as the rest of Israel. The right wing are just as threatened by fanatic groups."

Quoting Leah Rabin, Oz said, "A peace-oriented silent majority in Israel will no longer be silent."

Oz said he watched with admiration as Rabin changed from a "reasonable hardliner," who worried about security, to a peace advocate who tried to obtain a compromise between "two historic enemies, two deadly foes."

The Palestinians developed a sense of nationhood by way of Zionism, Oz said, and Rabin acknowledged their national aspirations.



Amos Oz

Oz views peace as a compromise whereby everyone gets some, but not all, of what they want. "Compromise is synonymous with life itself. The opposite of compromise is death, fanaticism."

The clash between Israelis and Palestinians is not a matter of misunderstanding, he said. "The Palestinians want the same land [as we do]. The conflict is perfectly understandable — two nations claiming the same land."

He stressed that Palestinians and Israelis can never live together because there's been "too much bad blood." It's like a divorced couple choosing to live in the same house, he said. Each side can take a bedroom, "but special arrangements have to be made for the kitchen and the bathroom."

Oz does not advocate peace at any price; he expects Yasser Arafat to withdraw the clause in the PLO covenant that calls for the destruction of Israel.

"I may be a political dove, but I'm not a fool. Either they amend the charter or there's no business."

He acknowledged that his vision of peace is not a popular one, adding diversity is the beauty of Israel. It is common for Israelis to argue and debate with one another on a range of subjects, Oz said.

Some people have predicted the outbreak of a civil war in Israel, but he disagrees. "It's been going on for years," he said. "We inflict ulcers and heart attacks on each other... It's relatively civilized."

Oz likened the clash between Israelis and Palestinians to a Greek tragedy with two possible endings. "A Shakespearean [type] with a stage littered with bodies or a Chekhovian [one] where everybody is melancholy, disappointed — but alive," he said.

"I'm trying to find a Chekhovian resolution for Israel."

Omission

In the photo last week on page 27 of the memorial service at York University for Yitzhak Rabin, we omitted to credit the photographer Shai Spetgang. We regret the omission.

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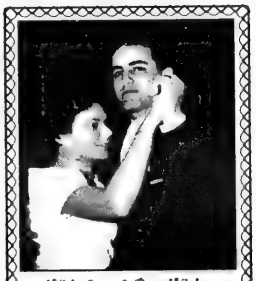
Toronto philanthropist Leslie Dan (second from right) recently presented a cheque for $270,000 to Simcha Salach of the Yad Vashem Foundation, as Israel's consul general Jehudi Kinar (left) and Canadian Society for Yad Vashem chair Hank Rosenbaum look on. The money will go toward construction of the Dan Family Multi-Media Centre at Yad Vashem's Central School of Holocaust Studies, located in the Canada Pavilion.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The Canadian Jewish News

Gun control lobbyists honored by JWI

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The co-founders of the Coalition for Gun Control were recently honored by Jewish Women International of Toronto at its 39th annual Covenant Breakfast.

Wendy Cukier and Heidi Rathjen were named Women of the Year, in recognition of their work promoting gun control, and for the part they played in influencing the Liberal government to introduce Bill C-68, currently before the Senate, which contains all the measures advocated by the coalition.

Anna Bloom, Women of the Year chair, said Cukier was a professor at Ryerson Polytechnic University and Rathjen an engineering student at l'Ecole Polytechnique when 14 women students at l'Ecole Polytechnique were shot and killed on Dec. 6, 1989.

"Shocked by the massacre, Wendy, in Toronto, decided to do something about gun control ... She talked to her friends and colleagues and found like-minded people who were the nucleus for Coalition for Gun Control.

"In Montreal, Heidi felt anger and frustration and started circulating a petition asking the government to ban assault weapons. Wendy heard about Heidi, and a relationship began that led to the formation of the Coalition for Gun Control."

Bloom said both women have crossed the country speaking to such groups as the press, civic leaders and police associations.

"They began to amass support which now includes more than 300 organizations ranging from the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police to hospitals, universities, boards of education and women's organizations.

"Heidi and Wendy have used their personal money and every spare moment to spread the work of the coalition ... They have received threatening phone calls and letters and have been shouted down and insulted. They have even been called Nazis — a strange epithet considering Wendy is the daughter of a Holocaust survivor."

The women have been recognized for their work, however, and were awarded the 1992 prize of the

Wendy Cukier

Heidi Rathjen

International Association on Violence and Coexistence, a civilian citation from Ottawa Police Services. As well, in 1992, they were named among the Women of the Year by *Chatelaine* magazine and in 1993, Cukier received a Canada 126 medal for her volunteer activities on gun control.

Cukier said the killings at l'Ecole Polytechnique offended her sense of Canada as a peaceful country, but when she learned how easy it had been for killer Mark Lepine to obtain the rifle he used, the focus of her anger changed.

"I just couldn't believe we knew more about dog owners than gun owners," she said. "I would have joined an organization to fight for gun control, but there wasn't one. So I started one."

Two Heritage Front members get 30-day jail sentence

TORONTO — Two members of the neo-Nazi Heritage Front were sentenced to 30-day jail terms here last week for their part in an assault on a fellow member.

Erick and Elcar Fischer pleaded guilty to assaulting Tyrone Mason in 1993. They had faced charges of kidnapping, threatening and forcible confinement.

Court heard that the Fischers, who are brothers, offered a ride to Mason, who was later bound, choked and threatened in the car. The Fischers had accused Mason of stealing a computer list of Front members' names and addresses.

Mason was later treated in hospital.

The brothers each received 30-day sentences, to be served intermittently, and were placed on probation for two years. They are also prohibited from possessing firearms or explosives for 10 years.

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Jerry is a synagogue member who has done extensive research on the heros of Israel.

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Friday, November 24, 8:15 p.m.

Avraham Infeld, an observant Jew, has dedicated his life to promoting Jewish values in a pluralistic context. Avraham Infeld is the founder and chairman of Melitz, a Jerusalem based non-profit institution with an international reputation for excellence in the field of non-formal Jewish education. Melitz's emphasis on tolerance and pluralism has made it the only institution in Israel certified to work in both the religious and secular school systems in the country.

Group's Kavannah is for Jewish spiritual renewal

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Four years ago, Shelley Duke attended a weekend Shabbaton at a Jewish renewal community in Ashland, Ore.

But she found the Jewish environment so physically and spiritually healing, she says, that she stayed six months.

When she returned to Toronto, Duke became the founding director of Kavannah: a Network for Jewish renewal.

Kavannah, which in Hebrew means the underlying intent sponsors special events to foster Jewish renewal and spiritual growth. On Dec. 2 it will hold Beyond Havdallah at 7:30 p.m. at the Bloor JCC, which is co-sponsoring the *farbrengen*-style evening of learning and song with noted author and teacher Arthur Kurzweil.

Shelly Duke

Kavannah is affiliated with the Network of Jewish Renewal Communities — there are approximately 23 in North America — whose roots are in traditional Jewish sources like Torah and Kabbalah. But followers may also incorporate practices of other spiritual traditions such as yoga and meditation.

Kavannah also takes part in the annual Canadian-American Chavurah Weekend in June, which is usually held near Buffalo.

Duke, a registered massage therapist and Feldenkrais practitioner, runs Kavannah on a shoestring budget out of her living room. There is a core group of 60 people and a mailing list of 300.

"We created a new file folder of people who longed for an inclusive community and a sense of belonging as Jews," she says.

Kavannah puts out a newsletter informing members of events that could be of interest to the group. Duke also runs a telephone line with an updated listing of events.

"We try to provide like-hearted company for those searching for authentic ways to express their Judaism and spirituality."

Duke had heard of the Jewish renewal work of Rabbi Zalman Schacter-Shalomi while studying body awareness through movement techniques with Dr. Moshe Feldenkrais.

In 1987, she put an ad in *The CJN* inviting people to celebrate a holistic, spiritual fourth seder with her. Eighteen people showed up.

"We had a beautiful, magical seder together," Duke says. "We formed a Jewish explorations group, but it fizzled because there were no teachers to guide us."

The following year Duke was diagnosed with breast cancer. She says her healing incorporated traditional medicine, holistic methods and spirituality.

Shortly after she was stricken, she met Rabbi Schachter-Shalomi who was visiting Toronto. He made it possible for her to go to the international Aleph Kallah (retreat) for Jewish renewal in Philadelphia, she says.

That was the beginning of what she says was a spiritual odyssey that led her to visit many Jewish renewal communities in the United States.

In 1992, Duke was eager to share her experience with others in Toronto and Kavannah's first event was held that year at Baycrest Centre, where the group attended Rosh Hashanah services.

Duke now sits on the federation's action committee for Jewish continuity. She says she hopes Kavannah will be an inspiration to other individuals who want to create a forum to share their Jewish values.

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Needing each other

The shadow cast by the murder of Yitzhak Rabin fell across the deliberations of the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Boston last week. Very few rays of light and optimism were able to pierce the inner disquiet felt by most delegates. However, the participation at the meetings of Avraham Burg, the youthful leader and chief executive of the Jewish Agency, was one of those rays.

He spoke relatively little about the far-reaching changes he is initiating at the Jewish Agency. Rather, sensing the need to calm the inner, soul-searching disquiet among delegates and perhaps even within himself, he spoke more about the pre-eminence and absolute irreplaceability of the relationship between Israel and the Diaspora.

Again and again he emphasized the interdependency of the two households, each helping to define the other, but more importantly each also desperately needing the other for the pieced-together integrity of the whole. He illustrated the point effectively with three rhetorical assertions: "There cannot be a Babylonian Talmud without Jerusalem as the reference point. There cannot be a Jewish physics without an Israeli gravity. There cannot be a Diaspora satellite without an Israeli centre point."

But if he was unhesitant and unequivocal to point out the importance of the relationship, he was however understandably tentative and vague in spelling out the details of relationship as we approach the new millennium, ever more distant from the first hand memories of the Holocaust, hopefully towards an era of Middle East peace, with oppressed Jewry nowhere to be found on earth.

He suggested that the relationship will need to evolve to one of mutual strengthening based on the constant reciprocal reinforcing of spiritual needs, of helping the other to foster, develop and maintain its Jewishness.

We agree with him. Inevitably, with the unfolding of modern industrial, economic, technological and political developments, the relationship will evolve away from one which responds only to the other's physical distress, to one which responds equally to the other's spiritual distress.

The educational goal

Last week in this space, we excerpted portions of the shiur following the killing of Yitzhak Rabin, of Rav Yehuda Amital, rosh yeshivah of Yeshivat Har Etzion, whom we described as "long a force for tolerance and moderation with the religious community in Israel."

This week we reproduce short excerpts from a *shiur* given on Nov. 13 by Rav Aharon Lichtenstein, also of Yeshivat Har Etzion, and also a force for the practical expression of the concept of *ahavat Yisrael*, the love of all Israel.

"We teach three things:

1. Even when sitting in the *beit midrash*, you have a responsibility to the community.

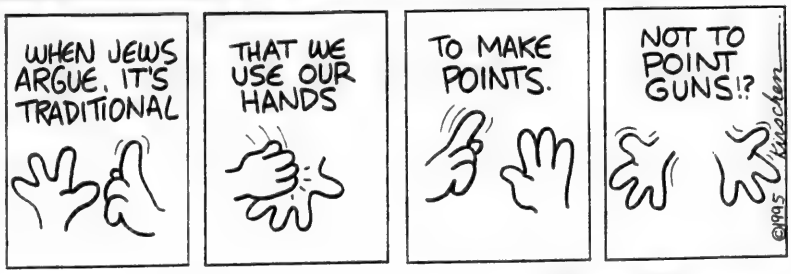
2. When addressing these problems, you have to think deeply and not simplistically.

3. Even when doing what is right, you have to know how to respect other opinions and the people who hold them.

"This has to be our educational goal. The question is not just what are the particular values we hold, but through which spectacles we view values, through which eyes.

Today we must, out of the crisis, assume an educational and ideological task ... The challenge is: Can we continue to inspire the yearning for sanctity, shake people out of complacency, get them to face the great call of the hour, to understand the importance of the medina, to understand the historical process in which we live, without losing a sense of morality, of proportion, of right, of spirituality?"

Rav Lichtenstein's words should be both our prayer and our prescription.



Dry Bones

This Week in Canadian Jewish History

Nov. 24, 1919 a procession of thousands of Montreal Jews, organized by the newly founded Canadian Jewish Congress, marched to City Hall to protest the treatment of Jews in the Ukraine. *(Canadian Jewish Agenda, C.J.C. 1995)*

Appeal for dialogue and tolerance

Millions of women in the Jewish women's world organizations whose headquarters are in Israel are shocked and horrified by the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, of blessed memory, and deplore the manifestations of violence, delegitimization and lack of tolerance between one another.

In spite of the distinct ideological character of each individual movement, one must respect the other and search for common ground, in order to promote and strengthen shared Jewish values.

In this difficult time for each and every one of us, we must act with equanimity and forethought and express ourselves in a moderate manner in order to prevent, G-d forbid, the further deterioration of the situation to one of physical violence among brothers.

We appeal to the members of our movements in Israel and abroad to do their utmost to promote dialogue and tolerance, to educate towards unity, mutual respect and responsibility, to inculcate values of justice, goodwill and the love of all people which are embedded in the Jewish tradition and are the core of inseparable ties which bind Jews everywhere.

Raya Jaglom
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Emunah Israel

Re-united after 40 years

As a result of an advertisement placed in your paper, two cousins have been reunited after 40 years.

We were both born in London, England. In 1956, I immigrated to Toronto and she to Australia. We lost contact with each other and seven years ago she moved to Israel with her family. She became friendly four years ago with a woman who was visiting Israel from Vancouver and told her she had a cousin last known to be living in Toronto. This woman said she would try to locate me.

When visiting Toronto, she placed an ad in your paper. A friend of mine saw the ad and telephoned me. Now my cousin and I are reunited thanks to your publication. I shall be forever grateful.

Ruby Pyper
Toronto

Where have all the young people gone?

After attending a Holocaust Education Week lecture at Beth David Synagogue, I want to ask: Where did all the young men (and women) go? Maybe they were tired after a day with the children. Maybe they were tired after performing all the tasks around the house that had been put off until yesterday. Maybe they had heard it all before. Maybe they just didn't care. Maybe.

With so few exceptions that it was almost embarrassing, the audience comprised people who had survived this human tragedy that virtually defies words.

The speaker was eloquent, painting pictures that were hard not to visualise. As a mere lad of 15, he and his family were plucked from the relative safety of their homes and thrust into the abyss. Where were the people who needed to listen to this account? Where were those in the community aged from 15 to 50? Have they heard it all before? Is it too boring to hear again?

The voices from the past will not be with us for much longer. Soon the only voices left will be on celluloid. By the time you read this, Holocaust Education Week will be over for another year.

Neil Nathan
Toronto

Applaud Parizeau's resignation

Premier Jacques Parizeau's disparaging remarks blaming ethnic groups for the narrow No victory in the Quebec referendum are both insulting and disgusting. It is shocking to think that the leader of a democratic province would have the nerve to put down his own people. Thank God the sore loser decided to step down as leader of his party.

Akiva Gitelman
Cote St. Luc, Quebec

Looking for Polish family

My family and I are looking for any relatives in Canada or in the United States by the name of Yerosalimski or Jerusalemsky from Poland where the sound of the letter J was pronounced as Y.

Rhoda Herscovitch
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WISDOM OF THE AGES:

Where poverty shows up first is in the face.

Letters are welcome if they are brief, in English or French, typewritten with lines double spaced, and of interest to our reading public. Readers are cautioned not to make sweeping claims against persons or institutions which they cannot verify, as libel laws are very stringent. We reserve the right to edit and condense letters, which must bear the sender's address, phone number and both handwritten and typed signatures.

Perspectives

A memory of Rabin

Some called him arrogant. Few realized that a man like Yitzhak Rabin could be painfully shy.

But as a friend, he was outstanding. He looked for ways to make people happy. A few years ago, he took my husband, a friend and me to lunch in the Members' dining room of the Knesset and then on a personal tour of the building.

"You know," he told us, "the Knesset faces the wrong way. And it's all my fault." With a rueful smile he explained. At the time that the Knesset building was conceived, Jerusalem was a divided city. When Rabin, then Commander-in-Chief of the army, was shown the plans, he was shocked to see that the front entrance faced No Man's Land, within gun shot range of the Jordanian snipers.

They would have been able to pick off any visiting dignitary at will. Rabin made a great scene and demanded that the plans be reversed. Instead of having a grand approach with a dazzling view, the Knesset would face the dull, flat vista we see now.

Before the construction was completed, the Six Day War had moved the nearest enemy soldiers beyond the Jordan River. Rabin waited with trepidation for the blast of criticism to come, but not a word was said. For 20 years, he told us, he had been waiting for someone to notice that the building was facing the wrong way and complain.

It has been said that Rabin sought personal glory, a place in history. In truth, he was driven by a love of his country.

Louise Cornblum
Toronto

Enshrined forever in history

All right thinking peoples throughout the world are shocked and saddened with the death of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. To Jews it is incomprehensible that a fellow Jew would harbor such hatred of the policies of a political leader and be driven to commit murder. It is not enough to say that Israelis like every other society on earth has its share of extremists and lunatics. Much more will have to be learned about Yigal Amir but it seems clear that he was encouraged and indoctrinated by ultra-nationalistic fervor which must be checked. No democratic society can survive if it permits an element which condones murder and abrogation of the rule of law.

Rabin has enshrined himself forever in Jewish history as a leader who epitomizes the spirit and moral fibre of the State of Israel. We can take comfort in the fact that he has initiated a peace process that is irreversible. Israel since its rebirth in 1948 has shown a remarkable resiliency and an ability to come up with one outstanding leader after another. Great challenges produce great leaders and while we mourn the loss of one of Judaism's greatest it is comforting to know that there are many who stand ready and willing to continue the march toward a just and lasting peace in the Middle East.

Bert Raphael, President
Jewish Civil Rights Educational Foundation of Canada

Jean Charest's tribute

It was with profound shock and sorrow that I learned of the tragic and senseless murder of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin of Israel.

Yitzhak Rabin was much more than a pillar of strength in his own native country; he was a great world leader in the truest sense of the term. He loved peace and fought for it as only one who has tasted the bitterness of war can. His immense courage and inflexible determination to bring peace to his embattled homeland inspired countless people, not only throughout Canada, but around the globe as well.

Mr. Rabin died as he lived his life — a devoted and faithful servant of his country and his people. But the seedling which he planted has not died with him. It has taken root and will, with the care and nurturing of those who shared his vision, grow into a majestic tree whose fruit will serve as his personal legacy to future generations of both Israelis and Arabs, and an example to peace-loving people everywhere.

I join with Canadians from coast to coast in extending my deepest sympathy to Mr. Rabin's family, his fellow citizens and to the entire Jewish community of Canada. His untimely death is a grievous loss for us all.

Jean J. Charest, PC, MP
Ottawa

Readers keep writing...

Not surprisingly, we continue to receive a great deal of correspondence on the subject of the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin. As we wrote last week, the mail includes prose and poetry. In an effort to provide as comprehensive a vehicle as possible for our readers' expressions we have devoted our Perspectives page to more letters and two of the poems we received. Unfortunately, we will be unable to publish all the material.
The editor.

On The Edge of Tears

Tonight I feel a sorrow that time cannot silence
My suffering is so personal and yet so linked to my people and state

The Jewish soul cries out in pain and anguish
As a nation is wounded from deep within
One unified voice mourns the loss of courage and virtue
As we struggle despondently to find comfort in a higher meaning
Today we laid to rest one of the great leaders this troubled world has ever known
We say goodbye to a man who devoted his life to freedom for his people and
Peace for generations to come
The world has lost a true hero and
A nation has lost its way

Our history has been paved with sorrow and suffering but
Never from within our own house
The mysteries of life have become masked in a cloak of darkness and despair

Somewhere in time man has lost his way
Tragedy has become accepted and values forgotten
People embrace hatred as their hollow god and
Lose sight of the humanity in peace and happiness
We fight to find answers deep within ourselves as
The world takes one step closer to the edge
Future generations must realize what we could not
For fear that 'one day' will be too late

Most of all we must instil in the generations still to come
There is no cause more sacred than life and
No life that can be beneath morality
We must always move forward never forgetting what has brought us to this day and
Never losing sight of where we are meant to be.

by Joshua L. Tward

The Fallen Warrior

We wish that this was all a bad dream,
And that we would wake up and realize,
That a Jew really didn't murder another Jew;
That the strength of Israel was not gunned down;
That the voice for a gentler future was still among us,
To take us into a much safer world for tomorrow's children.

All of us are stricken with fear, with anger, with remorse.
We are all so poignantly reminded of the fragility,
Of the uncertainty that we must live with,
In order to continue to cherish the reality of a Jewish State.

We all ask why; why does this world have to bear such bitter fruit?
Why do we have to solve our disagreements with bullets rather than words?
Why do we have to wait until a great man falls to pay more attention?
When will our struggle end? What is it going to take for the pain to go away?
For the birth of peaceful coexistence not only between our Arab brothers,
Firat we must realize peaceful coexistence with our fellow Jew.

To the fallen warrior we wish you a grateful farewell.
For you have led the way with your strength of mind and character.
You have acted upon what most of us only dream about.
You have forgiven a terrorist, the enemy, and made him your partner,
All in the hopes of preparing the way for future generations to know
What harmony and understanding truly mean.

Shalom Aleichem, Lehitraot, until we meet again, Fallen Warrior,
In a world where there is no more pain, no more anger, no more war.
All we can hope for now is for the torch to be carried forth
By a people united by the light that you have illuminated.
May we follow your path with the same conviction, with the same consistency,
With the same honor and bravery that you have exhibited for all your glorious days.
We say: amen.

by Grant M. Waldman

Opinions

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Amazing interest in Judaism

A friend of mine asked if she could interview me for her comparative religion course. Her assignment was to compare Anglicanism with Judaism.

By Viva Press

As her only Jewish friend, I was the obvious choice.

Oy, I thought. She wants me to be the voice of a people whose religion is so diverse that they can't even agree amongst themselves on who is a Jew!

No way. I couldn't be the spokesperson for the whole people.

"But," I said, "I can tell you from my point of view what some of the beliefs and practices of Judaism are."

She readily agreed to listen. And she isn't the only one asking and listening.

I have found an amazing interest in Judaism among my non-Jewish friends. In order to familiarize themselves with our customs, some of them have even become non-affiliated members of the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Students Federation. My two housemates, Leslie and Jenn, insisted that if I put a mezuzah on my bedroom door, I also had to put one on our front door. I did.

A popular topic that is often brought up in conversation is that of kashrut. The milk and meat part is easy to explain. So are the different parts of the animals and fish that make them prohibited, such as split hooves or fins. But the tricky part arises when somebody asks me how — let's say — sugar can be "unkosher."

I explain that when they see the special symbols that appear on almost every household product imaginable: COR, K, U, HK, MK ..., it means that that item is kosher. So sugar without one of these signs could mean that the machines used in the packaging process may have been used on the previous shift to package an unkosher item like lard.

"Hey Viva," one of my friends yelled from her end of the grocery aisle to my end. "Did you know that this dish detergent is kosher?" I came over to see. "You're right," I said. "And that's not all. It's kosher for Passover too."

It's fun to confuse my friends once in awhile. After all, I have been explaining this kashrut phenomenon for a year and a half now, and there seems to be no end in sight.

During my interview, I was quizzed among other things about Shabbat, *chagim* (Jewish holidays), intermarriage and the feeling of the Jews in the Diaspora for Israel. These questions were all personal and answered from my own perspective.

But I knew that sooner or later my interviewer would ask me about Jesus. I was worried that I would offend her. And then it came.

"Who do you think Jesus was?" she asked.

"A person who was born Jewish and died Jewish," I replied. And that was it. She understood that we had different beliefs and that there was no point in debating that fact.

But it was not the same scenario last year in residence at King's, when my roommate asked me the same question. She was from a small town in Labrador and I was the first Jewish person she had ever met. After she told me that I looked "normal" despite the fact that I was Jewish, she asked me if I believed in Jesus.

I explained that the fundamental difference between Jews and Christians was that Jews don't believe that Jesus was God or the son of God. She didn't get it. Everyone she had grown up with believed in Jesus, so why didn't I?

I didn't think people from small towns still believed that Jews look different. Twenty years ago a similar situation had occurred. When my parents moved from London, England, to Wilkie, a small town in Saskatchewan where I was born, my father was told by the locals that — contrary to their expectations — he looked quite normal.

But it's not only my non-Jewish friends who ask me questions about Judaism; my Jewish friends ask me too. Either their friends want to know about a custom about which they aren't certain, or they themselves want to know.

I'm not sure how I became a resource of Judaic information, but I have. Some of my friends tell me it's because I'm a student from Jewish day schools in Toronto and I visit Israel frequently; others say I am the only Jewish person they know; but to most I am the one who answered one question; so I must therefore be the one who is able to answer more.

My interviewer had one last question. Had I ever thought of what religion I would have chosen had I not been born into a Jewish family?

"No," I said.

It's a good thing I was born Jewish, because otherwise I would never have had the opportunity of seeing my housemate Jenn's expression when, this past Sukkot, I did the blessing on the lulav and etrog in our apartment. She watched in puzzlement while I waved a bunch of green sticks bound together and a *really expensive lemon* in the air!

A grandmother's care and love

My brother and the first snowfall of winter arrived together one November morning many years ago. Excited by these events I boisterously jumped about the bed I shared with my grandmother, who was minding my sister and me while my mother was confined in the hospital. With uncharacteristic gentleness she admonished me: "*zie ruhig* — be comforted, you don't understand this now but when you get older you will appreciate the importance of comfort."

By Jack Chisrin

My father's mother was the commanding presence in the family — a slight but vigorous woman, bound to Jewish tradition. She was always surly, a cynic, bitter about her fate in life, resentful about being married to a quiet, passive man who couldn't earn a living. She vented her rage by *shelta* — cursing. Her litany of curses poured out of her relentlessly. A continuous, non-repetitive stream, in rich idiomatic Yiddish.

Every misdeed was greeted with: *A klole oyf em* — a curse on him — followed by a damnation appropriate to the occasion. About her daily existence — *Mayne sonim zoln azoy lebn* — my enemies should live like this. Other curses that readily come to mind: *Fun naches zol er platsn* — From pleasure should he burst; *Zol er vaksn ve a tsibele mit'n kop in drerd* — May he grow like an onion with his head in the ground; *Alle mayne tsuris zoln oyf zein kop oysgayn* — All my troubles should be placed on his head.

Only her grandchildren were spared a direct curse. When any of us did something that aroused her anger, which happened frequently, her curse was prefaced with *oyf dein tatns tata* — on your father's father.

On this November day as I write a birthday greeting to my brother, I revisit the day of his birth and recall my Litvak bobba — (until I came to Toronto and married into a Polack family, I had the understanding that a bubbie was a prize awarded for coming last in a competition). I reflect on what she was trying to teach me about comfort. It is true that the older I get the more I seek to be comfortable. Yet I have come to realize that, for that particular feeling to exist, every tiny element must fit in its place. I'm sitting in an easy chair in my study, looking out the window at the garden which is now a palette of muted colors; the textures and sounds that surround me are tranquil and serene. However, if the neighbor's dog is barking, or a toilet is flushed, or a cloud darkens the sky, the unity of my peaceful state is jarred and comfort flies out the window. But what really prevents me from feeling truly comfortable, whatever my physical condition, is the sense of morality and the ethical training I received as a child.

Morality and ethics, this fantastic and complicated system of human behavior was taught to me by grandparents and parents. I learned to stand in awe and humility before the miracle of life, and that every person was as real as I was. I also learned that the world is in constant turmoil and conflict. So morality is not merely a way of life but a guide to action. And the principle for action is that I should respect all the people in the world equally. As I am not truly obedient to this solemn law, and as long as I am guided by my childhood training, I cannot be intrinsically comfortable.

For all her appearance, my grandmother was a remarkable woman who never was comfortable in her own life. Born into poverty in a shtetl in Belarus, married at an early age, faced with raising six children alone before she joined my grandfather in the *goldene medina*, comfort was not a blessing she could enjoy. She sustained and kept her family together by smuggling goods over the shifting borders of that part of Eastern Europe.

With her tyrannic will and determination, she coped with a debilitating illness and lived into her 70s. Her demeanor and curses could not conceal her true nature, for underneath she was kind, caring and loving. She maintained that a touch of goodness existed in everyone. In those around her, she encouraged it to grow, because if not nurtured it would die. Until the very end, she was still on a voyage of discovery and didn't believe in extricating herself from the human struggle with her ignominious excuse that it is already over. She couldn't have left a more lasting legacy.

Poverty fatigue

When this column reaches you, the referendum fever will have passed its peak and now we will have to cope with the after-effects of this latest illness.

By Rabbi. Gunther Plaut

Meanwhile there are other sicknesses to worry about. An invasion of Dengue and Ebola viruses has our medical establishment on the alert, and doctors are arguing about just how to define Chronic Fatigue Syndrome.

And now there is yet another malady to contend with: poverty fatigue. That of course has two sides. The poor are tired of their deprivations and the rest of society is tired of hearing about them. The former situation is primarily anchored in social conditions, while the latter is a state of mind.

I don't know how many of my readers are shul-goers, and even if they are, whether their rabbis have touched on this particular spiritual problem. So I will make use of this column to talk about a disease which is spreading rapidly.

The Torah has some fascinating things to say about poverty. To begin with, it believes that poverty will always be with us to some degree or other (Deuteronomy 15:11). But at the same time, it urges us to be aware of poverty's misery and urges us to be compassionate and forthcoming (Exodus 22:24-26). The original Jewish system of social welfare was the commandment to farmers not to cut the corners of the field when they were reaping and not to go back and pick up fallen produce. It was to be left for the poor so that they could satisfy their most immediate needs.

Unfortunately, Jews were all too often like many other people, and the well-to-do tended to disregard the existence of poverty. This in turn brought upon them the wrath of the prophets — most notably Amos, who in the eighth century BCE castigated Israel for "selling the poor for a pair of shoes," and predicted that the wrath of God would befall a people "who defraud the poor, who rob the needy." If they would not look to the alleviation of poverty, God's wrath would descend on them and punish them accordingly.

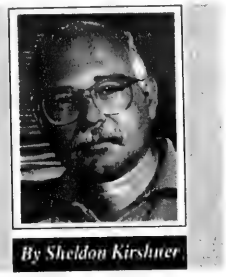
It is not surprising therefore that the concept of tzedakah became prevalent in Jewish tradition, and that looking to needs of the poor became a fundamental mitzvah. The word "welfare" may have a derogatory sound in the ears of some, but to the Jew it must always remind us of our obligations.

There are, to be sure, people who really don't want to work, but their numbers are few. There are indeed some who commit "welfare fraud," and they too are, according to the best statistics, a small minority. Governments in Canada and the United States have recently focused on those who have abused the system and in the process have succeeded in making the truly needy — of whom there are too many — taste the salt of their misery.

We Jews who were poor for so many centuries, nay millennia, should carefully guard our sense of compassion and translate it into tzedakah. Social reform is one thing, but when (hopefully unintentionally) it conveys a state of hard-heartedness, it becomes a public danger, for it will help to spread the virus of poverty fatigue which will not only injure those who need our help, but also cripple us who are the potential providers.

The Kirshner File

The inside story of the 1991 Gulf War



By Sheldon Kirshner

It seems like only yesterday that we were glued to our TV sets, raptly watching the Gulf War as it unfolded in real time on CNN. Many of us, caught up in the drama and dread of that widely televised conflict, wondered whether Israel would stick by its policy of restraint as Iraqi Scud missiles crashed thunderously into Israeli cities.

Israel, of course, did not strike back, although Yitzhak Shamir was the most hawkish prime minister in Israel's history. It was understood that Israel's self-control was dictated by the necessity of maintaining the cohesiveness and integrity of the anti-Iraqi coalition, which had been hastily stitched together by the United States after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in August 1990.

But what is clear now, following the publication of Moshe Arens' pungent memoirs, *Broken Covenant* (Simon & Schuster, $34), is that Israel really wanted to retaliate but could not because of American objections and obstructions.

Arens is in a position to know the inside story, having been minister of defence from 1990 to 1992. As he tells it, Israel intended to attack Iraqi missile sites in western Iraq, but called off the proposed land and air raid at the last possible moment.

Broken Covenant is more than an account of Israel's forced passivity in the Gulf War. It is an angry polemic of the Bush administration's alleged meddling in Israel's internal affairs in the late 1980s, as yet another peace process was launched with fanfare in the Middle East.

Arens levels serious charges against George Bush and his secretary of state, James Baker. He accuses the pair of interfering in Israeli politics in an undisguised attempt to bring down Shamir's Likud regime and replace it with a Labor party government more in tune with their vision of a Mideast peace accord.

Iraq's occupation of Kuwait touched off a crisis in Israel because the Iraqi leader, Saddam Hussein, was openly hostile to the Jewish state and could be expected to do something drastic. Given the fluid situation, Arens turned to Washington — hoping to establish "operational coordination" with, and to acquire real-time satellite photo intelligence data on Iraqi troop movements from, the United States. Bush rejected the requests, but Israel refrained from sending reconnaissance planes over Iraq.

To Arens' chagrin, Bush also withheld vital information on Iraqi test firings of ballistic missiles within its territory. Risking his career, William Brown — the U.S. ambassador to Israel — informed Arens of this dire development without first receiving official authorization.

Amid the crisis, the United States publicly demanded that Israel sever all military ties with South Africa. In Arens' opinion, the demand was designed to embarrass Israel. "It was a crude move, characteristic of much of the Bush administration's diplomacy toward Israel."

In January 1991, as war approached, Arens phoned Dick Cheney, the U.S. secretary of defence, and once again suggested operational coordination. Cheney, he informs us, stalled.

The unwillingness of the United States to countenance an active Israeli role in the war would be a persistent problem as far as Arens was concerned. After the first of 39 Scuds thumped into Israel, Arens ordered the Israeli Air Force to present him with a plan to neutralize Iraq's Scud launchers. Shamir, however, demurred, saying that he opposed any raid without coordination with the United States.

Arens claims that the United States failed to fulfil a promise to eliminate Iraqi Scuds. "...not a single mobile Scud launcher would be destroyed, despite statements to the contrary."

As the war wore on, Arens asked Cheney to arrange an "aerial corridor" so that Israeli aircraft could go into action against Iraq. Cheney referred the matter to Bush, while Arens, in consultation with his colleagues, continued to push for a forceful Israeli response. As a result of poor weather conditions, a decision was not taken. Shamir, he observes, seemed relieved.

With frustration in Israel steadily mounting, Arens unveiled another plan aimed at eliminating Scud launchers. Gen. Colin Powell, the U.S. chief of staff, found it "full of imagination and daring." But it, too, was still-born, snuffed out by an appeal for restraint from Bush.

"It was curious to see Shamir, so stubborn in confrontations with the United States, inclined to accommodate them now," he writes. "It seemed as if he had set aside certain issues on which he was not going to give an inch, and in compensation was prepared to concede the rest."

Arens claims that the Patriot missiles dispatched to Israel by the United States were not only ineffective but counter-productive. Instead of protecting the country from Scuds, the much-vaunted Patriots usually caused considerable secondary damage, as spent missiles landed in populated areas.

In a final attempt to convince the United States that Israeli restraint was of no practical value, Arens flew to Washington to meet Bush and his advisors. Arens made no headway. Bush was convinced that Israel could not make an appreciable difference to the conduct of the war.

Late in February, under pressure from Arens, Shamir approved a military operation against Iraq. "It was important for Israel to be an active participant, and not limit its involvement in the war to firing Patriot... missiles," Arens notes.

The raid, to which the United States objected, was set for Feb. 27. But it was cancelled by bad weather and a unilateral American ceasefire.

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According to Arens, the Bush administration, and particularly Baker, undermined the Israeli government by leaking sensitive information and grossly misrepresenting the nature of high-level meetings between the two sides. "This was an outrageous contravention of all diplomatic practice," he fumes.

These confrontational tactics, which he claims were unprecedented in Israel's pivotal relationship with the United States, were designed "to discredit me personally." Arens overstates his case, ignoring previous acrimonious battles that temporarily soured Israel's relations with the United States.

Arens doesn't stop there. He accuses Shimon Peres (the finance minister in the second and last national unity government) of spending more time plotting against the government than attending to Israel's economy.

Furthermore, he charges that the Labor party engaged in "a web of surreptitious contacts" with the United States, Egypt and the PLO, in order to force Shamir to accept a peace plan he couldn't stomach.

Arens, who portrays himself as a Likud moderate, suggests that Shamir showed little enthusiasm for the peace process and that his Greater Israel views were divorced from reality.

What's more, he declares that three Likud ministers — Ariel Sharon, David Levy and Yitzhak Modai'i — "put the brakes on our peace initiative" and "created the impression that the Likud was not serious about advancing the process."

Arens, the foreign minister from 1988 to 1990, adds that the status quo in the territories became untenable after the intifadah. And he confesses that "there was nothing to be gained by continued Israeli control of the Gaza Strip."

Yet Arens' profession of realism is starkly limited. He criticizes Shamir for supporting "unrealistic doctrines" and chides fellow ministers for turning a blind eye to "the realities around us." But strangely enough, Arens adamantly refused to deal with the PLO, the sole umbrella organization capable of representing the diverse interests of the Palestinian people.

Later in *Broken Covenant*, Arens returns to this topic, unable to understand how Shamir envisioned a resolution of the Arab-Israeli dispute "without meaningful contact with the Palestinians." Arens, though, never identifies these Palestinians, and, in keeping with his rigidly ideological outlook, remains convinced that the PLO could not, and should not, be an integral part of the political landscape in the Middle East.

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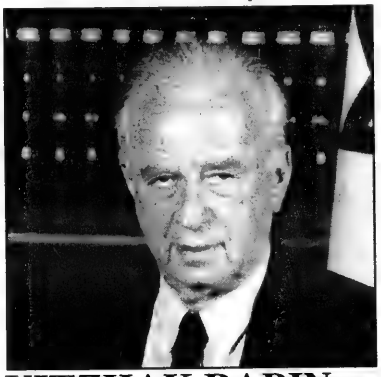

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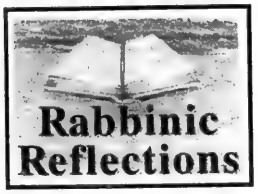

By RABBI YOSEF BENARROCH

The tragedy of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination has gripped the entire Jewish world. Our nation collectively mourns his loss. As I contemplate this abhorrent act, I cannot help but see the irony in it.

I remember vividly the events following the Yom Kippur War in 1973. At that time, I was living in Winnipeg and there was a massive showing of unity. Jews from all segments of the community came together in a rally, to support and show our solidarity with the State of Israel. The entire Jewish world was united. How ironical it is that during times of war we were so united and now in the pursuit of peace we are so divided.

I remember hearing a well-known saying: "If the Arabs would leave us alone," it was often said, "then we Jews would destroy ourselves." I always wished this statement to be false, but now my worst fear has come true. While I don't agree with the idea that we will destroy ourselves, I do agree with the fact that we have become our own enemies. That one of our own, a Jew, could assassinate the prime minister of Israel was unthinkable. That he could do it in the name of G-d and Torah is *chilul HaShem*, a desecration of G-d's name.

As a Jew who believes in the sanctity and guidance of the Torah, I have been forced to once again look into it and be guided by it. There is one story that comes to mind, in which one can draw numerous parallels. The story appears in the Book of Samuel, Chapter 24. The king of Israel at the time was Saul and he was in pursuit of David the future king. Saul's intent is clear — to have David executed. David must therefore flee the sword of Saul.

David and his men come to a cave and there they find refuge. Saul unknowingly comes to the same cave and in the cave he finds a place to lie down and sleep. Saul, David's enemy, is defenceless — he has no armor, he is not wearing his vest. It is David's chance.

Indeed David's men say to him, "Behold this is the day that G-d has spoken to you, saying I have delivered your enemy into your hands. Do to him as you please."

David, as the text states, also hears G-d's voice, but his reaction was very different. The future king approaches Saul, his enemy, his adversary, but he does not kill him. He tears a corner of Saul's garment with his sword. Later David tells us clearly and decisively why he spared Saul: "And he said unto his men, the Lord forbid me that I should do this thing unto my lord, the Lord's anointed one."

Our tradition is very clear. David could not raise a hand against a leader of Israel. To do so would be to defy the will of G-d; it would be a desecration of G-d's name.

Over the past few weeks, Jewish leaders in Israel and throughout the world have been talking about the need for unity. But the sad reality is we are a house divided. Talking about unity is not enough; it is time to act as well. As with any conflict, everyone involved must be willing to give a little. The situation in Israel is no different. Who will be the first to step forward and give a little?

I conclude with the words of Rav Kook who wrote that one who puts the unity of the Jewish people in jeopardy is similar to one who worships idols. It stands to reason that one who unifies the Jewish people in turn sanctifies the name of G-d. Let us pray that in these difficult times we will produce those who unify our people and not those who divide us.

Rabbi Benarroch is the spiritual leader of Congregation Beth Hamidrash in Vancouver.

Kollel starts its second year

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Or Chaim Kollel has begun its second year of operation.

Located at Or Chaim Yeshiva, 159 Almore Ave. in North York, it offers courses in advanced Torah study for men and women Monday to Thursday and on Shabbat.

On Mondays, there will be a *shiur* by Dr. Eric Lawee, a teaching fellow in Jewish history at the University of Toronto, on legal authority in Judaism, and one by Rabbi Shlomo Gemara, rosh yeshivah of Or Chaim/Ulpanot Orot, on the leading thinkers of the Mussar and chassidic movements.

Tuesdays will feature a *shiur* on Gemarah by Yitz Churtz and Dr. Shoshana Zolty will give a class in Chumash at Ulpanat Orot, 45 Canyon Ave.

Wednesday will again be *chevruta* learning followed by a short lecture by a guest speaker, and on Thursday, Rabbi Yitzchak Feigenbaum will speak on halachic and philosophical issues in the book of Devarim (Deuteronomy).

On Shabbat, one hour before Mincha, Dr. Reuven Gellman will discuss the weekly Torah portion.

A new feature of the Kollel is a women's beit midrash program, held Wednesdays from 1:30 to 3:15. Rabbi Jay Kelman will lead guided *chevruta* learning, starting with issues surrounding tzedakah.

The year started with a highly successful Elul Program, attended by over 500 men and women.

While there is no set fee, a donation of $50, $18 for students, is suggested.

For more information, or to register, call Rabbi Kelman, 416-630-6772.

Women's Institute shabbaton

TORONTO —The Women's Institute of Torah Study is holding its first shabbaton, from Friday evening, Dec. 1 until Havdalah on Saturday evening, Dec. 2.

Candlelighting, traditional Shabbat meals, lectures and comradeship will mark the event, the organizers told *The CJN*.

Topics to be discussed during the shabbaton include Sanity thru sanctity — the Sabbath Day by Dr. Lionel Gerber, a psychiatrist at Sunnybrook Hospital and a lecturer at the University of Toronto; insights into the weekly Torah portion, by Rabbi Yossef Gansburg of Lubavitch; and Woman of Valor — where can she be found today? by Chana Weisberg, dean of the Women's Institute of Torah Study.

The shabbaton will be held in the Bathurst-Steeles area.

Those wishing to participate are urged to register early, as accommodation is limited. For more information, or to register, call Goldie Plotkin, 905-881-2012, or Yentie Zaltsman, 905-886-3367 in the evenings.

Lecture on the Rabin murder and the religious community

TORONTO — Rabbi Nachman Bulman, dean of men at Ohr Somayach/Tanenbaum College in Jerusalem, will be speaking on The Rabin Assassination and the Religious Community in Israel, at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill on Nov. 30, at 8:30.

A media release from Ohr Somayach Thornhill says the topic was chosen "due to the strong emotions, confusion and sense of loss resulting from the murder of Yitzchak Rabin."

Rabbi Bulman lectures regularly in Toronto and Jewish communities throughout the world.

Admission is $5, and is open to the public.

For more information, call Ohr Somayach at 905-886-5730.

Jewish Life

A family torn apart

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

Recent events in Israel have left us all shocked and struggling for some understanding of how we as a people have turned this treacherous corner. All of Israel agrees that the pursuit of peace is paramount, and yet we are so divided. The month of Kislev shows us that peace cannot be found externally if it does not exist internally.

This month's Torah portion tells of the family of Jacob, Leah and Rachel. The month concludes with holiday of Chanukah.

The Torah readings portray a family torn apart from the inside. Jacob loves only one wife, Rachel, but Leah is the fertile wife, the one bearing the children. The emotions involved are played out in the naming of the children. Each name carries with it a negative explanation. The oldest is named Reuben for "God saw my misery;" likewise the second son Shimon is so named because "God heard I was unloved." Most of the children's names bear the marks of their parents' struggles.

The family unit becomes the arena in which the parents pour out their bitterness and their resentment. The Torah does not ignore this issue but clearly tells the reader that these children grow up and attempt to destroy that very unit.

As young adults, the men kidnap their brother Joseph and debate murdering him. Joseph is ultimately sold into slavery. The brothers then report to their father Jacob that Joseph was slaughtered by a wild beast, thereby plunging their father into a lifetime of sorrow and grief.

In other words, the very real issues of the family were not dealt with openly and put to rest. Instead there were negative accusations constantly circulating just under the surface of appearance. Feelings built up, until finally a murder was plotted.

The end of Kislev brings us the holiday of lights — Chanukah. Historically, we know of the military victory and the restoration of the Temple. Maimonides states that women and men are equally obligated to the laws of Chanukah, for the women were part of the holiday. The war in which the Jews took part was fought by men, the Maccabees, but the women were equally involved. It is true they did not fight on the fields of battle; however, we have sources that tell of the women waging a similar war within the city limits. Jews were forbidden to practise even the most basic of Jewish rituals and it was the women who insisted on continuing their practice. The accounts tell of scores of women who gave up their lives in their insistance on remaining openly Jewish. The men waged the physical war while the women waged an equal war. It is unity of spirit and this balance within the nation that brought the miracles of Chanukah.

Jacob, Leah and Rachel teach us how doomed is a family unit when antagonisms are left unsolved while Chanukah shows us the unlimited heights achievable when harmony is found within.

An internship at TIKKUN

By CINDY WAXER
Special to The CJN

When I informed my parents that I was going to New York City for the summer to work as an intern at *TIKKUN* magazine, their foremost fear was that I was going to get mugged. My foremost fear was of getting indoctrinated by radical Jewish socialism. Based on *TIKKUN's* reputation as an outlet for fringe-group fanaticism, I expected a staff who would insist upon my conversion to '60s radicalism.

Guest Voices

TIKKUN is a journal of progressive left-wing politics founded in 1986 by editor Michael Lerner. Lerner, who holds a PhD in both philosophy and clinical psychology, created *TIKKUN* to provide an alternative to American conservatism and to instruct Jews and liberals on how to restore meaning in their lives.

Not a stranger to opposition, Lerner has been criticized for his involvement in the anti-war movement, his opposition to Likud policies on the West Bank, the self-congratulatory tone of his editorials and his dubious relationship with Hillary Clinton who borrowed his catchphrase "politics of meaning." Yet despite public scrutiny and media criticism, Lerner's controversial magazine *TIKKUN* remains dedicated to intellectual pursuits, regardless of the marginality of the topic.

Past contributors include Camille Paglia, Woody Allen and Allen Ginsberg and the magazine has featured articles entitled *Sex and Yom Kippur*, *Jewish Slaveholders* and *Menstrual Revolution*. For these brave literary endeavors, I decided to risk being mind-poisoned by those whose opinions I feared would be tainted by adolsescent idealism.

I arrived at *TIKKUN* to find a small and cluttered office on the fifth floor of a synagogue on Manhattan's Upper West Side. Displayed on the walls are comic strips ridiculing the Republican party's policies and caricatures of a befuddled Newt Gingrich.

But nowhere in the office were the counter-culture conformists I expected to find. Instead, to my surprise, *TIKKUN's* staff is comprised of intellectually sophisticated, politically astute and socially aware individuals with varying lifestyles and Judaic practices.

Sam, an intern at *TIKKUN* who is trying to break into journalism, gathers writing material by working at his uncle's kosher falafel and pizza joint in Queens. Paula, after returning home from Poland, is working towards a masters degree in Eastern European studies. She is reconciling her abandonment of the rituals of her chassidic upbringing with her love for the literature and oral traditions of her Jewish ancestors. Elliot is both a computer genius and a grassroots radical. With coffee running through his veins, his frenetic energy and strong convictions could convince Nancy Reagan of the virtues of radical social evolution.

But it is not only those working for *TIKKUN* who shattered my expectations by reflecting a spectrum of lifestyles and opinions. In a conference room packed with *TIKKUN* supporters, Lerner is holding a meeting for religious activists who are collectively creating a press release to state their opposition to the Christian Coalition. In attendance is a female rabbi wearing a kippah, a male Reform rabbi with his head uncovered, a lesbian reverend with a clerical collar, a dishevelled Lutheran reverend out of uniform and many others whose leftist convictions are being made clear.

Nearby, in *TIKKUN*'s main office, a staff member has answered a telephone call from a transsexual Orthodox Jew. Another has opened a letter from a Conservative Jew in jail, whose self-proclaimed right to kosher meals is being denied. Interns are pouring over manuscripts submitted by writers and academic worldwide. The topics of these manuscripts range from far-fetched comparisons between child abuse and male circumcision to intriguing political analyses.

Certainly, critics have argued that *TIKKUN* gives credence to issues and fringe groups that do not belong within the serious arena of politics and Judaism. But this brand of intellectual snobbism only leads to a preservation of the status quo and ideological conformity. Change cannot occur unless one is willing to rethink one's methods, allegiances and points of view. This, however, requires exposure to issues and persons that might otherwise be neglected.

Throughout my internship, there were many occasions on which I disagreed with *TIKKUN*'s criticisms of capitalism, Lerner's self-styled brand of Judaism and his strategies for healing social maladies. But my contentions were always listened to with an open-mindedness that is virtually absent in prestigious universities, the feminist movement and the Christian Right today.

I discovered that the *TIKKUN* staff and its supporters are committed to bringing about change, but not without intellectual flexibility. And it is this intellectual flexibility, the willingness to hear new ideas and to tolerate differences in lifestyle and opinion, that will lead to progress.

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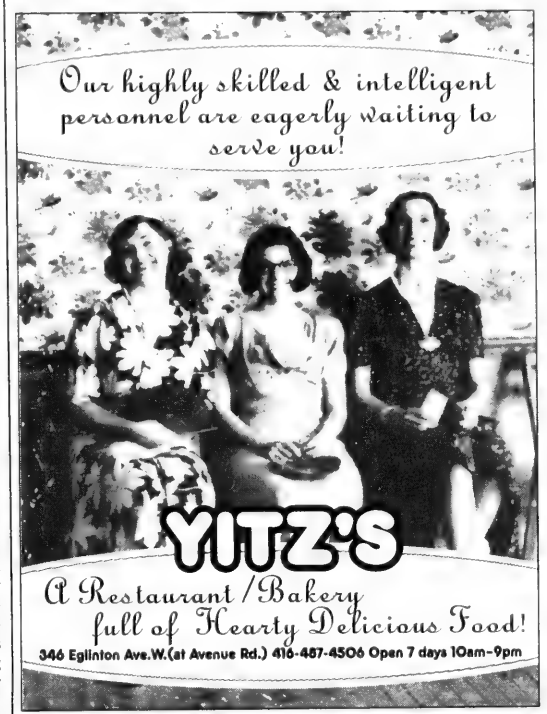
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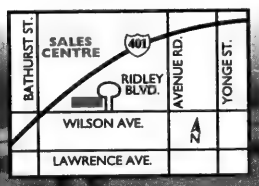

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Quebec exodus said a victory for separatists

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — If there is an exodus from Quebec and industries leave taking jobs with them, it will mean a victory for the separatists, Jim Peterson, Liberal MP for Willowdale, told a Town Hall forum at the Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC) recently.

"We should not lose faith in Quebec," said Peterson, one of four Liberal MPs from Toronto who spoke to about 75 BJC members in the building's lobby. He said "moral suasion" is needed to convince all Canadians of the necessity of keeping Quebec in Canada.

"I hope there will not be a renewed exodus," said Barry Campbell, moderator and MP for St. Paul. "This is not the time to abandon Quebec."

An audience member said she was rebuffed in Montreal for speaking English, but agreed with Campbell that it is good that more school children are learning to speak French.

Loyalty to Canada

When a native-born Canadian in the audience objected that newcomers to Canada do not understand Canadian history, Joe Volpe, MP for Lawrence-Eglinton, said immigrants have to know Canadian history to obtain citizenship and members of ethnic minorities have demonstrated their loyalty to Canada.

Campbell encouraged people to travel to Quebec and invite Quebecers to visit here, suggesting that francophones outside of Quebec need support.

Sarcus Assadourian, MP for Don Valley North, congratulated the BJC for sponsoring the forum, stating, "It is a fantastic way to support Canada." He suggested there should be similar forums and gatherings in every mall in the city.

Michael Kerbel, BJC president, warned the panel of MPs that the national unity question must be resolved within one year.

"It's up to you gentlemen," he said. "You haven't got two or three years."

Kerbel said a greater understanding of Quebecers is apparent in Toronto. While a few years ago fans at a Blue Jays baseball game booed stanzas of *O Canada* in French, at a recent Raptors basketball game after the referendum, the same stanzas in French were cheered.

Super Sunday II

Two hundred volunteers on call

Talk about deja vu. Coming close to the turnout and enthusiasm for the UJA Campaign's first Super Sunday is always tough, but that's what *Super Sunday II* co-chairs Richard Sadowski and Carole Sterling managed to do.

About 200 telephone volunters raised $600,000 for 1996 alone on November 12 - *Super Sunday II*, making it the most successful of the 8 *Countdown '96* telethons. The Countdown contribution total for three years approached $2 million.

Sadowski said he was most impressed with the cross-section of canvassers who volunteered and the number of "first timers."

"Our regular supporters are starting to have their kids come out and those people are starting to have their kids come out," he continued. "It's not unusual to see children as young as 10 sorting cards or distributing snacks to volunteers."

Sadowski and Sterling are recommending telethon volunteer recruitment in schools and among more community organizations next year.

Although *Super Sunday II* featured ongoing bingo games and prizes for phone canvassers, the volunteers, according to Sadowski, were motivated by more than the prospect of winning small gifts. "We had to force them on some people," he said.

So far, pledges for 1996 are running about 5% ahead of last year, with over $32 million committed for the following two years as well, in UJA's first Three Year Vision campaign.

Toronto's UJA became the only one in the world to seek three year pledges in order to ensure a stable financial foundation for the future and to free up canvasser time so non-contributors can be contacted.

For Sadowski, government budget cutbacks and increasing needs made it imperative for *Countdown '96* to raise as much money as possible. "It was incumbent upon us," he said, "to do as well as we could."

Countdown '96 Co-Chair Richard Sadowski

Book documents Canadian fight for Soviet Jewry

Wendy Eisen was born and raised in Canada, but her heart has always been back in the former USSR, with Soviet Jewry. "If it hadn't been for my grandfather's instinct to leave Russia in 1904, it could have been me waiting to get out," explained Eisen, who has been at the forefront of the Canadian effort to free Soviet Jews since the early 1970s.

Wendy Eisen

In her new book *Count Us In: The Struggle to Free Soviet Jews, A Canadian Perspective*, Eisen, the 1995 UJA Campaign co-chair, draws from first hand experience to provide a detailed account of how Canadians from all walks of life, banded together to fight for the rights and freedom of Jews trapped under the Soviet Communist regime.

Her quest to raise awareness about the plight of Soviet Jews began after her first trip to the Soviet Union in 1978. "I sat with these people in their living rooms, saw their pain and felt their heartbeats," Eisen recalled. "That's when I knew I had to get every last one of them out."

Eisen felt that because the world had already stood by and watched millions of Jews die during the Holocaust, such apathy could only be tolerated once. "It was a second chance to save our people," she said.

Working together with other activists including Irwin Cotler, Alan Rose, Martin Penn, Edward and Edgar Bronfman, Father Barry Jones and William Attewell, Eisen organized demonstrations, lobbied governments and sent letters and packages to the USSR.

"Our goal was to get as much publicity as possible to secure the safety and freedom of Soviet Jews," recalled Eisen, who was refused a Soviet entry visa in 1984 but returned four years later after Joe Clark intervened on her behalf.

Her ultimate victory was realized in 1989 when the first Operation Exodus plane arrived in Israel. "It was then," she said, "that I finally got to see our efforts pay off."

Eisen believes that the Canadian Soviet Jewry movement was "a real unifying force for the Jewish community" and is proud that "Canada's support went far beyond any measure of our numbers. More people should know about this part of our history."

Yet, in spite of having achieved her goal, Eisen continues to be active in the community and for international Jewish causes. Proceeds from her book are being donated to UJA.

UJA'S Delta Force forges stronger ties

By Adi Waksman

All fundraising campaigns should possess a secret weapon as effective as UJA's *Delta Force*. At least that's the word from *Delta Force* chairman Dave Engel, otherwise known as "Delta Dave."

For the 1996 Campaign, *Delta Force* pioneered a new relationship between canvassers and contributors. According to Engel, it has made a big difference in the way canvassers canvass and donors donate.

"We needed to build a stronger relationship between canvasser and donor," explains Engel, who's been involved in UJA volunteer relations and canvasser training for twelve years. "The challenge was one of getting a strong commitment from the canvasser on the one hand and recognizing individual donors on the other."

Before the Campaign began, 8,000 letters were sent to contributors informing them of what to expect from their canvassers. The letters were customized and signed by canvassers in order to create a more personal contact. Donors also received brochures explaining the goals of the Three Year Vision so they would be prepared when the canvasser called. The final step in the *Delta Force* process was a personalized thank you note for everyone who made a pledge.

The letter writing campaign was so successful, says Engel, that "donors were calling canvassers.

"There's no doubt *Delta Force* contributed to both pledge increases and acceptance of the Three Year Vision."

"It boils down to this," notes Campaign Director, Ted Sokolsky, "no matter how good the campaign is...people give to people, and they give more freely when they feel comfortable with their canvassers."

By the way, if you're wondering about the name *Delta Force*, it was chosen because, as Engels puts it, "we didn't know what else to call it."

"Delta" Dave Engel, the architect of UJA's new relationship with donors.

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United Jewish Appeal gala attracts top donors

There's a gala going on down there. A view from above at the Barbara Frum Atrium in the Canadian Broadcasting Centre.

It may have been cold outside but the warmth inside was generated by more than hot soup on the menu.

Over 300 of UJA's best contributors attended the Major Gifts Gala, to accept a community thank-you before the 1996 UJA Campaign closes on December 6.

"It's great to see so many second generation people here," said Debbie Kimel, who chairs UJA's Major Gifts Division with Michael Daren and Charles Winograd.

The evening, co-chaired by Honey Sherman and Howard Sokolowski, was sponsored for the first time by The Royal Bank's Real Estate Banking Group.

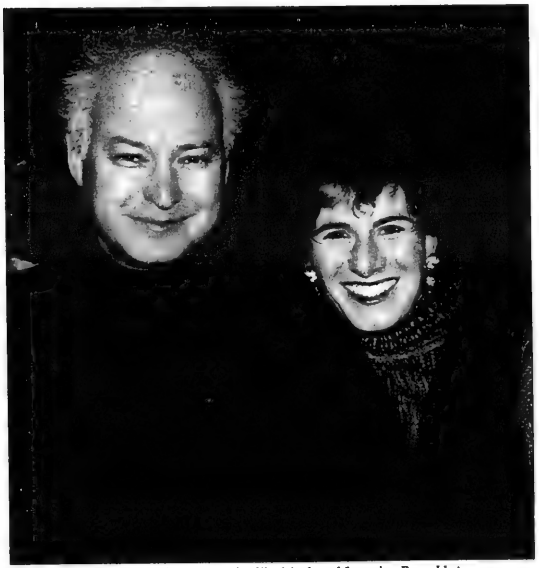
The event featured a tribute to Yitzhak Rabin, during which singer Rita Sue Fisher led a rendition of Shir L'Shalom (A Song For Peace), sung by Prime Minister Rabin moments before he was slain on November 4.

During his remarks, Israeli Consul General Yehudi Kinar, reminded the audience of Rabin's recent plea for Diaspora Jewish communities to continue working to raise money for Israel. "You have helped make his wish come true," said Kinar.

Other highlights included remarks from Yossi Goldberg, the mayor of Metulla, Rabbi Gunther Plaut who called UJA "the glue that binds Toronto's Jewish community with Israel," and 1996 Campaign co-chair Carol Kassel who thanked Major Gifts Division members for "accepting their responsibilities as leaders of the community."

Major Gifts Division co-chair Charles Winograd makes a point during his address to 300 gala goers.

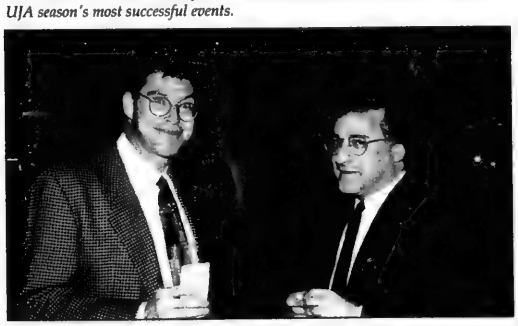
Major Gifts galas are obviously for families. Golda Krakowsky is flanked by husband Harry (L) and brother David Brown.



The gala gathered many happy couples like Mark and Lorraine Berenblut.

Howard Sokolowski and Honey Sherman deserve to smile after chairing one of the UJA season's most successful events.

A pause for thought. Rabbi Gunther Plaut reflects before his remarks.



Oops! Who said anything about a camera? Photographer Stephen Epstein found Warren Kimel (L) and Randy Shiff sharing a conversation in a corner of the atrium.

The Israel Connection. Operation Exodus architect Dr. Baruch Gur (L) and his wife Miri with Tootsie Halbert and her husband Gerry, president of United Israel Appeal, Canada.

Singing a song for peace. Rita Sue Fisher leads gala guests in the melody sung at the rally which Yitzhak Rabin attended before he died.

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Special Report

Hooking on to hate

By Adi Waksman and Howard English

Hate literature is littering the information highway and there is little that can be done to patrol it.

An estimated 40-55% of Canadian households can now access the Internet where web sites disseminating hate can potentially reach more than 30 million users world-wide. Although Holocaust denial and white supremacist material are easily available, there have been no Internet-related prosecutions in Canada so far.

Bernie Farber, National Director of Community Relations for Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, a Federation sponsored agency, thinks hate on the Internet is "a significant problem."

"With today's technology, any individual or group can post messages to be seen by 30 million people at a very low cost," explains Farber, who has been monitoring web sites for the last 6 months. "It's the newest, most advanced and potentially the greatest form of communication available to hatemongers. It's still a relatively small part of Internet activity but it garners so much attention because of its audacity."

One organization called *Stormfront* promotes itself on the net as a "resource for those courageous men and women fighting to preserve their White Western culture."

Holocaust denier Ernst Zundel recently used his web site to issue a press release labelling slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin a "repentent Jewish murderer." Zundel also posts a brochure called *66 Questions and Answers on the Holocaust*, originally issued by the Institute for Historical Review, a California based Holocaust denial organization. The publication disclaims any evidence that six million Jews were killed in the Holocaust and asserts that "after the war, millions of Jews were still alive in Europe. Hundreds of thousands (perhaps as many as one and a half million) had died of all causes during the war. Others had emigrated to Palestine, the United States and other countries."

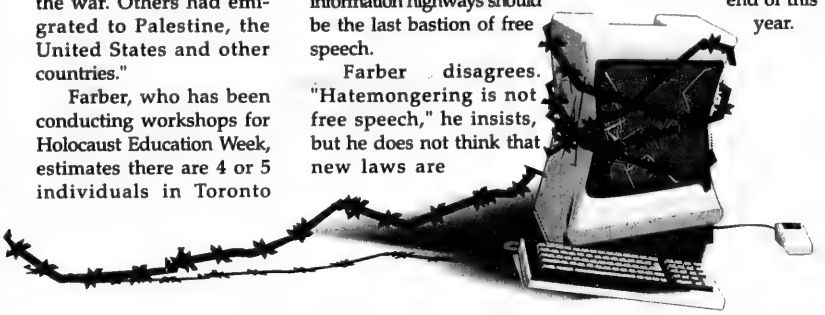
Farber, who has been conducting workshops for Holocaust Education Week, estimates there are 4 or 5 individuals in Toronto who engage in hatemongering on the Internet but maintains the problem is international and hard to control. "In those cases where the material borders on illegal, laws can be applied, but the difficulty lies in locating the direct source," says Farber.

In Canada, Criminal Code provisions against inciting hatred apply to the Internet and the Canadian Human Rights Act forbids the promotion of hatred or contempt by telephone line.

However, many Internet users oppose content regulations because they feel information highways should be the last bastion of free speech.

Farber disagrees. "Hatemongering is not free speech," he insists, but he does not think that new laws are warranted or possible. Instead, he says,"we have to look at more imaginative ways of making society more responsible." Encouraging users to adopt a voluntary code of ethics is one of the options he favours. Educating users is another. "It's all about understanding who the good guys and bad guys are."

The Canadian Jewish Congress has already set up a committee to monitor the Internet for Canadian hate and is expected to develop specific recommendations on how to deal with the problem by the end of this year.



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Regent outlines Jordan's vision and approach to regional development

By P.V. Vivekanand
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The concept of economic development of the Middle East and taking advantage of the business opportunities in the region is all on of peace appears to be the underlying theme of the conference, His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hussein said Tuesday.

The Crown Prince cited the expected attendance of government leaders and businessmen from 63 countries at next week's Middle East and North Africa (MENA) summit as one of the strongest signs of the acceptance, adding that Jordan was making sure bilateral moves towards realising the

Croatia talks resume; Bosnia in focus in U.S

Page one of the Jordan Times included an article with a Canadian Jewish angle.

Hineni members were hosted by Jordan's Crown Prince Hassan, King Hussein's son, at the royal palace - an event that would probably not have been possible before Israel and Jordan signed a peace treaty this year.

A *Jordan Times* reporter, P.V. Vivekanand, wrote about the Crown Prince's encounter with the Canadian contributors. "Earlier in the day, the Crown Prince met with a Canadian Jewish Appeal delegation and said there was a lot to be done in the peace era and after the signing of the Jordan-Israel peace treaty for building sustainable peace in the region," said the article.

United Israel Appeal Missions Director, Victor Yagoda, described the Crown Prince as a "real mench."

"We were all excited to have an audience with him, especially on short notice," said Dr. Gerry Halbert, President of United Israel Appeal of Canada. "He introduced himself and shook hands with everyone."

Halbert, who was at the Israel-Jordan peace agreement signing ceremony, expressed pleasure at how much progress has been made in relations between the two countries.

The Hineni participants also visited sites supported by their donations; among them, the *Canada Centre* recreation complex in Metulla, Israel's northernmost city. There, they participated in the dedication of Israel's only Olympic-sized skating rink, built through a gift given to UIA by Bill and Dorothy Drevnig. Canada Centre attracts about 500,000 visitors a year.

Also on the itinerary were trips to Or Yehuda, Beit Dagan and Kfar Gvirol - communities in which Canadian donors have invested through the Project Renewal program - and the Collier Community Centre in Eilat, a UJA-financed facility.

"It seemed like the whole neighbourhood was there," recalled Dr. Allan Reitzes, Executive Vice President of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. "It was a real celebration."

Young leaders doing the right thing

Government budget cuts, immmigration and social policy, were just some of the hot topics recently covered at UJA's annual Young Leadership Network retreat. More than 40 people participated in the one day program hosted by Marlene and Robert Axmith.

Do the Right Thing, the theme of this year's retreat, was about "finding out what our responsibilities are to the Jewish community and to the general community," according to Jeff Kirsh, who co-chaired the event with Hannah Springer. "It was a day for those already significantly involved with the Campaign to gain a more in-depth understanding of the issues affecting the community."

First on the agenda was a briefing from Jewish Family and Child Service, followed by break-out sessions with social workers leading group discussions about specific cases. "It gave us a look at a side of the community most of us don't get the opportunity to see", says Kirsh.

Steven Shulman, Associate National Director of Community Relations at Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region, offered an overview of CJC's political agenda. Rabbi Mark Dratch was on hand to discuss what Jewish law and tradition have to say about welfare and social responsibility, and Leo Levi recounted the warm welcome he received from Jewish Immigrant Aid Service, a Federation supported agency, after arriving in Toronto from war-torn Sarajevo. He thanked the community for helping him find a job and an apartment.

YLN retreat co-chairs Hannah Springer and Jeff Kirsh.

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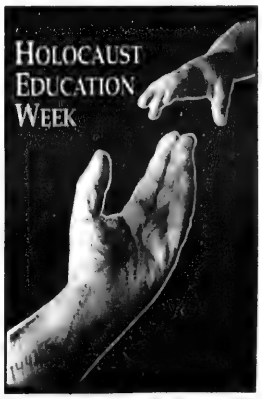

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The German medical establishment paved the way for the Final Solution, according to a leading expert on medical practices and theories during the Nazi era.

Dr. William Seidelman, medical director of Wellesley Hospital's HIV ambulatory program, recently told some 200 people at Pride of Israel Congregation during Holocaust Education Week that the idea "of mass destruction arose in medicine" — doctors made it possible and acceptable.

Seidelman spoke of the widespread Nazi-era practice of eugenics: forced sterilization and euthanasia in order to put into practice the racial purification/hygiene theories espoused by the German medical establishment.

He gave a chilling account of the euthanasia program carried out from 1940-41 authorizing the medical murders of 70,000 mentally disabled people living in institutions.

Euthanasia experts travelled to mental institutions "to find patients for the program" who were then transported to "killing centres" at one of six psychiatric hospitals, the basements of which were specially equipped with gas chambers that looked like showers, and crematoria for burning remains, Seidelman said. "Turning on the gas was a designated medical act."

A "pilot project" for a feasibility study on the Final Solution, using Jews and Polish resistance fighters, was launched at these killing centres, which became the prototype for the large-scale gas chambers and crematoria used at the Nazi death camps, he said.

According to Seidelman, German physicians were overrepresented in the Nazi party, with 46 per cent of them members. "Nazi medicine was mainstream."

Joseph Mengele, the notorious medical director at Auschwitz, "could not have done what he did without being part of the establishment."

The German medical establishment's views on racial hygiene and eugenics were well-documented in scientific journals and were read by the international scientific community, Seidelman said.

In fact, he began his investigation of German medical history 15 years ago after reading one of these articles in an American medical journal from the '30s and discovering that the world's scientists neither commented nor censured German racial theories.

Following the paper trail has been an arduous task for Seidelman because most Nazi physicians (few were prosecuted after the war) became part of the post-war medical establishment, which has used its power to suppress information about the Nazi period, he said.

He pointed out that every research institute, medical institution and psychiatric hospital that participated in the killings and exploitation are still in existence. Furthermore, there has never been a nation-wide effort to rid the research and teaching institutions of the medical specimens gathered during the Third Reich, Seidelman said.

Dr. William Seidelman

"The skeletons of Polish resistance fighters are probably still being used [as teaching tools] today."

Lawyer finds Nazi war criminals unremorseful

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — No expression of remorse by those accused of Nazi war crimes was ever heard by one U.S. lawyer assigned to prosecute them.

"I was involved with a dozen or more of them and I never heard an expression of regret from anyone," Robert G. Seasonwein of Washington, D.C. told a Holocaust Education Week meeting at Beth Sholom Synagogue. He replaced Alan Held of Minneapolis, who could not attend because of family illness.

The Office of Special Investigations (OSS) in the U.S. Department of Justice, to which Seasonwein is attached, prosecuted 100 cases of those accused of Nazi war crimes, and only three of those charged admitted atrocities, he said.

Typical of their attitude, he said, was a man who drove a truck from Vilnius to Belarus, where he picked up people and drove them to a gravel pit.

"He told me, if you can believe it, that he never looked at the people in the truck and didn't know what happened at the gravel pit," Seasonwein said.

"When we talked with them, they came across as ordinary people and gave no hint that they could have taken part in atrocities. I have no explanation of why they did it."

Seasonwein acknowledged there is "not a lot of interest in European countries in pursuing [Nazi war criminals] any more. People want to let this die off," he said.

"I'm not entirely sure if it [the Holocaust] couldn't happen again. It's important for people to be aware of the potential evil in anyone, just below the surface."

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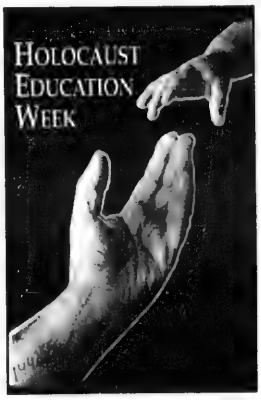

Holocaust Museum compiling list of names

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C., has begun work on a central index of names using an astonishing and diverse range of Holocaust sources, including the so-called Auschwitz Death Books, copies of which the museum acquired only three months ago.

"We have about 500,000 names on the database at the moment," said Peter Lande, the retired career diplomat who is a leading consultant to the project. "It's small, but it's growing."

Speaking at a meeting of the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada during Holocaust Education Week, Lande gave a sense of the enormity of the project as he described some of the sources being used.

During the Shoah, the Germans confiscated Jewish records of all kinds from all over Europe and shipped them to Berlin. When the Russians overtook Berlin in 1945, they seized these records and stashed them into archives in Moscow. In recent years, personnel from the U.S. Holocaust Museum have been permitted to microfilm some of them, Lande said.

Similarly, museum personnel have attained copies of many Nazi-kept lists of deportations, transports and concentration camp inmates, as well as a surprising amount of Holocaust-era Polish-Jewish records located in French archives.

In 1944, all Jews in Nazi-occupied Hungary were required to provide detailed family trees to the authorities, and the museum expects to include these in the master index as well.

The Auschwitz Death Books, which the Russians confiscated from the Nazis and kept hidden in Moscow until 1990, provide many details about inmates. Similar books from Bergen-Belsen have also recently come to light.

A list of 250,000 Jews from Lodz, a list of Jews in France prior to the Nazi invasion, even Schindler's celebrated list of saved Jews will eventually be integrated into the central index, according to Lande, who said that more than two million names are waiting to be input.

"It's never going to be nice and neat," he said. "It's going to be a cut-and-paste index. Think of a jigsaw puzzle with millions of pieces and no pattern. That's what we're working on."

The museum's central index will certainly be a boon to Holocaust researchers and genealogists, but Lande expressed indifference to the revisionist preoccupation with the number of Jews killed. "The death of six million people is a statistic, the death of one person is a tragedy," he said. "That's my approach."

'The past is never dead'

To further elucidate his philosophy, Lande quoted the American writer William Faulkner: "The past is never dead; in fact, the past is never passed."

Lande appealed for 10 volunteers in the Toronto area to enter names into a computer, and another 10 to act as proofreaders. "Our problem is not a lack of information," he said. "We have lots of information, and we're getting more every day ... What we need is people to enter the data and to proofread the data."

Lande's encyclopedic knowledge of the Holocaust became especially apparent in the question-and-answer session that followed his talk, when many people asked about many respective localities and concentration camps. "Treblinka? Forget it," he said in answer to one questioner. "There was no work detail at Treblinka — off the train, and that was it. All we have are transport lists."

To another, he explained that contrary to popular belief, being shipped to Auschwitz was not necessarily a death sentence.

"If you were under 15, you went into the wrong line immediately, and the same if you were over 45," he said. "If a person was between those ages, there was a fair chance that he was put into a work detail and shipped somewhere else."

Comparing the Holocaust Museum's envisioned index with the three million names already on record at the Yad Vashem museum in Israel, Lande explained that Yad Vashem's records were based entirely on personal memory, whereas the Holocaust Museum's records would come entirely from documentary sources.

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צוקונפטיקע היסטאָריקערס וועלן זיכער וויסמענען אַ סך אויפמערקזאַמקייט צו דריי בעריכטס פּראָצעסן אין 20-טן יאָרהונדערט אין דער מאַראַיניקסטער אומגליקלעכער, אומגעגלומפּערטער און שווערלעכער פּראָצעסן: דער סאַקאָ און וואַנצעטי פּראָצעס; דער ראָזענבערג פּראָצעס און דער א. דושעי. סימפּסאָן פּראָצעס. די דריי אודטיילן האָבן אַרויסגעוויזן אַ סך צערודערונג צוליב דער אַמעריקאַנער באַפעלקערונג.

דער ערשטער פּראָצעס איז געווען קעגן סאַקאָ און וואַנצעטי אין יאָר 1927. דעמאָלט האָבן אין שטאַט מאַסאַטשוסעטס געבושעוועט אַ באַגד רויבער און גנבֿים, וועלכע האָבן בערויבט אין בעיקרן־ע"ט מענטשן. די פּאָליציי איז געווען אומבאַהאָלפן. מען האָט געזוכט די רויבער, אָבער זיי נישט געפונען.

האָט מען אויסגעזוכט אַ „שׂיח לְנָאוֹאל" — צווישן אמעריקאַנער פון איטאַליענישן אָפשטאַם. ביידע זיינען געווען אַנארכיסטן, און זיינען נישט געווען שווה־בשווה מיטן געוועק אויף געווייסע געבינטן, אָבער זיי זיינען נישט געווען קיין רויבער און גאַנישט געהאַט צו טאָן מיט בעזונדטע מער־דער. אין יענע יאָרן זיינען אנארכיסטן געווען שטאַרק אומפאָפּולער ביי אַ סך אמעריקאַנער בירגער, צוליב זייערע גאַסלאַווע טאַטן. האָט מען די צוויי אַרעסטירטע איטאַליענער באשולדיקט אין די פארברעכנס און זיי פאַר־משפּט צום טויט אויף דער עלעקטרישער שטול. די גאַנצע וועלט האָט איינגעצייטערט פון דער אומגערעכטיקייט. יאָרן לאַנג נאָך 1927 האָט דאָס אומשולדיקע — וי הבל'ס — בלוט געשריגן צו גאָט און צו דער וועלט. אָרום 50 יאָר שפּעטער האָט די אַמעריקאַנער יסטיץ זיך מודה געווען אין דעם טראַגישן טעות.

דער צווייטער בלוטיקער פּראָצעס און די נישט־פאַרדינטע שטראָף איז פאַרגעקומען אין די 50־ער יאָרן. די רעגירונג האָט באַשולדיקט דאָס פּאָרמאַלק דושלידיס און עסל ראָזענבערג אין שפּיאָנירן פאַר די סאָוועטן. עס איז גאָנץ מעגלעך, אַז די ראָזענבערגס, וויי טרייע קאָמוניסטן, זיינען בא־גאַנגען דעם פאַרברעכן, וויייל זיי האָבן נישט רעאַליזירט, אַז זיי דינען אַ פאַלשן אָפּגאָט, סטאַלין, וואָס איז אַ ביטערער שונא פון יידישן פאָלק. זיי זיינען אויך פאַראורטיילט געווארן צום טויט אויף דער עלעקטרישער שטול. אויך דער אודטיל האָט אַרויסגעזען צאָרן און פּראָטעסטן איבער דער גאַנצער וועלט. אָבער דער דאָזיקער נייער פּרעזידענט אייזענהאָוער האָט זיך אָפּגעזאָגט, טראָץ אַלעם, צו ענדערן דעם אורטיל. (ס'איז פאַראַן אַ סברא, אַז זייער יידישער אָפשטאַם האָט אויך מיטגעווירקט אינעם טויט־אורטיל).

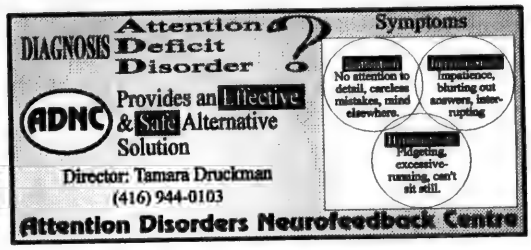
איצט, דער דריטער פּראָצעס מיט אַ נישט־פאַרדינטן אורטיל: דער אַ. דושעי. סימפּסאָן פּראָצעס, וואָס איז נישט לאַנג צוריק פאַרגעקומען אין לאָס־אַנדושעלעס. סימפּסאָן איז באַשולדיקט געווארן אין דעם טאָפּלטן מאָרד: אין הרג־ענען זיין (געווטענע) פרוי אַן אַ יידישן בוזר, גאָלדמאַן.

ס'דערמאָנט דאָס טאַטיאָווסקיס קלאָשישע טראַגעדיע „פאַרברעכן און שמאָך". דער פאַרברעכער, דאָסקאָלניקאָוו, איז נישט געווען קיין „קלאַ־סישער" מערדער פון אַ קלַר־טיפּ, וויי אַן אַרעמער סטודענט, וואָס גייט אויס פון הונגער דריי מאָל אין טאָג, וועג ער איז געווארן צוגעזדיקט צו דעו וואָנט דאָס ער זיך מודה געווען. דערפאַר האָט מען אים אָנשטאָט טויט־שטראָף פאַרשיקט קיין סיבּיר אין די קוילן־גרובן.

אַ. דושעי. סימפּסאָן, אַ שוואַרצער אמעריקאַנער, איז געווען פּראָמי־נענט אין ספּאָרט און אויך אַנדערע געבינטן און זייער ריך. דערויבער האָט דער פּראָצעס זיך גענומען בלויז 9 חדשים און אַרויסגעווען אַ שפּאַנענדן אינטערעס. יאָ, די צוקוקער און צוהערער זיינען געווען זיכער, אַז ער איז שולדיק. אָבער די פּראָקוראָטור האָט נישט באַוויזן צו איבערצייגן די זשורי אין סימפּסאָנס שולד. סימפּסאָנס פאַרטיידיקער, וויסנריק אַז זיי פאַר־דריען דעם אמת, האָבן פאַרקויפט זייערע נשמות פאַר געלט, וויי אין דער אַפּערע „פאַוסט", וואו דער העלד פאַרקויפט זיין נשמה צום טייוול פאַר יונג־ריין. די זשורי פון 12, וואָס איז באַשטאַנען פון 9 שוואַרצע און בלויז 2 וויסע, האָט געמעגן בלויז אָרום 3 שעה נישט צו אַבאַליידן די געוועלטי־קייט, נין, נאָר צו באַפרייען דעם טאָפּלט־מערדער מיטן אורטיל „נאָט גילטי" (נישט שולדיק).

דער אורטיל וואָס אַרויסגערופן גרויס צאָרן ביי דער מערהייט פון דער וויסער באַפעלקערונג און גרויס פרייד ביי דער מערהייט פון דער שוואַרצער באַפעלקערונג. דאָס האָט פאַרטיפּט די חלוקה ביי די אַמעריקא־נער בירגער.

אַזוי האָט זיך געענדיקט דער אַזוי־גערופענער „פּראָצעס פון 20־טן יאָרהונדערט". וי ביי סאַקאָ און וואַנצעטי, וועט דאָ אפשר פּריער פון 50 יאָר אַרויסקומען צי געראַכטיקייט.



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The men's clubs and brotherhoods of Holy Blossom Temple, Beth Shalom, Shaarei Shomayim and Beth Tzedec congregations present Transplantation: It Could Happen to You! with **Dr. Edward Cole**, chief of renal transplantation at Toronto Hospital, and commentary by **Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl**, 10 a.m. Beth Tzedec.

HEALING FROM WITHIN

At Adath Shalom Sisterhood's breakfast meeting, **Sarah Hardoon** from Kabbalah speaks on Healing from Within. Breakfast 9:30 a.m., lecture 10:30. **Viki** 783-3569.

A MORAL DILEMMA

Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut, senior scholar, Holy Blossom Temple, discusses Asylum: A Moral Dilemma at Temple Sinai. Services 9:30 a.m., breakfast following, program 10 a.m. $3.

GRAND SOCIETY

GRAND Society (Grandparents Requesting Access and Dignity) meets 1 p.m., 16 Spadina Rd. Speaker **Prof. Ben Schlesinger** from University of Toronto. $5 non-members.

Monday, Nov. 27

SECOND MILLENIUM

Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Jerusalem 3000 series presents Second Millenium — The Maccabees, Harod and the Second Temple, **Aaron Nussbaum**, 8 p.m.

SUPPORT GROUP

Support Group for Parents, Friends and Lovers of Gays and Lesbians meets 7:30 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple. Call in confidence, **Ruth** 763-9111.

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LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League-Vaughan focuses on The Art of Breastfeeding, 7:30 p.m., 199 Glenmanor Way, Thornhill. **Joyce** 905-881-8779 or **Nancy** 905-889-1445.

Tuesday, Nov. 28

EXPULSION AND MEMORY

New Leadership, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, sponsors the premiere performance of *Expulsion and Memory: Descendants of the Hidden Jews*, a documentary on the Maranos of Spain, produced and directed by **Simcha Jacobovici**, who will present a post-film commentary, 7:45 p.m., Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Adults $22, students $20. 485-8000.

THE DYING ELDERLY

Rabbi Moshe Stern discusses The Dying Elderly — What is Our Ethical and Moral Responsibility?, 8 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

MEMBERSHIP NIGHT

Elan chapter, Jewish Women International, membership night with culinary demonstration, food tasting, 7:30 p.m. **Jocelyn** 905-764-8136 after 6 p.m.

THE POWER OF SHEMA

Rabbi Avraham Plotkin class on The Power of Shema, 8 p.m., Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. 905-886-0420.

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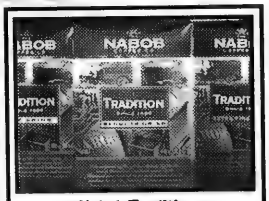

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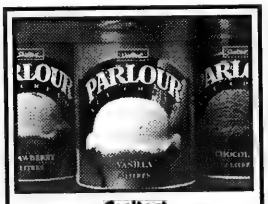

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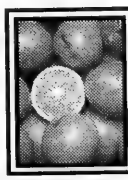

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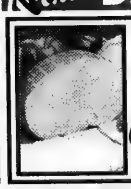

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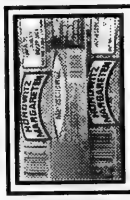

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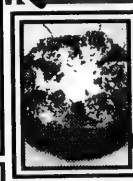

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What's New

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Rabbi Baruch Taub's lecture, 8 p.m., Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre, Thronhill. 905-731-7000.

Wednesday, Nov. 29

PRAYER AND HAPPINESS

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda series with **Elliot Malamet** continues with Prayer and Happiness, 8 p.m.

SHMIRAS HALASHON

Rabbi M.M. Lowy speaks on Shmiras Halashon as It Pertains to Shidduch Issues; question and answer period, 8 p.m., Agudath Israel, 129 McGillivray Ave. 667-0634.

Thursday, Nov. 30

ISRAEL AND DIASPORA

Beth Tzedec Congregation's Itta and Eliezer Zeisler Beth Midrash series features Israel and Distressed Diaspora Communities with **Baruch Gur**, representative of Jewish Agency for Israel in Canada, previously in charge of Operation Exodus in the former Soviet Union, 8 p.m.

VICTIM OF SURVIVAL

United Jewish People's Order sponsors the official launch of **Endre Klein's** book, *Victim of Survival*, excerpts read by **Fran Elliot** of Medina Theatre Company; **Zoe Zahara**, performance artist; and question and answers with the author, 7:30 p.m., 585 Cranbrooke Ave. 789-5502.

And What Else Is New...

GOLDA AT HOLY BLOSSOM

Holy Blossom Stagecraft Company presents *Golda* by **William Gibson** as a fundraiser for Kolel: a Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning. Saturday, Dec. 9, 8 p.m. $12 in advance, $14 at door including sweet table with cast. 905-709-1900 or 789-3291, ext. 238, or Holy Blossom.

BUSTLES TO BACKPACKS

An historical fashion show chronicling fashions from the turn of the century to the present, hosted by **Jonathon Walford** of Bata Shoe Museum, Monday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m., Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue. $18. 633-3838.

AWARD PRESENTED

At Senior Care's (Community Services to Jewish Elderly) recent Volunteer Recognition, Thelma Harris receives the Sam Rotman Humanitarian Award for her participation in the Kosher Meals on Wheels program and the Volunteer Escort and Transportation Service.

STUDY LUNCHEON

Beth Tzedec Congregation Shabbat Study Luncheon with **Rabbi Fritz Rothschild** speaking on Jewish Perspectives on Christianity: A New Approach to Mutual Understanding and Our Common "Biblical" Heritage, Saturday, Dec. 2, at noon, following services. Prepaid reservations by Tuesday, Nov. 28. 781-3511, ext. 13.

THE UPTOWN SHUL

Rabbi Avraham Greenbaum, translator of the works of Rav Nachman of Breslov, addresses the Uptown Shul, lower level Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, Nov. 25 and 26. 638-6915.

Shabbaton, Saturday, Nov. 25: Services 8:45 a.m. followed by kiddush and talk on Jewish Pathways to Spirituality: Meditation from an Insider's Perspective. Mincha 4:20 p.m. followed by seudah shlishit and talk, Devekus: Yearning for an Attachment to Our Creator.

Mystical Melava Malcha, Saturday, 8:30 p.m.: Under the Table and How to Get Up: An Evening of Jewish Mysticism with Insights, Stories and Chassidic Melodies.$7.

Jewish Learning Seminar, Sunday, Nov. 26: Wings of the Sun: Traditional Jewish Healing in Theory and Practice, 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Kosher lunch and refreshments; $30. Reserve.

THE ULTIMATE SIMCHAH

Jewish Women Leading the Way — songs, music and laughter, sponsored by International Campaign to Bring Mashiach, Toronto, features Jewish Women's Choir, Chaya Smukler and Co;, **Yocheved Lipsker** (Morristown, N.J.), art display, Monday, Dec. 4, 8 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre. $10, Negev, Israels, or call 665-0134. Dedicated for the *zchut* of Sarah bas Hadassah.

AISH HATORAH

A Discovery Presentation: The Zenith Express, **Rabbi Aryeh Pamensky**, Monday, Nov. 27, 7:30 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, 949 Clark Ave. W. 905-764-1818.

The Prism Paradigm: Probing Spirituality 4 — Life, Death and the World to Come, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 8 p.m., Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W. 905-764-1818.

YEDIDAI SHABBAT

Yedidai Shabbat — Friends of the Sabbath: Torah from a humanistic point of view plus traditional Shabbat content, Friday, Dec. 1, 8 p.m. 488-0688.

JRSC AT YORK

Jewish Russian Students Club at York University activities include Shabbat and holidays, educational and social programs, talks, weekly classes. Look for flyers or call program's sponsor, Jewish Russian Community Centre 222-7105.

JF&CS WORKSHOPS

Jewish Family & Child Service parenting groups beginning in January — Living With Teens, Parenting the Pre-schooler, Parenting the School Age Child, Parenting the Difficult Teen, Single Parent Challenges. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Women's Institute of Torah Study lectures, Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. 905-889-6066.

Monday, Nov. 27, 8 p.m., Rachel and Leah: Two Sisters and Two Destinies, **Chana Weisberg**, dean.

Wednesday, Nov. 29, 10-11 a.m., What Does Judaism Say About Hell?, **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**.

POLITICAL INTERNSHIP

The Orthodox Union's Institute for Public Affairs' Internship Program is seeking to place Orthodox Jewish college students (sophomores or juniors) in Washington, D.C. offices this summer, to serve in congressional and senatorial offices and in Jewish organizations. For applications, **Deena Shiff**, 212-613-8128. Submission deadline Feb. 15, 1996.

HENIG'S NEW BOOK

Harry Henig's new book, *Product of Rape* is now available at Shaare Zedek office, 3089 Bathurst St., Suite 205. All proceeds go to Shaare Zedek Hospital in Jerusalem. 781-3584.

at the JCC/BJC

Bloor JCC Auction of Fine Art fundraiser, Saturday, Nov. 25, begins 6:30 p.m. with wine and cheese preview followed by auction at 8. Admission $10. Preregistration 924-6211.

Bloor JCC Good Age Club lecture on Research Your Family History with **Henry Wellisch**, president, Jewish Genealogical Society, Thursday, Nov. 30, 2 p.m. **Judy** 924-6211.

BJC offers a two-week free trial for health club and athletic facilities until Jan. 31. Includes fitness assessment and program. 636-1880, ext. 375.

For Seniors

LZA Seniors Club: Chanukah party, latkes, entertainment by **Phil Gold** and orchestra, Saturday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m., Borochov Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.; Discussion Group Tuesdays, 10 a.m.; Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: Final arrangements confirmed for kosher trip to Arizona and Los Angeles; kosher trips to Ottawa, Western Canada, Miami are planned **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Nov. 30 **Yehuda Marle**, shaliach, Hashomer Hatzair, speaks on The Peace Process Between Israel and the Palestinians. 661-4689.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club Chanukah party, Dec. 20, 1-4 p.m. 395-7881.

Young at Heart Seniors: Trip to Florida package deal, plane included and pick-up in Miami and return, $1,660 Canadian double occupancy, Sasson Hotel, medical according to age. **Helen** 635-6343.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Osteoporosis Support Group, Tuesday, Nov. 28, 1:30 p.m. **Brenda**.

Etrog, an Israeli cultural club, meets 7 p.m. Wednesdays. **Anna**.

The movie *House Sitter*, Sunday, Nov. 26, 2:30 p.m.

Dance to the music of Creative Band, Sunday, Nov. 26, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

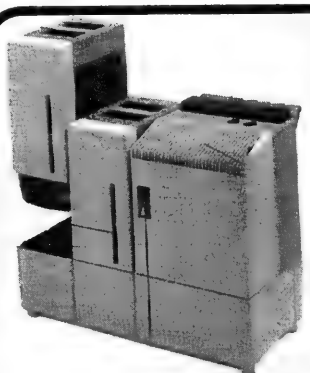
Bernard Betel Centre Creative Choir, Wednesday, Nov. 29, 1:30.

CFTAU MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION

Tel Aviv University's Elhanan Helpman (left), laureate of the Israel Prize in Economics, was guest lecturer of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University (CFTAU) at a recent membership reception. Helpman was in Toronto for meetings in his capacity as director of The Economic Growth and Policy Program of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research (CIAR). With him are Reva Gerstein of CIAR and Marty Goldberg, Toronto president, CFTAU. [ANM photo].

CJC HOSTS MAYOR OF SARAJEVO

The World Jewry and International Affairs Committee of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, hosted Mayor of Sarajevo Tarik Kuposovic (third from left) recently at Greenwin Management offices. Some of the Congress officials at the meeting were (from left) political liaison committee chair Cary Green; Ontario region chair Moshe Ronen; World Jewry co-chair Joe Turkel; region vice-chair Esther Bem-Guth; and World Jewry co-chair Bruno Rubinger. [Daniel Fine photo].



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Bar Mitzvah boy 'twins' with Holocaust victim

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Larry and Arna Banack's quest to bring meaning to their son's Nov. 11 bar mitzvah celebration at Beth Sholom Synagogue has succeeded beyond their expectations.

On a personal level, the Toronto couple and their three children — Adam, 13; Hailey, 10; and Mara, 8 — have been enriched by their association with Holocaust survivor Max Eisen, 66. For his bar mitzvah, Adam chose to "twin" with Eisen's brother Shmuel, who died in Auschwitz at age 12.

The idea was based on a concept popular in the 1970s, when many bar and bat mitzvah celebrants twinned with refuseniks from the former Soviet Union, said Larry.

On a community level, the Banacks' idea has spawned a formalized bar/bat mitzvah twinning program at the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre of Toronto. Coincidentally, Adam's bar mitzvah turned out to be in the middle of Holocaust Education Week.

"We thought it was really important that a bar mitzvah be more than just a party," Arna told *The CJN*. "We wanted to do something that underlined the importance of continuity."

Holocaust survivor Max Eisen shows Adam Banack, 13, the plaque commemorating his family at the Holocaust Memorial and Education Centre. [Frances Kraft photo]

With that in mind, the Banack family began by visiting the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, after which the idea of twinning began to take shape.

Adam, a student at Forest Hill Public School, also volunteered at the Baycrest Centre for Geriatric Care and participated in a pre-bar mitzvah program to help make the preparation year more meaningful. This summer, the family visited Israel, where Adam read from the Torah at Masada.

But probably the most challenging aspect was translating into reality the Banacks' idea of twinning with a Holocaust victim.

"We wanted to know something about the child who had died. We didn't want just a name," said Arna.

Adam's relatives had immigrated before the Holocaust, so Larry and Arna turned to friends to help locate a survivor willing to share memories of a child who had perished.

It appeared their search would be in vain. One person told them flatly, "Forget this. No survivor would want to talk about it."

Finally, they contacted Pnina Zilberman, director of the Holocaust Memorial & Education Centre, who put them in touch with Eisen.

For him, the experience was healing, he said after the bar mitzvah, which he and his family attended as honored guests. "It was like the circle has come around."

Adam, who spoke at his bar mitzvah of "continuing the tradition that skipped Shmuel's generation," felt comfortable with Eisen almost immediately, he said. They met several times, along with the rest of the Banack family. Each conversation lasted hours.

Eisen recalls his brother Shmuel as a clever boy who excelled at school and cheder. Until war broke out in 1939, their family — three brothers, their parents, paternal grandparents and an aunt and uncle — lived an idyllic life in a large house in Czechoslovakia. Their town became part of Hungary following the breakup of Czechoslovakia in 1939.

Max's father owned a small distillery; his grandfather and uncle, a lumberyard.

In the summer of 1943, his mother gave birth to a girl. Nine months later the family was shipped to Auschwitz. Max, who had celebrated his own bar mitzvah in 1942, was the only one to survive.

Following the war he spent three years boarding at a yeshivah near Prague, apprenticing as a dental technician while continuing his Jewish education. He immigrated to Canada in 1949.

In Toronto, he began to rebuild his life. His English improved dramatically with much reading and frequent trips to the movies.

Eisen's first job in Toronto was at Art Bookbinding. The Canadian-born woman who hired him — Rose Cosman, a part-owner of the company — invited him for dinner and welcomed him into her home as family. In 1952, they became family when Eisen married Cosman's daughter Ivy.

"I think it's a very good idea," said Max of the twinning project. "This is a way of guarding that something like [the Holocaust] never happens again."

Singles Events

Singles events is an advertising feature of *The Canadian Jewish News*. **Deadline is Monday, 5:00 p.m., 10 days preceding issue date.** For rates, or to place an ad, please call Janice at 422-2528.

Beth David Single Parents Committee, Channukah Party, Sat. Dec. 2, 1995, Party begins at 8 p.m. $20 in advance, $25. at the door. Reserve by Nov. 26, 1995. For more info. call 416-633-5500.

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Nov. 25th, Special Singles Dance with DJ Eugene. $12.50 with light dinner. For reservations call: Crystal Banquet Hall, 661-9600.

From coast to coast

B.C. Roundup

Stories by Maurice Lucow

Torah Dedicated

WHITE ROCK, B.C. — More than 200 members of the White Rock/Surrey Jewish Community Centre recently welcomed and dedicated their new Torah, presented to them by Morris and Deena Wosk and family of Vancouver.

White Rock and the neighboring community of Surrey are about 50 kilometres south of Vancouver, near the U.S. border.

The centre, located temporarily in the White Rock Centennial Park Pavilion, was organized by the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver (JFGV) about a year ago.

Present at the ceremony were White Rock Mayor Bob Bose; Councilman David Webb; members of the area's clergy; Drew Saffenberg, executive director of the JFGV; Itzchak Fuchs, Jewish National Fund shaliach; and Norman Franks, Israel Bonds director for Western Canada.

The dedication ceremony began with a procession through the community led by Hebrew school teachers Jeff and Jean Solomon and 50 children singing and waving Israeli flags. The Torah was handed to Ken Wosk, who carried it through the crowd to the centre, which also serves as the shul. Wosk turned it over to the community president Ted Gerstl, who accepted the Torah "with profound humility and appreciation."

Gerstl, speaking to the children, said, "Everything that is essential and important for you to know is in the Torah, a Torah that is here for you, residing forever in White Rock, and to learn from."

Impressed with the size and enthusiasm of the White Rock/Surrey Centre membership, Wosk urged Gerstl: "When you're on a roll, go for it," and he pledged $25,000 for the construction of a building for the community, if Bose and his council could provide the land.

Children and the Holocaust

VANCOUVER — More than 2,000 Lower Mainland pupils and teachers from Grade 5 and up are expected to see the exhibit *We Were Children Then* by the time it closes in mid-December.

The exhibit at the Vancouver Holocaust Education Centre comprises photos, letters and a few possessions saved by 17 Vancouver Jews who were hidden or in camps as children during the Holocaust.

"These few photographs are the only tangible images that we have of our carefree childhoods," states a large poster at the entrance to the exhibit. "We did not know then, nor could we ever have imagined, just what was in store for us, just because we were Jewish."

The exhibit is powerful in its simplicity, showing happy-go-lucky youngsters at play or generally enjoying life with their families, plus artifacts the kids managed to conceal from their Nazi captors.

A teaching guide sent to teachers in advance of class tours points out that from 1933 to 1939, German Jewish children were barred from schools and other public places by the race-segregation Nuremberg Laws. Frantic parents managed to get thousands of the children on "Kindertransports" to Britain. Some were hidden by non-Jewish families and others were deported to concentration camps, where 1.5 million of them perished.

The guide also contains replicas of letters and postcards shown in the exhibit.

The 17 survivors all take turns appearing in person during the schoolchildren's visits to respond to questions and make the events of 50 years ago more relevant to the present.

The teaching manual says the fate of the children during the Holocaust shocked the world and served as a catalyst for the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of the Child on Nov. 20, 1959. That day is designated as National Child Day in Canada.

Dr. Serge Vanry, president of the Holocaust Society's Child Survivor group, says that when he came to Canada in 1947, he had been advised by local people not to think or talk about his experience.

"But we have to talk about it," he said. "We keep hearing the Holocaust deniers saying it didn't happen.

"If we are not going to be witnesses and speak up, then what will happen to the next generation? Statistics and numbers are meaningless. A personal experience has great impact."

The exhibit was curated by Viviane Gosselin and the teachers' guide was designed by Frieda Miller, education coordinator of the Holocaust Education Centre. The guide has an extensive list of books and songs, as well as a glossary of terminology used in discussing the Nazis and the Holocaust.

Recalling Kristallnacht

VICTORIA — German-born Hubert Beyer still remembers what he saw as a child on Kristallnacht in his hometown of Dusseldorf.

He recalled that terrible night at the annual Kristallnacht commemoration, held here recently at Congregation Emanu-El.

Beyer, a syndicated columnist who resides in Victoria, said the morning after the Nazis went on their rampage in November, 1938, he and his mother, who was taking him to nursery school, "stepped out the door of our apartment building and were confronted with indescribable scenes."

He said the street was littered, knee-deep and higher in places, with household belongings.

"There were mountains of clothes, kitchen utensils, furniture, books, radios. Overnight, storm troopers had invaded the homes of Jews and thrown their entire belongings onto the streets. On the way to school, I saw storm troopers throw a grand piano out of what must have been a fourth- or fifth-storey window. The opening had been enlarged, probably with a sledge hammer."

Beyer, who is not Jewish, said history calls Kristallnacht the beginning of the systematic destruction of a people.

Beyer thanked the shul for inviting him "to this very important evening. That you would have me, a German-born Canadian, attend such a sad but essential ceremony, bears testimony to man's boundless capacity to forgive. It makes me joyous and humble at the same time." He emphasized, though, that he said forgive, not forget.

The service was conducted by Rabbi Victor Reinstein, who chanted the K'el Maleh Rachamim. He welcomed Syrt Walters, a Righteous Gentile who lives in Victoria. Walters presented the rabbi with a copy of his book on his experiences in hiding a Jewish family in his home in Holland during the war.

Primo Levi Parley

VANCOUVER — A two-day international conference on Primo Levi, a secular Italian Jew and Holocaust survivor who committed suicide in 1987, was held here recently.

Levi's work as a writer and Holocaust educator was discussed by academics from the United States and Canada at the event sponsored by the University of British Columbia's continuing studies department and the local Holocaust Education Centre.

In addition, *Zachor*, the publication of the Vancouver Holocaust Centre Society, featured Levi in its October issue.

Levi, born in Turin, joined a unit of Partisans in 1943 but was arrested soon after by the Italian fascist militia. A declared atheist, he said he was an "Italian citizen of Jewish blood," and was deported to Auschwitz in February 1944, where he was a prisoner until liberation a year later.

Because he was a chemist, Levi was forced by the Nazis to work for I. G. Farben Industries, a chemical manufacturer.

On his return to Turin in 1945, he wrote a book about his experience in Auschwitz, in which he said, "I tried to look objectively at the death camps — at the oppressors and the victims."

The book was rejected by Italian censors but was published in 1947 by a small press, and although it was ignored for years, by 1966, it was a European bestseller.

In 1947, Levi retired as manager of a chemical company and took up writing as a full-time career, until his death in 1987. At that time, his work was availabe in English and attracted considerable readership in North America.

By the end of his life, Levi was convinced the Holocaust was destined to become a routine historical atrocity. He was troubled, said Prof. Nicholas Patricca of Loyola University in Chicago, by the "sentimental distortions of survivors and sympathetic historians, and by the amnesia of those responsible for the exterminations."

Arthur Samuelson, who was Levi's American editor and publisher, says of Levi's book, *Survival in Auschwitz*: "He helped me recognize both the victims and the perpetrators and to understand just how human dehumanization can be."

Rabbi Wine Speaks

VICTORIA — Since 50 per cent of American Jews are not affiliated with their communities, the secular Humanistic Judaism movement is reaching out to a constituency that's not being served by other streams of Judaism, says Rabbi Sherwin Wine, founder of the international Society For Humanistic Judaism.

"We are not competitive," he says. "We provide a service to those who want to be Jewish but feel they cannot identify with the traditional ceremonials of Orthodox, Reform, Conservative and Reconstructionist congregations. We are a fifth alternative in Jewish life.

"Our principle is not to say things we don't believe. We don't wear *tallisim* or kippahs or things that suggest a different lifestyle," the rabbi told *The CJN* in an interview.

Rabbi Wine was in Victoria recently to address the Victoria Society For Humanistic Judaism, the only branch of the movement in Canada. There are about 50 branches in North America and in eight countries, with a total international membership of close to 35,000.

Rabbi Wine organized the first Humanistic synagogue — which he still serves — in Farmington Hills, near Detroit, 26 years ago.

"It's difficult to find the presence of a loving and just providence in the past 2,000 years of Jewish history," he said, "especially in this century of the Holocaust."

In the end, "we as Jews are masters of our own fate, solving our problems within ourselves. In terms of a non-theistic vocabulary and ideology, God is not a central force."

He pointed to the founders of Zionism and modern Israel as secular Jews, and to David Ben-Gurion, who said they couldn't wait for the Messiah. They founded the State of Israel with their own power, and kibbutzim were the first to practise Humanistic Judaism, he said.

The Humanistic movement reveres the 3,000-year-old history of the Jews but, said the rabbi, the world has changed and "we can't go back. We can't agree with the fundamentalists' views that only what they know is right. Judaism doesn't want to go back, and we must prepare to go forward into the 21st century."

In his own congregation, there are no services, no davening. Rather, a service is a "celebration," and davening, led by a trained leader, is "study time" on Saturday morning, including a short reading from the Torah or Talmud and other significant books, poetry, songs and discussion. There is "lots of audience participation."

"We respect the Torah as a most prestigious book, as the first document of Judaism, but not the fundamental document. Our children are required to know it. We start Shabbat with a reading from the Torah."

All Jewish holidays and Shabbat are celebrated, as are Jewish life cycles. After proper training, leaders are authorized by the synagogue, and legally, to perform marriages.

The movement is training rabbis at headquarters in Detroit, where the first rabbi will be ordained in two years. Rabbis must have a doctorate from a secular university and then study at the Humanistic seminary for five years, Rabbi Wine said.

JNF Plans

VANCOUVER — The Jewish National Fund of Canada (JNF) plans to raise $3 million as its share of the cost of building a park and amphitheatre as a gift to the Jerusalem 3000 festivities.

The project is international in scope, but Canada will likely be providing the largest share of the required amount, says Naomi Frankenburg of Vancouver, national chair for the Canadian campaign. Committees are being set up in major Canadian centres.

Frankenburg said the Canadian campaign expects to raise the $3 million through 1,000 contributors, who will give a minimum of $3,000 each.

"I'm optimistic we'll have no problem reaching our goal. We've already received some substantial gifts, some as high as $10,000," she said.

The campaign was slated to kick off at a special meeting in Ottawa on Nov. 19, with Moshe Rivlin, world chair of Keren Kayemeth Le'Israel, as the principal speaker.

Frankenberg said the municipality of Jerusalem has given the JNF a parcel of land in the southwestern part of the city. JNF, she said, will convert it into a park suitable for picnics "and as a place for people to come and relax."

The size of the open air amphitheatre has not yet been determined, but it will provide facilities for concerts and other entertainment. The Jerusalem-Tel Aviv railway will build a new depot near the park to allow for out-of-town visitors.

Frankenburg said it is hoped work on the project will be completed and the park dedicated by the end of 1996.

Another JNF undertaking for Jerusalem 3000 will be the establishment of a children's garden in the Jerusalem peace forest, to be financed by children around the world who will be asked to donate $18 each. This will be an educational project handled through the JNF's educational department.

Canadian children will play a major role in raising funds for the program, said Frankenburg.

From coast to coast

Chrétien failing to follow up referendum reprieve

Scene in Ottawa

By RICHARD CLEROUX

OTTAWA — The government has been frittering away the past month since the referendum. Time is running out.

Jean Chrétien just doesn't seem to get it. He goes around comparing himself to Joe Carter hitting a home run in the bottom of the ninth to win the World Series for the Blue Jays.

It was more like Chrétien being asleep at home plate and getting to first base on a third strike wild pitch.

It was ordinary Canadians who woke up Chrétien in the final days of the campaign by organizing their own rally in Montreal. The best Chrétien could contribute was a couple of somewhat lacklustre speeches in the final week.

Now Chrétien has the temerity to criticize Radio-Canada for not giving more coverage to his five-minute protocol speech at the United Nations on Oct. 22. Perhaps the network was more concerned with the country coming apart back home.

The federalists didn't win the Oct. 30 referendum; they only won a reprieve. If they use it well, they can turn it into a convincing win. The next few months are crucial.

They must show they really meant what they said about Quebec being a cherished, respected, full and valued partner in Confederation, by giving it the special means to protect its distinct language and culture, help it survive and even flourish.

It won't be easy. There's a lot of hatred against Quebec in this country. There are many people who still don't see Quebec as distinct, or deserving of any kind of special status or special powers that they don't have themselves.

They would rather break up the country than give anything special to Quebec.

In the last week of the campaign, Chrétien promised Quebecers that if they voted Yes, he would do something to recognize Quebec as a distinct society.

This was a big admission for Chrétien, who had always seen Quebec as just like the other provinces apart from having a lot of people who speak French.

Pierre Trudeau turned around the 1980 Quebec referendum campaign by promising to do a good deal for Quebec at the constitutional table.

Lucien Bouchard repeatedly reminded Quebecers last month how Trudeau later reneged on his promise.

History appears to be repeating itself. Chrétien has gone back to international meanderings — heading off recently to a Commonwealth conference in New Zealand, a visit to Japan and a Francophonie talkfest in Africa.

The country is still in crisis. Nothing has changed for the better in Canada since Oct. 30.

Already Western premiers such as Alberta's Ralph Klein and British Columbia's Mike Harcourt are saying Quebec is not really a distinct society that needs special powers different from other provinces.

Newfoundland's Clyde Wells seems to be moving away from his earlier acceptance of Quebec's distinctive nature.

And it turns out that New Brunswick's Frank McKenna, who made a big show of taking part in the people's rally at Place du Canada, used the visit to lure Quebec businessmen to relocate in his province, taking advantage of their vulnerability and confusion at that time.

As they listen to the Western premiers and watch Chrétien touring the world, Quebecers suspect they have been sucked in once again by federal promises and tearful professions of love from the rest of Canada.

A poll two weeks ago in *Le Devoir* showed 53 per cent of Quebecers don't believe Chrétien will be able to deliver on his promise last month.

More surprisingly, 67 per cent of Quebecers are ready for another referendum within a few years.

Meanwhile the separatists smell blood and are moving in for the kill. They plan to wait a little while for the dust to settle, choose a controversial issue, move in Bouchard as premier, and then lower the boom, with either a referendum election, or an election followed by another referendum.

It could be all over within two years.

Meanwhile, rather than taking advantage of the momentum of Oct. 30 and using its window of opportunity to stage a comeback, the federal government in Ottawa appears to be moving on to other issues. Chrétien appears to have moved out of the country entirely.

A cabinet committee of eight ministers, nicknamed the Dream Team (quickly re-named the Nightmare Squad by the news media), was told to come up with a constitutional plan by Christmas. Included are Heritage Minister Michel Dupuy, Indian Affairs Minister Ron Irwin and Employment Minister Lloyd Axworthy.

Chrétien did not bring in Conservative leader Jean Charest, nor Quebec Liberal leader Daniel Johnson, nor No co-chair Michel Bélanger. There is much reason for concern with this approach.

Given the nasty mood of the Western premiers, real constitutional change is hardly possible at this point.

And it is even more doubtful that the Parti Québecois (PQ) government, so close to winning the whole shooting match in a few months, would agree to any constitutional changes to allow Quebec to stay in Canada.

Ottawa can win it only by doing an end-run around the PQ, making an offer to Quebecers that they just can't refuse, to prove once and for all to them the benefits of staying in Canada (apart from having a nice red flag and being on a bigger team in the 1996 Olympics).

It could be something such as a national jobs plan, an all-out war on joblessness, funded by Ottawa. Only provinces who stay in Canada could take part.

The Liberals could wage this all-out war on joblessness with the same energy and determination they have showed in slashing the deficit, cutting social programs and laying off people since they came to office.

Jobs are still the No. 1 issue in Quebec. It wouldn't take a constitutional change, nobody would get bogged down in silly semantics and definitions, and the Western premiers wouldn't get riled up.

It would cost money; it would throw the Liberals off their neo-Conservative agenda for awhile, but if it saved the country, it would be worth it.

It certainly would have a better chance of succeeding than listening to Clyde Wells describe Quebec at the constitutional table.

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Israel pledges to bar entry of extremist Jews

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JERUSALEM — Extremist Jews will be barred from entering Israel, the cabinet pledged last Sunday.

Subversive groups in the country will also be disbanded.

"The government will not permit Jews from abroad to come to Israel as immigrants, tourists, residents or citizens, if they express support for organizations which have been outlawed or if they have expressed support or have supported acts of violence," a cabinet statement said.

"Extremist violence, racist and terrorist organizations are a serious danger to the democratic rule of Israel, the security of the state and peace of the public," cabinet Secretary Shmuel Hollander told reporters. "The government will act to make them illegal."

The cabinet move, made in the wake of the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, coincided with the first hearings of Israel's three-member state commission of inquiry on the security lapses that led to the assassination.

Ministers agreed to appoint a special task force to look into the legal implications of the proposed crackdown on extremist groups.

The task force will be comprised of representatives from the attorney general's office, the police, the Israel Defence Force general staff and the Shin Bet, Israel's domestic security service.

The Law of Return, which grants citizenship to any Jew who wishes to immigrate, includes a clause that allows the Interior Ministry to refuse entry if there is concern that an individual may pose a threat to public safety.

Last week, Interior Minister Ehud Barak barred a Kach activist from New York from entering Israel.

Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein rejected complaints from the opposition Likud that the crackdown on right-wing extremists amounted to a "witch-hunt," in the aftermath of Rabin's murder.

"There is no shred of evidence to that effect," Rubinstein told Israel Radio. "It is our duty to fight Jewish terrorism."

Meanwhile, the state commission of inquiry into the assassination heard the first secret testimony from security officials charged with protecting Rabin and other Israeli leaders.

The three-member panel, headed by former Supreme Court chief justice Meir Shamgar, will convene in mostly closed-door sessions three to four times a week.

The commission expects to conclude its work within two months, according to local press reports.

The panel commission will investigate the security lapses that enabled confessed assassin Yigal Amir to get within point-blank shooting range of Rabin at the conclusion of a Nov. 4 rally in Tel Aviv.

It will also address questions surrounding the security service's intelligence-gathering efforts.

Shin Bet officials have admitted that they failed to follow up on tips from those who knew Amir, that an assassination was planned.

Amid heavy security, the head of the Shin Bet was among the security officials who appeared before the panel Sunday.

The commission convened amid reports that Avishai Raviv, leader of the extremist militant group Eyal, had been working for the Shin Bet for the past two years.

Raviv was among eight people arrested in a police crackdown on activists suspected of involvement in an alleged right-wing assassination conspiracy.

The Israeli daily *Ma'ariv* reported that Raviv knew Amir, "but didn't know or didn't report his intentions."

The allegations were denied by government officials, the Shin Bet and Raviv, who is currently under house arrest at his parents' home in Holon.

Police Minister Moshe Shahal accused right-wing activists of spreading the rumors in order to discredit the Shin Bet.

In a related development, two suspects arrested in connection with the shooting, Ohad Skornick and Michael Epstein, had their detention extended as police continued investigating their involvement in the assassination plot.

Suspected assassins arrested

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Palestinian police last week arrested five Arabs in the Gaza Strip on suspicion of plotting the assassination of PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

The five were said to be followers of terrorist Abu Nidal, who has been at odds with Arafat ever since he broke away from the PLO leader in the 1970s.

A Palestinian security official said last Wednesday that the five came from Libya and Algeria a week earlier, adding that they were arrested after crossing into Gaza from Egypt.

The official added that security had been stepped up around Arafat in the wake of the Nov. 4 assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Abu Nidal, whose real name is Sabri al-Banna, is wanted in the United States and Europe for a string of terrorist activities.

Family Matters

by

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Guard your tongue

PART 1 OF 2

What lessons for the Jewish family can we infer from the terrible events in Israel recently?

According to Rabbi Israel Meyer Hakohen, also know as the Chofetz Chaim, one of the greatest Torah sages of all time, God requires caution in speech even more than in sight or hearing because speech can determine life and death: "Life and death are in the hands of the tongue" (*Mishlei 18:21*). We all now feel the horrible dread. We no longer have to reach back into Jewish history before our time to bear witness to the Torah view of slander or gossip (even if true), which is that evil words not only lead to evil deeds, but that character assassination is in itself murder, albeit murder of someone's name and reputation.

Before Prime Minister Rabin's murder, many Rabbis in Canada denounced the language of animosity and warned of catastrophic results if the name-calling within the Jewish people, from every political stripe, did not stop. Several weeks before the assassination, Orthodox Rabbi Baruch Taub of Toronto, the spiritual leader of Canada's largest orthodox congregation, publically admonished his *kehilla* and Jews everywhere to debate their differences with civility and kindness, and denounced the slanderous portrayal of Jewish leaders of both the right and left, whether in Israel or in the diaspora. He specifically warned that if the bad language continued, Jewish history would repeat itself. Causeless hatred among Jews not only accounted for the destruction of our ancient Temple but was the basis of the in-fighting from Herod's time thorough the schisms of *misnagdim* vs. chassidic Jews and the lack of serious dialogue between Zionists, Socialists (*Bund*) and observant Jews in the period between World War I and II. All Jews ultimately payed the price for such slanderous behaviour.

When unified, the Jewish people, with God's help, can create amazing wonders against all natural odds; witness the Six Day war ("and on the seventh He rested") and the survival of the Talmud and our people after so much persecution, the raid on the Entebbe airport, the Exodus of Russian and Ethiopian Jews, the freeing of Syrian Jewry.

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Settlers facing an uncertain future

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

In public relations terms, the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin may well deal the settlement movement a serious blow.

Yigal Amir — the confessed killer — is a zealous supporter of the settlers, while two of his suspected accomplices now in custody are residents of West Bank settlements.

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

These facts, combined with the nation-wide shock and revulsion caused by Rabin's murder, will probably tarnish the settlers' already battered image.

Even before Amir — a member of the religious nationalist camp — murdered Rabin, opinion polls in Israel had shown that the Israeli public was largely unsympathetic with the settlers' broad goals.

In the wake of the assassination, these sentiments are likely to grow, much to the horror of the settlers. "These fatal bullets may have ... sealed our fate," declared Yisrael Harel, head of the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza, shortly after Rabin's burial in Jerusalem.

Shlomo and Geula Amir, parents of Yitzhak Rabin's confessed killer Yigal Amir, arrive in a Tel Aviv court on Nov. 12 to attend a hearing for their son Hagai, also suspected in connection with the killing. RNS photo

Time will tell whether Harel is right. But even if he is not overstating the case, he was certainly voicing a deep-seated fear, which may yet come to pass.

And if this happens, Amir and company will be regarded as the unintended gravediggers of the settlement movement, which was inspired by Israel's victory in the Six Day War.

From their pinched point of view, Amir and his bedfellows had reason to revile Rabin. The late prime minister froze the construction of new settlements in the territories. He distinguished between "political" and "security" outposts. He asserted that the settlers, whom he derided as "cry babies," contributed practically nothing to Israel's security. He announced his intention to "dry up" the settlements.

Furthermore, Rabin rejected their argument that Israel is dutybound to preserve the Land of Israel under Israeli sovereignty. And worse still, his government signed three major agreements with the PLO under which Israel agreed to relinquish segments of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip to the Palestinians, the settlers' mortal and undying enemy.

A Talmud scholar and the son of a Torah scribe, Amir was so outraged by Rabin's policy that he participated in the so-called "battle of the hills" in the West Bank last summer.

In these tense encounters, the focus of which was the barren, uninhabited hilltops of Givat Hadagan, settlers resisted police who had been ordered to evict them.

The settlers were there to establish new "facts on the ground" and to demonstrate their vehement opposition to the Oslo peace process.

Their presence at Givat Hadagan and elsewhere was part of a civil disobedience campaign in which settlers and their sympathizers blocked highways, staged massive sit-ins, scuffled with police and the army and denounced the government as traitorous.

Comparing themselves to U.S. civil rights protesters, an analogy which rang false to their critics, the settlers claimed that they were merely engaging in non-violent protests.

The government thought otherwise. The police minister charged that the settlers were planning "a civil rebellion." The minister of education observed: "We are witnessing an unparalleled display of unlawful disturbance." The attorney general ordered police to investigate the leaders of Zo Artzeinu (This is our Land), which organized some of the demonstrations.

The settlers greeted these accusations with contempt. After the Oslo 2 accord was signed in Washington, they returned to Givat Hadagan, in what was a vain effort to establish dwellings. They also squatted in hundreds of vacant buildings in the territories which the Ministry of Housing refuses to sell or to rent.

Comprising 2.5 per cent of Israel's population, the settlers are hardly a homogenious group. About one-third are ideologically and religiously motivated. Another one-third are "economic" settlers, drawn by the prospect of cheaper homes and a better quality of life. The rest fall somewhere in between.

The most vocal, of course, are the ideologues, who would stay in the West Bank or Gaza under any conditions. But they are in a minority. The majority of settlers would leave if these areas fell under Palestinian jurisdiction.

Under the Oslo 2 agreement, Israel is to maintain control of settlements and military bases (Area C), which sit on 70 per cent of the West Bank. But in final status talks, scheduled to begin next spring, Israel is likely to cede still more land to the Palestinians, further enraging the settlers and setting the stage for further confrontations with the government.

The Week in Israel

Nov 13

• At a special session of the Labor party's central committee, Shimon Peres was unanimously elected party leader and its candidate for prime minister. Peres told the central committee that five years will be needed to arrive at a comprehensive peace with Syria, Lebanon and the Palestinians.

• Israeli Air Force jets attacked Hezbollah targets south of Beirut. It was the first air force operation in southern Lebanon since nine IDF soldiers were killed there last month.

Nov.14

• *Davar Rishon* reported that U.S. Middle East Coordinator, Ambassador Dennis Ross, is scheduled to visit Israel in the near future to attempt to find ways to renew talks with Syria. *(It was subsequently confirmed that Ross would arrive in the region on Nov. 18.)*

Nov. 15

• In officially asking Shimon Peres to form a new government, President Ezer Weizman said: "In conferring upon you the task of forming the government, I am also giving you full support for the continuation of the peace process ... It is my fervent hope that we will know how to root out from our midst any trace of the contorted conception which led to the grave disaster that has befallen us and that we will find the way to improve understanding and unity in the nation."

Nov. 16

• *Maariv* reported a dramatic meeting in Brussels between two officials from the Israeli and Syrian foreign ministries.

Nov. 17

• *Ha'aretz* reported that a network of caves containing tombs of the Hashmonean dynasty was discovered near the city of Modi'in. It is the first time any archeological object with the name "Hashmonai" has been found. The discovery reinforces the belief that the ancient and modern cities of Modi'in share the same site.

JERUSALEM 3000 EVENTS

• Four hundred people were expected at a conference organized by Hadassah University Hospital of the International Society for AIDS Education.

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Rabbi accused of inspiring violence

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responsibility'' for the assassination of Rabin. He made the charge after hearing a recording of a radio program in which Rabinovitch discussed whether Rabin could be regarded as a *''moser''* — someone who ''hands over other Jews to non-Jewish authorities.'' Bin-Nun maintains that the rabbi effectively branded the prime minister a *moser*. ''Whoever heard that broadcast could take those words one step further,'' said Bin-Nun. ''Clearly there is no criminal responsibility (on the part of Rabinovitch) but there is indirect moral and spiritual responsibility.''

Rabbi Nahum Rabinovitch

Rabbi Rabinovitch denies labelling Rabin a ''moser'' and notes that during the radio program, he stated clearly that ''it is forbidden to attack anyone, including the prime minister or even a soldier.''

Sephardi Chief Rabbi Eliahu Bakshi-Doron said he believes Rabbi Rabinovitch was falsely implicated.

But last week, another figure in the religious community produced a tape recording in which Rabbi Rabinovitch advocates the use of explosives against IDF soldiers to prevent them from evacuating Jews from settlements in the territories.

Yitzhak Frankenthal, secretary-general of the religious peace movement Oz VeShalom, released a transcript of a private conversation he held with Rabbi Rabinovitch in April.

During the conversation, Rabbi Rabinovitch is asked what he would do if the government decided to evacuate Nezarim, an isolated settlement in the Gaza Strip. Rabbi Rabinovitch answers that he would personally block the soldiers by sitting on the grass or pavement and hopes that thousands would join him.

He is then asked what if settlers are forcibly evacuated one-by-one as they were in Yamit (a settlement in Sinai).

Rabbi Rabinovitch responds: ''If they come to evacuate us, I say, and I don't know whether it's possible, but if this is a possibility, I say the whole area should be planted with explosives like the Arabs do. That's what we will do.''

Frankenthal asks: ''And then IDF soldiers will die?''

Rabbi Rabinovitch responds: ''IDF soldiers should know. We will tell them: 'Don't you dare approach.' ''

Frankenthal: ''And if the IDF continue to carry out their orders?''

Rabbi Rabinovitch: ''If they carry out their orders they are evil, truly evil.''

Later in the conversation, Frankenthal asks if Rabbi Rabinovitch really means that he would use explosives against IDF soldiers to prevent the evacuation of settlements and that the deaths of those soldiers wouldn't matter because they are ''evil criminals.''

''That's right,'' responds the rabbi.

Rabbi Rabinovitch is one of nine rabbis who issued a controversial ruling in July forbidding soldiers from evacuating army bases or settlements in the West Bank. He would not comment specifically on Frankenthal's tape, saying only, ''All accusations against me are false.''

Frankenthal says he first met with Rabbi Rabinovitch in April, in an attempt to find 20 rabbis — 10 from the right wing and 10 from the left — who would be willing to sign a joint proclamation against violence. The effort proved fruitless.

''I was so shocked by the views expressed by the rabbi that I decided to return for a second meeting, this time with a hidden tape recorder,'' Frankenthal told *The CJN*. ''I didn't think anyone would believe me if I said that such a respected rabbi could hold such views.''

He then brought the tape recording to a prominent settlement leader and rabbi who, according to Frankenthal, dismissed Rabbi Rabinovitch as ''marginal'' and ''not a source of concern.''

Frankenthal — whose son, a soldier, was killed by Hamas terrorists seven months ago — is demanding that Rabbi Rabinovitch be removed from the hesder yeshivah that he heads. In a hesder yeshivah, students combine religious studies with military service.

''A man with such views should not be in a position to influence youth,'' said Frankenthal.

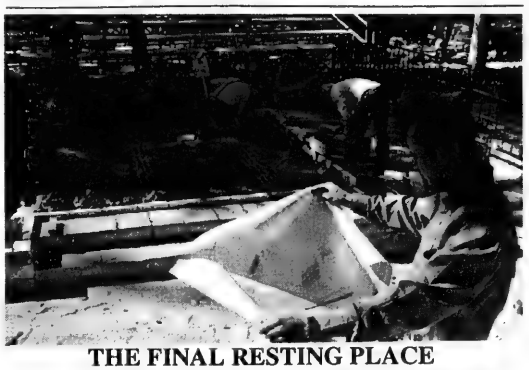
During the secretly-taped conversation, Rabbi Rabinovitch repeatedly compared the situation in Israel today to that of Nazi Germany, saying that IDF soldiers who obey orders to evacuate settlements are no different from German soldiers who obeyed orders. He also called the evacuation of people from their homes ''an act of war,'' and said that ''as soon as they start talking about deporting Jews, it's an attempt to do what the Nazis did.''

In a *Jerusalem Post* opinion column published in July 1993, Rabbi Rabinovitch compared the present leadership of Israel to the *Judenrat*, the Council of the Jews that unwittingly cooperated with the Nazis in handing over Jews.

In the article, he writes that the *Judenrat* was ''charged with implementing aspects of German policy leading up to the Final Solution,'' and concludes that ''the reasoning which motivated the men of the Judenrat 50 years ago ... summarizes what some of our leadership is telling us today. Everything is different, yet nothing has changed — not even the words!''

The campaign to weed out extremist rabbis has sharply divided the religious camp. Since Rabbi Bin-Nun spoke out, he has received numerous death threats and is accompanied everywhere by armed bodyguards. Parents in the religious seminary where he teaches have demanded his resignation.

However, 46 per cent of Israelis who define themselves as religious Zionists identify with Rabbi Bin-Nun's struggle, according to a Dahaf poll published in the Hebrew daily *Yediot Aharanot*. Thirty-one per cent do not identify with his struggle, while eight per cent condemn it.



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A foreman checks the plans for Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's tomb. It will be covered in Jerusalem stone with a two-ton black granite marker from a quarry in the Golan Heights. [RNS photo]

Peres addresses federations

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It was 4:30 a.m.in Jerusalem when he began, and throughout his remarks, Peres referred to the sleeping city and the approaching sunrise as a unifying metaphor for the promise of a new dawn, which he said would finally arrive with peace, and on whose threshold he believed the Jewish people were now standing.

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Leah Rabin regrets television appearance

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — The widow of slain Israeli leader Yitzhak Rabin has expressed regrets over having taking part in a special telecast last week of the ABC-TV news program *Nightline*, which was broadcast live from the Jerusalem Theatre.

Leah Rabin, who participated in the show via a linkup from her Tel Aviv home, later told Israel Radio that the program had only served to escalate tensions which have surfaced in Israeli society in the wake of her husband's assassination.

The show "exists precisely to fan the flames," she said, adding, "this is not the time yet for such debates and definitely not on our TV screens."

The show, which was broadcast on Israel Television as well as to North America late last Tuesday night, was moderated by Ted Koppel, who interviewed panel members from both sides of the political spectrum and sought comments from audience members in the theatre.

Focusing on Israel's political and social climate in the aftermath of the assassination, the special "Town Meeting" program drew millions of viewers, according to the show's producers.

During the show, Rabin explained why she shook hands with PLO leader Yasser Arafat when he came on a condolence call to her Ramat Aviv home, but has expressed reservations about shaking hands with Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu.

"The handshake [of Yitzhak Rabin] two years ago with Yasser Arafat symbolized hope, and the beginning of a new road" toward peace, she said. "The handshake with Mr. Netanyahu did not."

In recent interviews, Rabin has been sharply critical of Netanyahu and other right-wing leaders for permitting hot political rhetoric to escalate against her husband in the weeks prior to the assassination.

Like Rabin, Netanyahu and Prime Minister Shimon Peres took part in the show via linkups from other locations in the country.

Peres, looking drawn and tired, repeated the call for reconciliation.

"We have to stop by all means the acts of violence, the support for terror, whether verbal or physical, and go on," he said.

Alleged SS war criminal to get free legal counsel

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUENOS AIRES — A German law firm has decided to represent former SS captain Erich Priebke for free when he goes to trial on war crimes charges in Italy.

Heinrich Wirtz, a partner in the Berlin firm of Anwaltsburo Andreas Schultz, arrived last week in the Andean resort town of San Carlos di Bariloche, where Priebke has lived openly under his own name since 1948.

"We think Mr. Priebke is innocent," said Wirtz. "We shall help him free of charge as a matter of humanity."

"We are not Nazis," Wirtz said. "We do this because this might be the last case involving Germans in relation to the war."

Wirtz said Priebke had contacted the Berlin law firm on the "recommendation of his many friends in Berlin."

Argentina's Supreme Court ruled Nov. 2 that Priebke be extradited to Italy to stand trial for his involvement in the 1944 massacre of 335 Romans — 75 of them Jewish — at the Ardeatine Caves south of Rome.

The massacre is regarded as the worst war crime committed on Italian soil.

The Argentine Supreme Court decision overturned an appeals court ruling three months ago refusing extradition.

Legal disputes delayed the formal ruling to extradite Priebke for more than a year.

Priebke, 82, has been under house arrest in Argentina since May 9. He is awaiting the arrival of an Italian police unit that will accompany him to Italy.

Just following orders

According to local reports, Priebke's health is deteriorating. His doctor maintained that he fell into a state of depression in the wake of the Supreme Court ruling, adding he has high blood pressure and is suffering from senility.

Priebke, in a rare interview granted to the English-language *Buenos Aires Herald*, said he was ailing "in bed and feeling down, down."

Priebke has admitted taking part in the massacre, but said he was just following orders and would have been killed himself if he had refused to participate.

In the interview, he maintained that he was charged in the Ardeatine massacre "because I'm the only one left alive after 50 years."

Argentine Justice Minister Rodolfo Barra, who was in Italy this month to meet with Italian officials about Priebke's case, dismissed reports that Priebke was too ill to be extradited.

Last Tuesday, the Argentine Supreme Court rejected a last-ditch effort by Priebke's lawyer to appeal the extradition. The court's ruling officially opened the way for Priebke's transfer to Italy to proceed as planned.

Italy's military prosecutor, Antonio Intelisano, said he would charge Priebke with "multiple murder, cruelty to prisoners and conspiracy to kill."

Intelisano reportedly said a preliminary hearing is scheduled for Dec. 7.

Tullia Zevi, president of the Union of Italian Jewish communities, said the extradition would be "positive for the image of both Italy, which seeks justice for its victims, and for Argentina, which in the past showed too much tolerance in accepting and supporting tens, if not hundreds, of Nazis and escaping fascists."

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In Game 1, the home team Roadrunners took to the field with a deep desire to win. "We played our game," noted team captain Reuven Spiegel. In an awesome display of power, the team hit and ran into a lead from which Clanton Park could not recover.

The first three batters were the key to success. First baseman Steven Ekstein, a first-year player, said: "We knew we had to hit them hard, hit them early and hit them often. Man-O-Man-Ashevitz, we sure did it!"

Noam Rotenberg, another rookie, distinguished himself by getting on base five times. Rotenberg never flinched, never got riled and never played with more intensity. "There are people who play a lifetime and never have the good fortune to play for a winner. I'm just pleased to have made the team and to have made a meaningful contribution," he said.

It was nip and tuck all the way until the seventh inning. With all cylinders pumping, the Roadrunners broke the game wide open, sending 10 men to the plate. Jared "Boom-boom" Green got the inning going by crushing a homerun to deep, deep left field.

Green's roundtripper was one of three hits that included a single and a double. Green scored three runs, which along with a walk, put him on base four out of five times.

"Jared just responds to the situation," noted Spiegel. "He was like our Eveready battery, he just kept on hitting and hitting and hitting. With his genes, his family name and his bat, hey, he could be president of Shaarei Shomayim one day."

In the end, the Roadrunners took Game 1 in commanding fashion.

Borrowing from Kentucky Wildcat coach Rich Patino, the Roadrunners took to the field for Game 2 with only one thought in mind: There is no tomorrow.

Lorie Weisbrod, sparkplug and one of the original Roadrunners, stepped to the plate in Game 2 and smashed a homerun. Before his night was over, Weisbrod would add three singles to his totals.

Weisbrod was also flawless in the field, closing the gaps and gunning down a runner at third base to end a Clanton Park rally.

Batting second, Rotenberg continued his tear with a monster triple, scoring Weisbrod. Rotenberg went three for five, scoring each time he reached base.

'A lot of heart'

Shortstop Marc Koplowitz, who had a strong game in the field, said "this team has a lot of talent and a lot of heart."

Spiegel, who, against the better judgement of his loving wife, played the entire season, took over at second base for the playoffs. "I was tight as a drum. I knew we had what it takes to win and I couldn't help thinking, 'Clear off the mantle, Mom, we're bringing home the hardware.' "

He went two for five and though he could not get a hold of the long ball, he scored a key run and was as ecstatic as a new father.

Ekstein remained strong at first base and Jay Heller was as solid as any catcher since Yonatan Bench of the Cincinnati Reds. Heller went two for five and was on the receiving end of a putout at home plate. Solid as the rocks in the Judean Desert, the putout was a turning point in the game.

Green was four for five with two, count 'em, two homeruns, and the game-winning RBI.

"His timing was excellent," remarked Spiegel. "If it were in the budget, I'd give him a raise."

Seven shutout innings

Stu Shaul, pitcher of record, ended the 1995 campaign undefeated. At the plate, Shaul was three for five with a triple in the eighth inning. Backed by a leakproof defence, Shaul pitched seven shutout innings. In fact, it wasn't until the fifth inning that a runner even reached third base.

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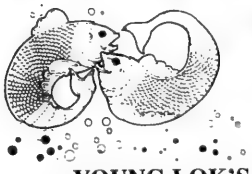
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Economic boom in Israel expected to continue

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Israel's economy should continue to boom for at least the next several years predicts an Israeli economist.

"As long as the peace process continues, the economy will do well," Dr. Elharan Helpman says.

Helpman, laureate of the Israel Prize in Economics, spoke at a lecture sponsored by Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, the day after Yitzhak Rabin's assassination.

He said Rabin became more involved with economic issues in the last few years. "As the peace process developed, he became more and more interested, because he saw the economic development of Israel as part and parcel of the peace process."

Helpman said both the peace process and the mass immigration of Jews from the former Soviet Union have served to shape the evolution of the Israeli economy.

"The mass increase in population has increased tremendously the demand for goods and services, especially housing. As a result, there is a housing shortage which has caused prices to skyrocket. As well, people had to be absorbed into the labor force and jobs had to be produced to suit the number of immigrants with high education."

He said the peace process has generated optimistic thinking with regards to investment. "As a result of increased investment, the capital flow has increased. Some people hope that the peace process will generate fruitful interaction between Israel and neighboring economies."

But he said the Middle East is unusual as an economic union because very little trade goes on between neighboring countries.

"There is a large income gap between Israel and Jordan or Syria; so there is a different demand for goods, which in turn reduces trade," he explained.

He said the peace process, however, has helped increase trade between countries because some companies have established partnerships and have begun manufacturing in several countries. "Cooperation has spread out around the region. Given the fears that some Arabs have of the domination of the Israeli economy, they find this cooperation less oppressive.

"The peace process has opened many doors to Israel in other countries, such as Japan and India, which is important, because with the big influx of labor, one needs markets. In the last several years, excluding 1993, Israel's economy has had a growth rate exceeding six per cent. It would not be possible to grow like this by depending merely on domestic markets. The doors that opened in Asia have been critical."

Hi-tech exports make up about three-quarters of Israel's total exports, Helpman said, and have become such a large part of the market that they have generated a shift in manpower. "There is now an extremely high demand for hi-tech workers and we believe that this pattern will continue."

Asked how significant U.S. aid is for Israel's economy, Helpman replied that its significance is declining because the dollar amount is fixed each year.

"It has been the same for many years; so as Israel's economy grows, the share of aid shrinks."

Helpman is an incumbent of the Archie Sherman Chair in International Economic Relations at Tel Aviv University and director of The Economic Growth and Policy Program of the Canadian Institute for Advanced Research.

Scitex to lay off hundreds of employees

JERUSALEM – Scitex, the Herzliyah-based world leader in electronic pre-press systems, will lay off hundreds of its employees due to the deterioration in its performance, the *Telegraph* financial daily reported.

Scitex reported third-quarter losses of $36.4 million (U.S.) compared with losses of $12.2 million in the same period last year.

The results, released two weeks ago, included an $18 million non-recurring cost for employee termination benefits. The company, which has a 40 per cent market share in its field, will terminate 100 of its 1,200 workers immediately, after which it will dismiss a considerable amount of its 500 temporary workers.

Scitex has been meeting difficulties collecting debts from some of its American customers, according to analysts. Consequently the company had to write off $25 million from its second quarter earnings which totaled $182 million. Scitex's NYSE traded stock, which sold as recently as April for $23 has dropped to just over $14.

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Film shows link with Jewish past

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Simcha Jacobovici

Variously known as New Christians, Conversos or Marranos, they were Spanish and Portuguese Jews who, in the 14th and 15th centuries, converted to Christianity out of fear, convenience or pressure.

Neither fish nor fowl, they inhabited a twilight zone, caught between the rituals and faith of Roman Catholicism and Judaism.

Hounded and hunted down by the authorities for "heretical" practices, and the object of scorn, pity and contempt by Jews, the Conversos were a pathetic and sorry lot, the end product of anti-Semitism and the Inquisition.

Eventually, the vast majority of their ancestors were absorbed into Christian society. But amazingly enough, some maintained a tenuous, flickering link with their misty Jewish past.

This is the topic of Simcha Jacobovici's newest documentary, *Expulsion and Memory*, which will be previewed at Beth Tzedec Synagogue on Nov. 28 at 7:45 p.m. The special screening is under the auspices of the new leadership division of the Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University.

Jacobovici's one-hour film ranges far and wide, from Spain and Portugal to Israel, New Mexico and Toronto. He looks for, and meets, Catholics of Converso descent and, conversely, Marranos who returned to their Jewish roots.

All in all, it's a fascinating story and Jacobovici tells it with the aplomb of an experienced filmmaker.

In New Mexico, where he converses with several Hispanics who've reclaimed their Jewish patrimony, he's led to a Christian cemetery. There, with their assistance, he finds Hebrew lettering and a six-pointed flower on several of the gravestones.

Speaking to a Jewish historian, Jacobovici discovers that the first permanent Spanish colony in New Mexico, in 1578, was made up of crypto-Jews.

In Toronto, the camera pans on Maria Santos, a Portuguese Canadian who lights Sabbath candles on Friday at dusk, without quite knowing the reason.

Her daughter, Lena Shaw, explains that she is merely being faithful to a family custom passed from one generation to the next. But curiously enough, Shaw never realized until her meeting with Jacobovici that it is a distinctly Jewish custom.

In the Spanish village of Hervas, a man who can trace his lineage back to Jews reluctantly confesses that he "lives in conflict," evidently torn between two religions.

His confession is juxtaposed against the remarks of a precocious, voluble boy who observes: "In this town, if you go far back enough, we're all Jewish."

Jacobovici takes this statement at face value, without investigating the claim. But in the following segment, set in Israel, he encounters Nissan Ben-Avraham, a former New Christian from the Spanish island of Mallorca who reconverted to Judaism and was "brought back to the right place."

Further on, in Belmonte, Portugual, we're introduced to a community of New Christians who apparently live in harmony with their Old Christian neighbors.

The Judaism of these New Christians, we're told, has evolved differently. Few details are offered, nor are any of the New Christians interviewed.

Expulsion and Memory draws on the expertise of Toronto writer Erna Paris, whose book on the Inquisition, *The End of Days*, has just been published.

The movie ends on a high note, amid the joyousness of a Sephardi festival in Toledo, Spain.

For more information, call 416-485-8000.

Vision TV focuses on Ashrawi

Animated by "a grand vision" of peace in the Middle East, Hanan Ashrawi is indubitably the finest spokesperson of the Palestinian cause, an articulate 47-year-old Christian woman from Ramallah whose message has resounded around the world.

The subject of a sympathetic Vision TV profile scheduled to air on Nov. 24 at 9 p.m, she is presented as a dedicated and committed patriot, as an author (*This Side of Peace*, published earlier this year), as a mother and a wife, and as a human rights advocate.

First glimpsed boiling Turkish coffee in her home, adjacent to an Israeli prison, Ashrawi is then seen against the backdrop of Arab protests, Israeli evictions of Palestinians, intimate family gatherings and business meetings.

She is certainly a woman of her time, a strong, self-confident person in a patriarchal society where women are usually relegated to household tasks.

A professor of English literature at Birzeit University, Ashrawi emerged from virtual obscurity during the 1991 Arab-Israeli peace talks in Madrid, where, she claims, "the battle for peace" began.

Unwilling to accept a high-profile position in the Gaza-based Palestine National Authority PNA), she founded the Palestinian Independent Commission for Citizen's Rights, whose objective is to put civil liberties on the Palestinian agenda.

To her regret, the PNA has violated the rights of far too many Palestinians far too often. Ashrawi, having investigated these cases, says: "Nobody is above the law."

Clearly, she is disappointed with the results of the Oslo agreements, using such words as "pathetic" and "restricted" to describe the parameters of Palestinian self-rule until now.

Yet Ashrawi does not appear to be a pessimist. With her Arab and Israeli cohorts, she dreams of the peace of the brave.

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Toronto actress delighted to bask in the *Sunset*

By JUDY SIBLIN-RAKOFF
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Anyone who has ever seen Barbara Barsky on stage, knows she's special. Even in ensemble pieces, her inimitable magic and sparkle come through.

So it was not surprising to learn that Barsky would be the standby for one of the most coveted roles in musical theatre, Norma Desmond in *Sunset Boulevard*.

Being the standby to Diahann Carroll is a departure for Barsky, who has never been an understudy before, but it was also the opportunity of a lifetime to be part of this $12-million musical adapted from Billy Wilder's 1950 film noir.

Once she masters this role, she can perform it anywhere. Barsky has a green card to work in the United States and is able to work in England.

It all began with a call from the casting person at Live Entertainment, asking Barsky to audition for *Sunset Boulevard*. There were seven auditions, from Toronto to New York. Number 2 was a dance audition. Number 3 was meeting musical director Paul Woolgate. And audition Number 4 was to do a coaching session with him.

What would have been her fifth callback was an invitation to come and be seen by the award-winning director, Trevor Nunn. But Barabara couldn't make it because she had a rehearsal in San Diego for another production.

"Well, that door's closed to me now," she remembers thinking. "I went as far as I could, I did the best work I could and now it's over."

But that wasn't the end of the story. Barsky was called back and asked if she would fly to New York to be seen by Nunn.

She and Marek Norman (her husband of 15 years, collaborator, pianist, musical director and often fellow actor) drove to New York.

The audition was held at 890 Broadway, where Barsky had spent many happy hours in New York as an actress and designer. Her husband played the piano for her at the audition — Number 6.

"I have no idea what they really want me for, so ignorance is bliss. And I get to sing for Trevor Nunn, and I admire him so much ... and I was also singing for the first time for Garth Drabinsky, who I had worked with 20 years before. I saw a blur of faces, and Mr. Nunn comes and greets me at the door, introduces himself in a very quiet voice, walks over to the piano with me, completely puts me at ease."

Barbara Barsky as Norma Desmond

After one more audition that evening, she and Marek returned to Canada. Half way there they called for messages and found out there was some kind of offer. Her agent called to say that she'd been asked to stand by for Diahann Carroll.

So how did she feel, and what will it be like when she actually gets to do it?

"My friend has a fabulous analogy. She says it's like being a fireman. You're sitting around, you're chatting with the guys, you're in an ever-ready state of mind, and when the alarm rings you hit that pole and you're on stage," Barsky said.

"I also have to get used to what will happen when the stage manager says, 'We regret to announce that tonight the role of Norma Desmond will not be played by Diahann Caroll, but by Barbara Barsky,' and there might be a stampede towards the box office."

But when that moment comes, anyone who has ever seen her perform will know not to budge from their seat. Because like a fireman when she hits that pole, it will be as if she's been playing Norma Desmond all her life.

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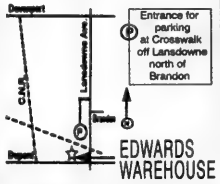

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

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Theatre at Leah Posluns: Ticket sales for The Yorkminstrels' upcoming production of Frank Loesser's musical *The Most Happy Fella* at the Leah Posluns Theatre have been brisk. Good seats are still available for evening performances on Nov. 26, 29 & 30, and the Dec. 3 matinee. Adults, $16. 905-271-1532.

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An Opera About Emma Goldman: *Red Emma*, an opera by composer Gary Kulesha and librettist Carol Bolt, is set to premiere Nov. 28 at the du Maurier Theatre Centre at Toronto's Harbourfront. Based on Bolt's 1974 play of the same name, the opera tells the story of the Jewish anarchist Emma Goldman (1869-1940), tracing her development from a naive young idealist to a powerful social reformer in both the United States and Canada. (Goldman took sick and died while visiting Toronto; she had been staying at a house on Vaughan Road.)

Bolt recalled that she was inspired to write the play "after reading Goldman's autobiography, which is full of grand adventure and passion. She was in love with love, with ideas and with political change. To me, it's a wonderful thing that a young woman in her early 20s could be so committed to the cause of changing the world. This is what attracted me to her."

Performances are Nov. 28 & 29 and Dec. 1, 2 & 3. Tickets are $40 and $25. 416-973-4000.

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Philip Glass in Performance: *La Belle et la Bête*, which the Philip Glass Ensemble is set to perform at Roy Thomson Hall Nov. 27 at 8 p.m., is categorically unlike Disney's or any other version of the much-beloved Beauty and the Beast story. This bold work combines a lush, melodic new opera and Jean Cocteau's classic 1946 film of the same name, which is screened onstage behind the musicians. The result, according to the *New York Times*, is "nothing less than a new form of musical theatre."

After the opera received its U.S. premiere in Brooklyn last December, American critics seemed just as enthralled as their European counterparts had been during a previous 40-city tour across Europe.

Born to a Jewish family in Baltimore in 1937, Glass was driving taxis in New York City as late as 1978, while feverishly composing a range of esoteric works in his spare time. Even before he had given up his day-job, he had gained an international reputation as a champion of minimalism and the avant-garde. With *La Belle et la Bête*, he ventures into a realm of dreamy, almost surreal romanticism.

Jean Cocteau, the celebrated French avant-garde poet, novelist and artist (1889-1963), based his film on a story written about 1740. Released immediately after the devastation of World War II, it astonished critics by entirely abandoning the stage set of the modern world, with all of its ugly realism, for a fanciful allegorical world of magic, surrealism and happy endings. Perhaps the film's most enduring element is its vivid imagery: the animated candelabras, the magic mirrors that reveal secrets, the stone-faced statues with big, watching eyes.

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Jewish Music: The National Conference of Synagogue Youth (NCSY) presents A Night of International Jewish Music as its 17th annual gala concert. Proceeds to help NCSY, Canada's largest outreach program for Jewish teenagers. John Bassett Theatre, Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Nov. 26, 7 p.m. Robyn, 416-781-7451.

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Art Shows Around Town: Fear of False Messiah, water colors by Gary Bercovitch, at the O'Connor A Gallery, 473A Church St., Suite 2 (at Maitland), to Dec. 10.

Chana Sandberg's paintings, based on the Book of Esther, at the Holy Blossom to Nov. 27.

Upcoming Events

David Broza; Dark Ages Romance; Memoirs of a River

By JOSEPH SERGE
TAB News Editor

TORONTO – David Broza: Called a post-modern Leonard Cohen by one critic, Israeli superstar David Broza – who has played with the likes of Sting and Bob Dylan– brings his dynamic live show to Lee's Palace on Nov. 29.

Broza, who has two albums just released in Canada, is a passionate singer who blends his music with works of poetry, troubadour-style. Broza has one triple platinum album and five gold albums in Israel.

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Dark Ages Romance: Running until Nov. 26 at the Theatre Centre at Richmond and Jarvis streets is Benj Gallander's latest play *Dark Ages Romance.*

The play is an excellent commentary on male-female and interracial relationships with a wry twist at the end. Gallander, whose previous plays include *Curator's Park* and *Pseudopod Rejects* , was a co-founder and producer of the SummerWorks Theatre Festival. It is produced by Ben Stadelmann.

The play begins at 8 p.m. with a matinee performance on Sunday. For information, call 538-0988.

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Memoirs of a River: On Nov. 26, the Toronto Jewish Film Society presents Judit Elek's film *Memoirs of a River.* This subtitled Hungarian drama tells the story of four Jewish men accused of ritual murder in the 19th century.

The screening is at the Art Gallery of Ontario, Jackman Hall, 317 Dundas St. W. at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale 15 minutes in advance. The film will also be screened Nov. 28 at 6:30 p.m.

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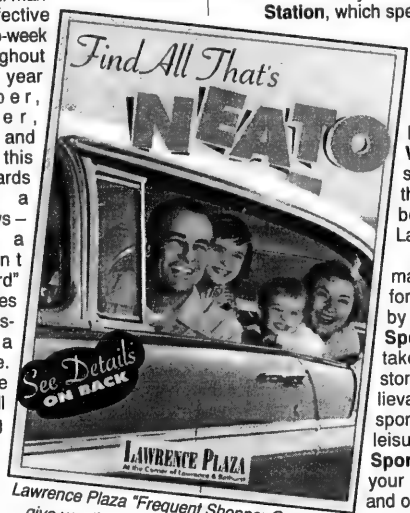

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'Fifties, anyone?

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Singles Registry unveils new computer system

It was 2 years in the making but the **Jewish Singles Registry of Toronto** has recently unveiled its new computer system. Phase 1 was recently put into service a few weeks ago with astonishing results. The system handles all **J.S.R.** members selections, decisions and responses within seconds. "It is absolutely incredible" states **J.S.R.**'s director Rob Singer. "We grew so fast, so soon, that we were always behind in our paperwork. Now, within a month we are completely up to date and can ***easily*** handle ***10 times*** our current membership".

Members Benefit

The new computer system's net benefit to **J.S.R.** members is tremendous, providing them with faster connections, increased response time, and more personalized service. New membership drives are already in progress to take advantage of the Registry's increased capacity.

2 More Engagements Announced

Mazel Tov is in the air again as 2 more **J.S.R.** couples will be walking down the aisle in just a short while. This brings the total of couples that are either married or engaged through the service to 11, including 7 couples so far in **1995** alone. If you are looking to meet other Jewish singles, be it for friendship, dating or even marriage there is no better place to register with, than the **Jewish Singles Registry**.

Happy Anniversary

With 11 marriages, engagements and dozens of romances underway the **J.S.R.** is happily celebrating its 3rd anniversary in Toronto. With close to 1,000 members and steadily growing **J.S.R.** is now the largest Jewish dating service in the city. With new registrants signing up daily, members are provided with more and more singles to choose from. Word of mouth advertising still ranks high as one of the Registry's main sources of new registrants, a positive sign that **J.S.R.** members are satisfied with the service.

Always on The Job

A lot of dating services have come and gone recently. Most of them operate as a "part-time" business, and generally do not make it past the 1st year. **J.S.R.** on the other hand, is a dynamic and expanding community-based service, with a "full-time" director. With offices in Toronto, Montreal, and Ottrawa, the selection of compatable members has never been better, and long office hours, ensures that members can take advantage of the Registry **6 days** a week including evenings and weekends.

In just 3 short years **J.S.R.** has literally taken the Toronto Jewish dating scene by storm. Exciting changes are underway to propel **J.S.R.** even further ahead in the near future. With membership skyrocketing the time is right to register and become part of this outstanding network of Jewish singles.

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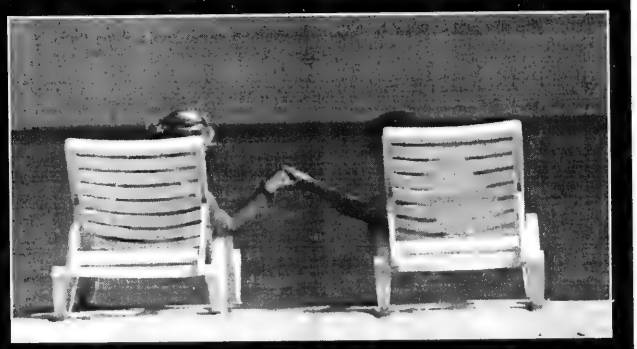

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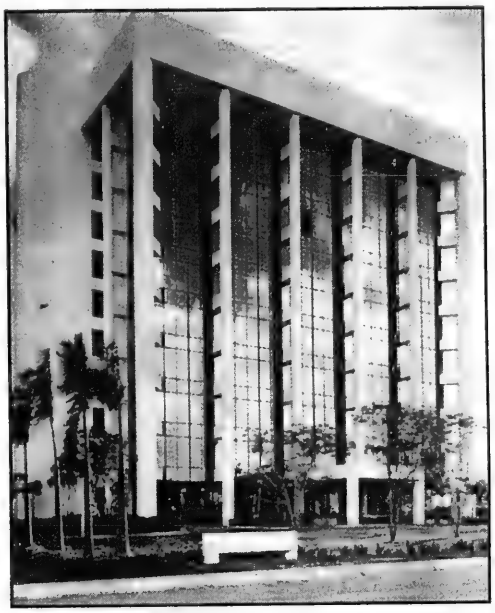

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True to its name, he says, **L'Chaim** is "a welcoming place where the entire family can come and enjoy great food in a true Jewish/Israeli atmosphere." To back up this claim, he has introduced a Friday night "kabalat shabbat" dinner that will give you all the pleasures of a home-cooked sabbath dinner without the time and energy required to prepare it. The meal includes soup, salad, and your choice of grilled chicken breast, turkey shishlik or fish of the day, plus coffee or tea, for only $18 (chai dollars). As a further enticement, children aged 12 and under can enjoy this dinner at half price.

Shabbat dinner

The regular menu (lunch and dinner are served daily) features a variety of Middle Eastern and continental dishes including shish kebab, steak, grilled and B.B.Q. chicken, roast beef, as well as all your favourite Middle Eastern appetizers like hummous, eggplant salad, tabooli salad, Moroccan cigars, majadara, and a cavalcade of fresh salads. Pasta and bruschetta are also available.

Crystal Restaurant, already well-known for its fabulous simchas, features a similar menu. With a banquet hall that seats up to 300 people, it has allowed many customers to "crystallize" their visions of a large-scale bar mitzvah or birthday party at what Revah terms "very reasonable prices." And people are still talking about the New Year's bash that Revah threw at Crystal last year;

Fabulous simchas

people wishing to order tickets for this year's gala are advised to do so early, as last year's was a sellout. (A New Year's celebration is also planned for L'Chaim).

On weekends, Crystal features lives entertainment with top name Israeli singers. For your simchas, Crystal will make available at no extra charge their experienced DJ, whose large repertoire includes hits from the 50s and 60s. Crystal also plans to feature singles and couples nights in the near future.

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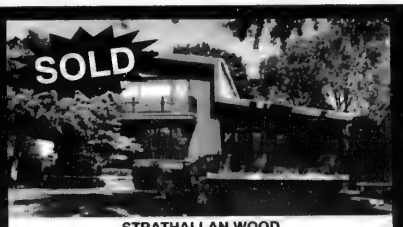

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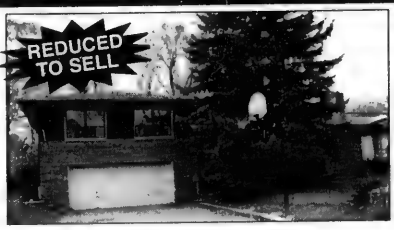

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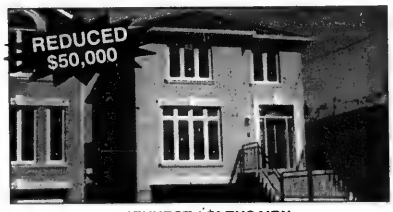

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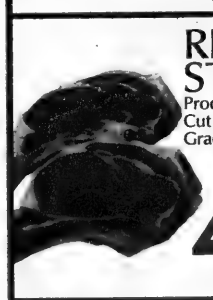

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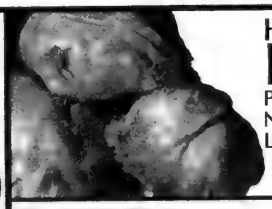

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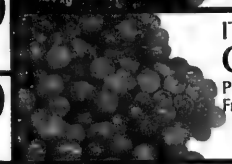

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'Big M' opens rink in Metulla

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Skating with the likes of Gerald Halbert, Steve Ain and Mel Wolfond, it's unlikely Frank Mahovlich experienced deja vu or the feeling he was back on the ice in the old glory days with Dave Keon, Gordie Howe or Jean Beliveau.

Nevertheless the "Big M" returned from Israel recently with fond memories of skating on the new Olympic-sized hockey rink in Metulla.

Wearing his Montreal Canadiens sweater, Mahovlich joined significant contributors to the United Israel Appeal (UIA) of Canada and UIA officials for a five-minute game of shinny against hockey players from Metulla.

The "game" was part of the hoopla associated with the opening of the William and Dorothy Drevnig Ice Arena and the Edward Bronfman Family Foundation Galleria at the newly expanded Canada Centre. The centre is the largest UIA Canada project in Israel, providing residents of Israel's north with a wide range of recreation facilities.

"It's a beautiful building, just gorgeous," said Mahovlich, who brought along a plaque provided by the National Hockey League to mark the opening of the new rink.

"I was proud to be part of [the opening ceremonies]," Mahovlich said. "I told them the same thing happened to me while living in Schumacher, Ont. [near Timmins] when J.P. Bickell opened a rink."

The Hall of Famer said it was in that northern Ontario rink that he developed the skills that made him an all-star in an outstanding NHL career in Toronto, Detroit and Montreal.

"We've got a great game. The more people who learn to skate, play and enjoy it, the better for everybody," he said.

For Mahovlich and his wife Marie, who said Metulla reminded her of Lake Placid, N.Y., the visit to Canada Centre was only part of a 10-day tour that included stops at many significant Christian holy sites.

"I was brought up as a Catholic so it was amazing to me to see where the miracles took place," he said.

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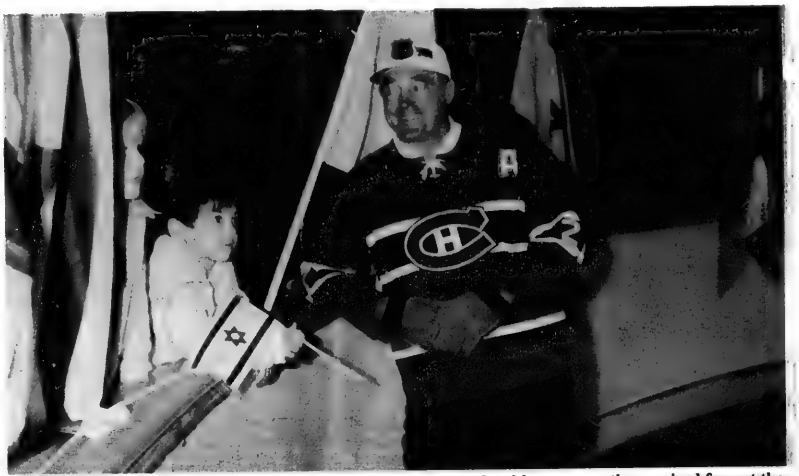

Frank Mahovlich, the Big M, takes a breather along the boards with two recently acquired fans at the Drevnig Ice Hockey Rink in Metulla. *[Isranet photo]*

Israel rocked by conspiracy rumors

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

TEL AVIV — The disclosure that the head of an extreme right-wing fringe group was a paid informer of the General Security Service (GSS) has cast a dark shadow on Israel's intelligence organization and fueled rumors of a conspiracy.

The revelation that Avishai Raviv, a close friend of murderer Yigal Amir and leader of the right-wing movement Eyal, was employed by the GSS was another major blow to the prestige and credibility of the secret service.

If Raviv was being paid to provide the GSS with information on dangerous elements in the extreme right, how could he have failed to warn his employers about Amir? Was he a double agent? Did extreme right activists suspect he was a mole?

These are just a few of the questions raised by the affair, which rocked the country when it was first revealed on Israel Television last week.

Many right-wing figures saw more than incompetence in the actions of the security service. Rabbi Benny Alon, an outspoken critic of the peace process, charged that the GSS had been used "as a tool of the government to discredit the right. The organization Eyal was synonymous with Avishai Raviv. If he was indeed a GSS agent, the unavoidable conclusion is that Eyal was established and operated by the GSS." said Rabbi Alon, now a member of the right-wing Moledat party.

The Kiryat Arba local council blamed the security service for

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Queen's University Prof. Gerald Tulchinsky examines Canadian Jewry's eventful past in the first of a two-part series. See page 9.

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CANADA

New CJFC Board

TORONTO — At its national board meeting here earlier this year, the Council of Jewish Federations of Canada (CJFC) chose a new president and slate of officers for the coming two-year term.

The executive, headed by Montreal's Richard Vineberg as president, includes Harvey Wolfe, vice-president, CJF-CJFC relations; Ted Zacks, vice-president, budget and allocations; Marilyn Blumer, vice-president, community services; and Sheila Engel, vice-president, planning and priorities.

Prof. Irving Abella has been appointed chair of CJF Canada's National Commission on Identity and Continuity.

The CJFC is affiliated with the Council of Jewish Federations, which serves and represents 180 Jewish federations throughout North America.

Na'amat Canada to Israel

MONTREAL — Na'amat Canada has announced that its 1996 convention will be held in Israel, where members will also take part in Jerusalem 3000 festivities.

The trip will take place in October.

Highlights of the combined convention/mission will be tours of major historic sites and meetings with high-level Israeli political leaders.

A key component, the group says, will be a Leadership Development Seminar for those aged 25 to 45.

The trip is open to members and non-members but spaces must be reserved. Contact national executive director Vivian Reisler by May 15 at 514-488-0797.

ISRAEL

Leah Rabin to Meet Pope

JERUSALEM — Leah Rabin will reportedly have an audience with Pope John Paul II at the Vatican next month.

The pontiff requested the meeting after learning that the widow of slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin planned to attend a memorial service for her late husband in Rome, Israel Radio reported.

New Peace Poll

JERUSALEM — A poll of 400 adults taken after the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin shows support for the peace process jumped sharply to 73 per cent, from 55 per cent in October, while support for the Oslo peace accords rose to 58 per cent from 47 per cent, the director of Tel Aviv University's Tamar Steinmetz Center for Peace Research announced last Wednesday.

The poll also shows that 40 per cent of the haredi community approves of non-violent, illegal demonstrations, while nearly 24 per cent supports violent, illegal actions.

Levinger's Wife Sentenced

JERUSALEM — Miriam Levinger, wife of extremist Hebron settlement founder Rabbi Moshe Levinger, was sentenced last week to 10 days in prison for contempt of court.

During a court hearing last Monday, Miriam Levinger denounced the government and police, and refused to stand before the judge.

She has repeatedly refused to appear in court for hearings on allegations that she hit a police officer.

Gunman Killed

JERUSALEM — Israeli and Jordanian security forces last Tuesday coordinated the hunt for a gunman who opened fire on an IDF patrol in the Beit She'an Valley, lightly wounding an Israeli soldier.

Following a four-hour search, the gunman was shot dead after he pointed a firearm at Israeli soldiers, who found him hiding near the site of the first shooting.

Social Spending

JERUSALEM — More than half of Israel's budget — 53 per cent — is spent on social programs, according to a report compiled by the Institute for Research of Social Policy in Israel.

The report shows that the Labor government's spending on social programs for the elderly, disabled and the unemployed exceeded that by the former Likud govenment.

The amount allocated this year for social welfare reached $17 billion (US), more than for defence, new roads and IDF redeployment in the territories, the report shows.

Rare Photo Album

JERUSALEM — A pocket-sized photo album, containing rare snapshots from the Lublin Ghetto, has been received at Yad Vashem.

Researchers believe the pictures were taken by a Wehrmacht soldier who sent them to his girlfriend back home.

Yad Vashem says the pictures of life and death in the Lublin Ghetto are unique.

WORLD

Canadians Attend

NEW YORK — Hundreds gathered here recently for the dedication of the Women's League Seminary Synagogue, located at the Jewish Theological Seminary of America.

Over the past few years, the Women's League for Conservative Judaism has underwritten renovations to the sanctuary, including a custom-designed Aron Kodesh, new Torah mantles and a parokhet.

Canadians attending the dedication ceremony were Leona Eligberg, Shirley Rapoport, Ethel Phillips and Carol Sher from Montreal, and Margo Grosbein and Terry Winston from Toronto.

Canadians Honored

NEW YORK — Israel's renowned Ponevez Yeshiva recently presented its Founder's Award to Isadore Black and his wife Belle, of Peterborough, Ont.

The Blacks were honored at a Nov. 19 dinner here given by the American Friends of Ponevez Yeshiva in Israel.

Isadore Black's father, Rabbi Pesach Black, studied under the father of the yeshivah's founder, Rabbi Yosef Kahaneman.

Rabbi Pesach Black immigrated to Peterborough in 1908 and founded a men's clothing outlet bearing the family name.

The Blacks have maintained strong ties with both the yeshivah's Ashdod and Bnei Brak campuses.

Nazi Imprisoned

BONN — A well-known German neo-Nazi last week began a two-year jail sentence for inciting racial hatred, and he faces more charges in connection with a book he co-published.

Gunter Deckert was arrested this month on charges that the book, *The Case of Gunter Deckert* contains anti-Semitic remarks.

The book describes his trial for denying the Holocaust occurred, for which he received the jail term.

Neo-Nazis on Trial

BUDAPEST — Hungary's leading neo-Nazi went on trial here this month on charges of inciting racial hatred.

Albert Szabo and six of his followers are being tried for wearing Nazi uniforms and for displaying Nazi flags and other symbols at public demonstrations.

But he is not being charged with organizing anti-Semitic demonstrations, because such gatherings are not illegal under Hungarian law.

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Torah can never condone killing: rabbi

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The Torah forbids Jews to take a life, even if we think G-d has commanded us to do so, affirms Rabbi Shlomo Riskin, noted lecturer, writer, rosh yeshivah, chief rabbi of Efrat, and a spokesperson for centrist Orthodoxy.

Referring to the murderer of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, he said that when we use the name of G-d for such false purposes, the world shakes, because it leaves no room for repentence.

Rabbi Riskin was speaking at B'nai Torah Congregation to an eerily silent audience that filled both floors of the sanctuary and the social hall, where his speech was seen and heard over closed-circuit monitors.

The rabbi condemned those who see Halachah in "absolute" terms, who reach the conclusion "I have the absolute value, and if you think differently then I can kill you."

"The same force of idealism that when properly utilized enables society to reach the highest ideals can lead to fanatacism, allowing people to destroy others. And that's wrong."

Any philosophy "that justifies taking the life of a leader of Israel is a perversion of Torah and must be seen as such," he said.

Noting that he had had well-publicized differences of opinion with Rabin, "I respected him greatly as a hero and leader, as the architect of the Entebbe rescue.

"The trauma of his assassination by the hand of a Jew left a deep and black cloud over many of us in Israel and around the world."

Speaking, he said, as much to himself as to the audience, he insisted that yeshivot must teach their students that "the path of peace is the highest purpose of Torah. We must say and teach that over and over. Only then are we teaching G-d's Torah and not a perversion of it."

He said he does not trust the peace process of Rabin, current Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Yasser Arafat, but nevertheless, if the majority of Israelis felt that it was necessary, for the sake of peace, to abandon Efrat, he would agree.

Shalom, peace, is critical, he said, but both sides have to realize that and compromise. "The right has to say we'll give up on [the concept of] Greater Israel and the left has to respect the rights and homes of those citizens who are settlers. They must be protected."

In response to a question from the audience, Rabbi Riskin admitted that there is considerable hostility against the religious in Israel, and not just because of the assassination.

Part of it comes from "jealousy. At one time, most of the army leadership was from the kibbutz. Now, 40 per cent of the top units and officers are *kippah srugah* (literally, those who wear the knitted yarmulkahs that are the symbol of the centrist Orthodox), even if they are only 20 per cent of the population."

The religious, however, have not reached out enough to the rest of the country. Speaking to *The CJN* after the lecture, Rabbi Riskin said, "The religious parties have to stop worrying about legislating. We have to realize that the way to influence is through love, loving-kindness and openness."

While he said he disagreed with recent statements by settler spokespersons that the assassination has effectively destroyed the integrity and effectiveness of the settler movement, he said he believed that it "set it back a good deal.

"Ironically, Rabin was one person who seemed concerned about the settlements."

On being told that Peres, in his recent speech to the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, promised that the settlements would be maintained, he commented wryly, "If they are maintained under Palestinian sovereignty, that is no help."

Asked about statements by different rabbis in the anti-peace process camp that they felt shame and a sense of blame about what happened, he said, "Those who condoned in any shape disrespect, or didn't emphasize sufficiently the value of reverence for life, *should* feel a sense of shame."

The evening began with a moment of silence in memory of Rabin, and the singing of K'El Maleh Rachamim by Mizrachi of Canada executive director Rabbi Menachem Gopin.

In an unusually impassioned speech, World Mizrachi chair Kurt Rothschild said, "The bullet was a mortal attack not just on Rabin, but on the Torah community ... that can in no way be justified.

"Anyone who does [justify it], let it be stated that we and our religious teachers utterly reject them."

Rabbi Shlomo Riskin

Zundel facing complaint

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Holocaust survivor Sabina Citron is treading over the familiar ground of a decade ago as she has again laid a private criminal complaint against Nazi apologist Ernst Zundel.

In the early 1980s, refusal of the Ontario attorney general to charge Zundel with wilful promotion of hatred against Jews prompted Citron to charge the neo-Nazi publisher with publishing "false news" denying the Holocaust.

This time she is alleging that Zundel *conspired* to promote hatred against Jews. The complaint also alleges Zundel published criminal libels.

Under Canada's anti-hate law, the consent of the attorney general is needed to launch a prosecution. But the information laid by Citron alleges Zundel *conspired* to promote hatred in Germany. The law comes into effect when the offence — promotion of hatred — is a crime in both Canada and a second country. And because the charges are not for promotion of hatred per se, the consent of the attorney general may not be required, Citron explained.

A hearing on the case will be held on Dec. 19 before a justice of the peace.

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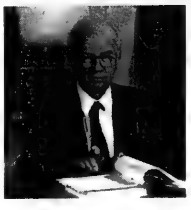

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From the editor's desk

Downcast and at a loss as a result of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's murder on Nov. 4, many of us are still deeply agitated, pitching and tossing in a sea of national self-doubt. Until our way is once again smoothed and settled by the anchors of our communal stability, we seek the inspiration and lift from the crest of even one small wave of goodness.

The column which was promised one month ago about the Canadian activist "whose story too is a tribute to activism, involvement, and the moral power of solidarity in a just cause" may provide part of that lift, for it tells of a goodness which has been shared and felt throughout the Jewish world.

Joel Sussman is a member of a musical group called Safam. Their music is a creative, inspiring, vibrant, joyful and at times tearful excursion through the experience of being a Jew. Whether it is a traditional prayer from the siddur set to a new, evocative tune or a thoughtful poem set to passionate harmonies, their style is original and their music is a sensory tour de force and a lyric chronicle of the modern Jewish condition. For example, *World of our Fathers* tells of the eastern European immigrant's experiences at the turn of the century. *Falasha Nevermore* describes the Ethiopians' return to Israel. *Maranno* is a tale of a hidden past which is reawakened by a modern love. *Nachamu Ami* is a stirring rendition of the prophet's call. The list is indeed quite long. They are now working on their ninth album.

Part of an original core of four, Sussman co-founded the group more than 20 years ago in Boston, where he has been living since 1972. But he is originally from Edmonton.

He was a *ba'al kriyah* at the age of 12, the founder of Edmonton USY at 16 and the president of Hillel at the University of Alberta at the age of 20. But all the paths of his youth led him inexorably to Israel. And at 21, he volunteered in a special program of the Jewish Agency. What had to that point in his life been only stirrings and curiosities, crystallized in the air and dreamy exhilaration of Israel to form in the deepest part of his soul, a sweet and generous Jewish poet and song-writer. He married a Bostonian and eventually settled there.

In the late '70s, a song written and performed by Safam became the signature piece for the Soviet Jewry movement across North America. It begins as a solitary lament, continues in the second stanza as a resolute declaration, then culminates defiantly as an uplifting rallying cry. I reproduce part of it.

Leaving Mother Russia

They call me Anatole
In prison I do lie
My little window looks out
On a Russian sky.
I've been arrested here
For crimes they have not named
But all my people know
The charges are a frame.
See my accuser standing in the hall.
He points a finger at us all.
You now must pay the penalty
For the crime of daring to be free

We are leaving Mother Russia
We have waited far too long
We are leaving Mother Russia
When they come for us,
we'll be gone.

...These ancient prison walls
Have watched them all pass by,
And many of them
Were much stronger men
than I.
For they lived without hope
Alone inside their cell,
But I've a vision of my home
in Yisrael.
My friends we know
what silence brings,
Another Hitler waiting in the wings,
So stand up now and shout it to the sky,
They may bring us to our knees but we'll never die!

We are leaving Mother Russia....

When Joel received the sad news of his father's severe illness, he literally raced across the continent to be at his side, to be able one final time to take his father's hand into his own. Then he wrote *Tribute*.

Oh, the man was not a saint
Because no mortal man could be.
But the man, he was the kind
I've tried so very hard to be.
For he said it does not matter
What you earn or where you live,
For a man, he is remembered
By the way that he would give.

And the man, he was a giver,
And he gave with all his heart
But it pained him so to take
Because he loved the giving part.

So I give to you my father dear
In sad memoriam,
That this man, he is a better man
For knowing he's your son.

Tribute interweaves the son's last farewell with the words of the Kaddish. And thus in this one elegiac tune, we hear Joel's musical genius and his musical purpose. For he joins the aching melancholy of personal loss to the beautiful, reaffirming harmony of our tradition.

Sussman's goodness and Safam's music are indeed a wave of inspiration whose crest we can ride, even if for a moment, to find our way back through the sea of doubt. - MBD

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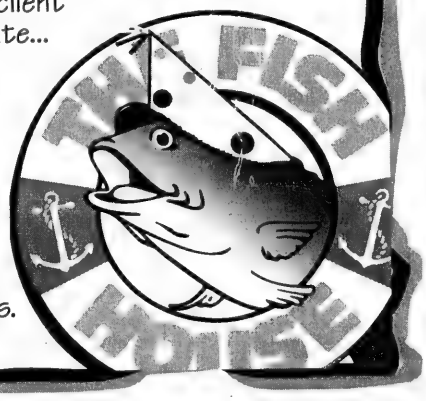

Chanukah concert set

TORONTO — Singer, composer and recording artist Paul Zim, who has been dubbed "The Jewish Music Man," will perform in a special Chanukah concert on Dec. 10, at 10:30 a.m. at the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue.

Sponsored by the synagogue's Young Families Group, Zim, who has recorded some two dozen CDs and tapes that have become popular worldwide, will perform with the Spinning Dreidel Band and the Beth Emeth Children's Choir.

For Chanukah, Zim has written a spirited sing-along song, *The Chanukah Party*, and another, *The Paul Zim Chanukah Miracle*.

Zim, who is the cantor at the Conservative Hillcrest Jewish Centre in Queens, N.Y., was born on Euclid Avenue in Toronto. His father and grandfather were cantors in Warsaw.

Cantor Paul Zim

Tickets are available at Aleph Bet Judaica, Israel's The Judaica Centre, Negev Book and Gift Store and the Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 100 Elder St.

Greater Toronto Area

Teddy Kollek accepts his honorary doctorate from the University of Toronto, as U of T Chancellor Rose Wolfe (far left), President Robert Pritchard and Charles Bronfman look on. [Steve Frost Photo]

Former Jerusalem mayor spurns Palestinian claims

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Israel should categorically reject Palestinian claims to East Jerusalem at formal talks on the city's political future scheduled to begin in May 1996, says Teddy Kollek, the former mayor of Jerusalem.

"The Palestinian demands will be very great, but we'll have to say no." Defiantly, he added: "Let them go to Nablus or any other place."

Kollek, mayor from 1967 to 1993, unequivocably spurns the Palestinian claim to East Jerusalem, which Israel annexed in the wake of the 1967 Six Day War. The demand is historically "unjustified" and, secondly, practically untenable.

"Palestinian nationalism is young and exuberant and it is a reality you cannot deny," he said in an interview on the eve of receiving an honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Toronto. "So I accept the fact that Palestinian nationalism exists.

"We'll have to pay the price for peace and give up a certain amount of land. But we shall not let Jerusalem be divided again. We shan't go back to the period before 1967."

Furthermore, Kollek stated, Israel should maintain possession of the Gush Etzion bloc, near Jerusalem, and retain Maaleh Adumim, the largest settlement in the West Bank and in practice a suburb of Jerusalem.

Kollek, a member of the ruling Labor party, said he doubts whether a hard-line position on Jerusalem will jeopardize Israel's negotiations with the PLO when the two sides meet to thrash out the matter in approximately six months from now.

In a related comment, Kollek poured cold water on a recent suggestion by Yossi Beilin — the former deputy foreign minister and now minister of planning and economics — that Palestinians should be granted autonomy in Arab neighborhoods of Jerusalem.

Kollek believes that the borough system, his solution, has a better chance of working and of being accepted by Israelis.

Under his plan, Jerusalem would remain Israel's undivided capital and its Arab inhabitants would be allowed to elect Palestinian municipal officials and to exert partial control over budgets.

Turning to another topic, Kollek — a secular Jew — expressed fear that the continued growth of Jerusalem's anti-Zionist, ultra-Orthodox Jewish population will ultimately change the character of Israel's capital and present Israel with a monumental problem.

"If there'll be a considerable majority of haredim — ultra-Orthodox Jews — who are against the secular government, I do not know how a secular government will function in Jerusalem," he warned.

"It could be very difficult to run the city under these circumstances."

At present, about a third of Jerusalem's Jewish populace is composed of haredim, who control key city council committees on planning, social services and education.

By all accounts, haredi voters helped Jerusalem's current mayor, Ehud Olmert, to unseat Kollek in the 1993 municipal election.

Kollek criticized a decision by Israel last spring, since suspended, to confiscate 134 acres in Beit Safafa and Beit Hanina, close to Jerusalem.

"It was an error to announce this expropriation. You shouldn't expropriate land unless it is absolutely necessary."

He justified land seizures during his administration to make way for new Jewish residential neighborhoods in French Hill, Gilo and Neve Yacov.

"What we expropriated was state land or even Jewish land. Beit Safafa and Beit Hanina, on the other hand, are on private Arab land."

Looking back, Kollek voiced regret that he had not met Arab housing demands during his tenure.

"Arabs in Jerusalem, on the whole, are better off than Arabs in other cities. But on a government level, we should have done more.

Although he was loath to criticize his successor — "it would sound like sour grapes" — Kollek took Olmert to task for what he claimed is an excessive concentration on "non-practical issues."

Asked to explain, Kollek elaborated: "Statements like Jerusalem is the eternal, indivisible capital of Israel' create the necessity of an Arab response. I've never heard [Prime Minister Shimon] Peres say that."

In closing, Kollek described his greatest achievement as the greening of Jerusalem with parks and trees. Conversely, he is sorry that he failed to attract hi-tech industry to the city.

Kollek, who was also in Toronto on behalf of the Jerusalem Foundation of Canada, a fundraising body, reported that he is in good health, despite a recent fall which caused a hairline knee fracture and forces him to use a cane.

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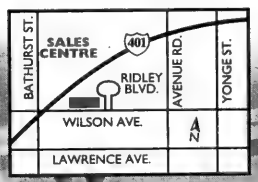

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Branson closer to closing

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Despite appeals from Jewish groups and others, the Metro Toronto District Health Council (MTDHC) has voted to close Branson Hospital and merge it with York Finch Hospital, seven kilometres away. The MTDHC recommendation now goes to the Ontario government.

The only change the MTDHC made from its original report proposal to close 12 hospitals is to exempt Western Hospital on Bathurst Street, because it would cost $45 million, not $8 million, to merge it with the General branch of Toronto Hospital.

"I'm stunned, they [MTHDC] didn't pay any attention to our argument that merging us with York Finch will not save any money," Jack Gallop, president of Branson Hospital, told *The CJN*.

"We will fight on," he said.

Attorney General Charles Harnick, whose provincial Willowdale riding houses many Branson users, told a meeting recently that the MTDHC report is only a recommendation. He said he is supporting his constituents in their fight to keep Branson open and is cooperating with Monte Kwinter, the Liberal member in whose riding of Wilson Heights the hospital is located.

Gallop attended the MTDHC meeting which reaffirmed the decision to close Branson. "The group which dealt with community hospitals spent only about 15 minutes discussing Branson. They didn't consider our financial arguments at all. Their attitude was that the elderly people who now come to Branson should go to North York General, Sunnybrook or York Central."

The Branson president pointed out that two floors of the hospital's east wing, newly converted to use for elderly patients with money raised in the local community, will sit empty if the MTDHC report is approved.

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4 groups join Nemsila case

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Four Canadian Jewish groups were granted intervenor status last week in the case of alleged Nazi war criminal Josef Nemsila.

Canadian Jewish Congress, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre, B'nai Brith Canada and the Coalition of Concerned Congregations (a Montreal organization) were given the right to present legal arguments before Federal Court Associate Chief Justice James Jerome.

Beginning on Nov. 28, Jerome will hear an appeal by federal lawyers of a decision by Immigration adjudicator Ed McNamara that threw out deportation proceedings against Nemsila.

McNamara ruled that even though Nemsila may have lied to Immigration authorities about his Nazi past, his Canadian domicile prevented him from being deported.

Josef Nemsila

The Jewish groups will be able to present legal arguments on the question of domicile, said Congress spokesperson Steven Shulman.

Justice and Immigration Department authorities had sought to deport Nemsila for lying about his wartime activities. They allege he was a member of the Hlinka Guard, the Slovak equivalent of the German SS.

In other developments, Jerome will hear an application for disclosure of documents by lawyers for three other alleged war criminals on Dec. 12, Shulman said.

The lawyers have urged the court to grant a stay of proceedings based on the argument that the cases against their clients should have been launched under the criminal law and not under civil proceedings.

Federal authorities are hoping to strip the three of their citizenship and deport them — a procedure that was successfully employed against Dutch Nazi collaborator Jacob Luitjens.

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By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — An exhibition of more than 100 works by 31 of Israel's finest ceramic artists, titled Ceramics Israel, will be held at the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery at 25 Caroline St. North of Waterloo, Ont. from Dec. 7 through Feb. 25, 1996, in cooperation with the Consul General of Israel, Toronto.

The opening session, to be hosted by Pamela and Donald Bierstock, will also launch a chair in Jewish studies at the University of Waterloo.

The exhibition was organized by The Clay Studio (Philadelphia) and mounted in cooperation with the Ceramic Artists Association of Israel and the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs. It was curated by Jimmy Clark.

Officially opened in 1993, the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery provides a place where contemporary work by national and international clay and glass artists can be exhibited, studied, documented and collected.

Ceramic art of Israel is a reflection of the country itself. The exhibition was designed to show off the state of modern Israeli ceramic art, while reflecting ancient cultures. Israeli ceramic artists do not use heavy glazes; instead they emphasize the natural coloration and textures of sand, which is a component of their ceramics material.

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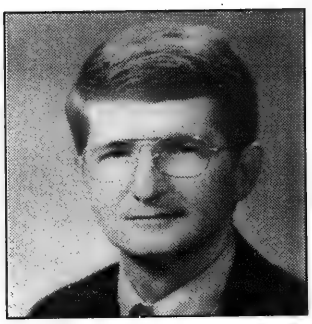

As a prosecutor with the U.S. Justice Department's Nazi War Crimes Unit, John Loftus discovered top secret documents revealing that the Nazis he had been assigned to prosecute were working for NATO Intelligence. He exposed the shocking Nazi scandal on an Emmy Award winning segment of 60 Minutes. His newest book exposes the still classified archives of the Holocaust, how Jews have been systematically wire tapped since 1944 and how Israel was set up in the Iran-Contra Affair by George Bush.

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Governing...in Ontario

This editorial is being written before the government of Ontario announced its second round of spending cuts this week. The first round of cuts was imposed in July, barely weeks after the government was elected. People have speculated that the treasurer will reduce the deficit by a further $3.5 billion. With a reduction of such magnitude, everyone in the province will be affected.

Some analysts observe that the Harris government is not merely trying to restructure the province's finances, but rather is attempting to restructure Ontario society. As the *Globe and Mail* reported last week, government officials "talk about a cultural and attitudinal change about how services will be delivered. And they freely confess that the Common Sense Revolution ... will take the province into uncharted waters."

Sailing into uncharted waters is not a pleasant prospect for us to contemplate. But, assuming it is genuinely unavoidable, it is important that it be undertaken skillfully, sensitively, thoughtfully. If indeed the government is attempting a sea change regarding the extent of its involvement in the life of the community, it must put forward to the public a statement of its operating principles. It is not enough simply to say, cavalierly, we are acting according to common sense, that we can no longer do what we cannot afford. Rather we must say that we will find ways to afford what needs to be done.

Especially in uncharted waters, it is the task of the ship of state to help its citizens survive the unsteady voyage, not cast them aside.

... in Quebec

Lucien Bouchard announced last week that he would seek the leadership of the Parti Quebecois and with it, the premiership of the province. He also announced that he would never sit down at the negotiating table with the rest of Canada to discuss renewed federalism. The only constitutional conversation he will hold with Canada, he vowed, will be to negotiate the terms of separation.

He thus ensures, for the duration of his tenure as leader, unsettled, turbulent relations with Ottawa and with the other provinces. With so demonstratively uncharitable and dismissive an ear in Quebec City, federalist leaders will have to speak directly to the people of Quebec.

At the same time, the Jewish community in the rest of Canada will have to speak to the community in Quebec, reaching out, becoming involved, understanding, empathizing, and assisting in weathering the existential anxiety and emotional fatigue of the separation debates looming again on the horizon.

... in Israel

In forming his cabinet, Prime Minister Shimon Peres has signalled his desire to try to restore the "historic alliance" between the Labor party and the religious establishment. A restoration of the alliance will go a long way to allaying the fears of the moderate settler community regarding the government's intentions for the peace process. It will also lend a measure of parliamentary stability until the elections scheduled for October 1996.

The prime minister's first step in that direction was to appoint Rav Yehuda Amital, rosh yeshivah of Yeshivat Har Etzion, as minister without portfolio. His second step was to contact the National Religious Party, Shas and United Torah Judaism to inquire into the feasibility of their joining a coalition with Labor. As of this writing, these contacts have not led to an agreement. Speaking to reporters about his coalition efforts, Peres said that "the biggest mistake" of the Labor party was to push religious Jews toward its political opposition. His government "has no intention to deepen the gulf between the religious and the secular segments of the population ... But as things stand, there is a new openness on our side and I sense openness on theirs too. Why should we not engage in dialogue?"

In this endeavour, we wish the prime minister every success.

This Week in Canadian Jewish History

Nov. 26, 1882 Cecil Hart was born. He was the founder and coach of the Montreal Canadiens and directed the team to Stanley Cup victories in 1930 and 1931. He was the great, great-grandson of Quebec pioneer Aaron Hart. *(Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC 1995)*

No solution in strident debate

I read the article by Rabbi Reuben J. Poupko (*CJN* Nov. 2) and though I do not usually respond to polemics in the media, I felt the need to comment on his remarks.

He presents the position of those who strongly support the current peace process as a desire for normalization, a desire for the Jewish people to attain "their rightful place in the community of nations." He goes on to note that the "Oslo accords have made life for North American Jews much easier." American Jews can be relieved of the stigma and burden of supporting unpopular policies. By contrast, Rabbi Poupko describes the Orthodox as those who find that "defending Israel's unpopular policies was never a burden and association with Israel never a stigma."

In regard to this latter point, it is interesting to note that in the early days of the Yishuv, a number of Orthodox rabbis were opposed to Jews building with their own hands a political entity in Eretz Israel. Indeed such activity was strongly stigmatized in some circles and the debate became acrimonious. Now the opposite view prevails among the religious extreme, where it is seen as a sacred duty to hold on to every piece of land in the West Bank (Judea and Samaria) regardless of the political consequences.

Rabbi Poupko has a pejorative way of describing those who support the peace process. It is not the primary motivation of such people to be welcomed by the rest of the world and to be comfortably accepted, as Rabbi Poupko would have you believe. For many who support the peace process, the normalization of relationships with the Arabs is seen as a more certain guarantee of real peace in the region than the continuation of hegemonous attitudes about territory. Furthermore, many believe that this process, by normalizing life for Israelis, will unleash their creativity in new directions, including the development of modern technologies and original approaches to rapprochement between groups in conflict.

Rabbi Poupko goes on to disingenuously tell us that he and his colleagues are deeply concerned about the security of Israel — as if those supporting the peace movement are somehow less concerned. He describes examples of how in matters of security, trust and Jerusalem, one cannot trust Arafat and his minions nor the current government and its leading negotiators who in any event, are functioning like "beggars of hope." The people supporting the peace process may be wrong (although I believe they are right), but at least should be treated with respect.

It would be easy for me to say that Rabbi Poupko represents those who have an ideological agenda and that he is masking it with his expressions of concern for Israel's security. I am not and will not make this allegation. I simply note that the anxiety that he and a number of his colleagues feel about Israel's capacity to defend itself capably is not shared by many others. We feel that Israel is strong enough to do what is necessary to secure its future. Indeed I would suggest that Israel's future will be most secure when peace between it and its Arab neighbors is achieved.

The recent assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin occurred in an atmosphere in which the character of political discourse in Israel has deteriorated considerably. Many people, including Orthodox rabbis, had referred to Rabin as a traitor or worse. One even let it be known that his assassination would not be a tragedy. This kind of rhetoric is as severe a threat to Israel's democracy as the behavior of Hamas and Islamic Jihad. It will not be blunted by the kind of musings presented by Rabbi Poupko. Indeed his unwillingness to be respectful and appropriately tolerant to those whose political views he opposes exemplifies a problem which is growing steadily in the Jewish world.

It is time to put an end to bitter recriminations and unpleasant rhetoric afflicting the Jewish people. A failure to do so has no doubt contributed to the present tragedy which we have just witnessed. In the final analysis, as our history has shown, it is internecine conflict that will truly make us vulnerable to those who wish us ill.

Barry I. Posner, MD
Montreal

Disappointed by Rabin memorial

I was very disappointed with the Toronto Jewish community's memorial to Yitzhak Rabin, held at Centennial Arena. After a thoughtful beginning of song and prayer, the evening quickly became a meaningless orgy of speeches.

As a member of the 6,000 who attended, I could see the restlessness and impatience among those around me, as we became passive observers of one speaker after another. We did not come to listen to politicians. We did not come to hear power-tripping Jewish community officials tell us of their last encounter with Rabin. We did not come to hear the UJA remind us to have our wallets ready when they call. We came to sing together, pray together, and to collectively share in our grief. Instead, we attended an unimaginative evening that made us into observers rather than participants. The organizers of the event showed that they are out of touch with the needs of people they assume to serve.

Ilan Salamon
Toronto

Each survivor's testimony is vital

Recent issues of *The CJN* contained articles about the lack of response to Steven Spielberg's videotaping of survivors' testimony in Toronto. We are writing to inform your readers that historical documentation through the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre's Witness-to-History project is doing very well.

The project started in April 1994. To date, 150 testimonies have been recorded by about 50 intensively trained volunteer interviewers. The project aims at maintaining authentic personal recollection of events as evidence against revisionism and Holocaust denial.

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Perspectives

Canadian Jewry's eventful past

Earlier this year, The CJN *carried a six-part series about the Jews of Canada. With the last installment in that series, we promised a wrap-up essay on the subject, the first part of which we provide today. The second part follows next week.*

By GERALD TULCHINSKY

When World War I ended, Canada's 125,000 Jews faced an uncertain future both at home and in the larger Jewish world. While Canadian Jews rejoiced at the future prospects of stability and equality for their families in Eastern Europe, the Zionists among them took heart at the prospect of achieving a "Jewish national home" in Palestine following the British government's Balfour Declaration, the League of Nations mandate and the appointment of a Jew, Sir Herbert Samuel, as high commissioner for Palestine.

At home, the Jewish community looked forward to a promising future. Three national organizations, the Zionist Organization of Canada, the Canadian Jewish Congress and the Hadassah Organization of Canada provided structure and direction.

Bright prospects were soon clouded over, however. The bitter and protracted legal fight with Montreal's Protestant School Commission over Jewish rights in the schools erupted again. Jews were not allowed membership on the commission and the few Jewish teachers employed by the board were confined to "separate but equal" schools in the Jewish populated centretown wards. Jewish pupils reported humiliating treatment in classrooms.

Anti-Semitism, while serious, did not impede the steady improvement in the economic, social and political advancement of Jews in Canadian life. Two Jews had even gained election to the House of Commons.

Anti-Semitism in the early 1920s was extremely damaging to the community. Immigration restrictions on Jews and others were severely tightened and remained in effect until after World War II. Thus, personal contact with Jews in Eastern Europe was interrupted, except by mail and occasional visits by travellers, which brought European Jewish ideas and personal news to Canada. Even family reunification was halted, and contact with the Jews in the Soviet Union was effectively terminated.

Anti-Semitism in both English and French Canada took many forms, including the Ku Klux Klan and *Achat Chez Nous* in the 1920s and Nazis and Silvershirts in the 1930s. These manifestations were accompanied by the fulminations of Abbé Groulx, André Laurendeau, Adrien Arcand and many Anglo-Canadian anti-Semites (notably certain Alberta-based Social Credits), Jew-hatred imported from Europe and the attacks of American Jew-baiters whose messages were received by radio.

In 1934, the Canadian Jewish Congress was reactivated to combat these messages of hate, not all of which were verbal. In August 1933, an anti-Semitic riot started in Toronto at Christie Pits. Fighting escalated from fisticuffs to the use of heavy clubs and lasted for six hours before Toronto's chief of police, the notorious General Draper, ordered in the riot squad and all police reserves. A number of Jews were arrested.

But the main threat to the Canadian Jewish community was political and social. Besides trying to obtain entry permits for Jews fleeing Germany during the 1930s, the Congress' chief agenda was to unite Canadian Jewry and to monitor and, where possible, confront anti-Semitism. The Congress was the parliament of Canadian Jewry and under the presidency of Sam Bronfman, from the late 1930s on, it assumed economic prestige and importance in Jewish public life.

Anti-Semitism was also obvious in Canadian universities. Aspiring Jewish academics faced great difficulty in securing appointments. At the University of Manitoba and McGill medical schools, Jewish entry was severely limited, while admission to the McGill faculties of Arts and Science and of Engineering required Jewish entrants to have a 10-point higher general average on their high school results than non-Jews. Jewish doctors had such a tough time getting admitting privileges to the city hospitals in Montreal and Toronto that the communities were persuaded to build their own hospitals.

French Canadian anti-Semitism remained serious from the 1920s. The Jewish community was seized by mounting fears — and not just in Quebec — because the Canadian anti-Semitism of the 1930s was part of a world phenomenon. Events in Poland, Germany and Romania, where anti-Semitism flourished, were on Jewish minds, just as much as, or perhaps more than events in Quebec, worrisome though they were. Canadian Jews saw the whole world turning anti-Semitic.

GOLDA THE EMISSARY

Golda Myerson (subsequently to become Golda Meir) was an early emissary from the Holy Land. She is seen here in 1929 at the Mount Royal look-out in the company of Montreal Zionist leaders. Inset is a poster from a Montreal rally celebrating the founding of the State of Israel. [The Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC, 1995]

Although Montreal did not have an anti-Semitic riot to compare with Toronto's Christie Pits, the strike at Notre Dame Hospital against Dr. Samuel Rabinovich, the stoning of Jewish funeral processions and fisticuffs during street confrontations bore evidence of considerable Jew hatred.

From the end of World War II to 1973, anti-Semitism in Canada went underground, as the Holocaust and the rise of the State of Israel combined to force hatred of Jews off the cultural map of Canada and the rest of the English-speaking world — but not completely. Housing restrictions remained legal in Canada until the 1950s, quotas on Jews in some universities remained operative until the early 1960s and private clubs still are legally able to exclude Jews among other "undesirables." As sociologist John Porter pointed out in *Vertical Mosaic* published in 1964, Jews were not yet admissible to Canada's corporate boardrooms, to employment in banks, insurance and trust companies, or to certain occupations like engineering. But in the 1960s and 1970s, the great hatred seemed to diminish; in French Canada, the Parti Québécois tried to suppress the old nationalist tradition of clerical fascism.

In the 1970s, however, anti-Semitism began to make a public reappearance, with James Keegstra's "teachings," Ernst Zundel's Holocaust denial and Malcolm Ross' publications causing concern. In recent years, there has been an increase in the number of desecrations of Canadian synagogues and cemeteries. B'nai Brith reported that between 1988 and 1992, reports of anti-Semitic "incidents" increased by more than 500 per cent. Warren Kinsella's recently published *Web of Hate: the Far-Right Network in Canada* carefully documents the rise of potentially dangerous racist and anti-Semitic groups in Canada.

But should Canada's Jews worry seriously about these manifestations? While anti-Semitism is a potentially murderous beast, Canadian Jewry must not allow concern to distort the past where, in large measure, anti-Semitism was a dog that did not bite very deeply here. It did not stop Jews from integrating into virtually all levels of Canadian society from the federal cabinet, the Senate and top positions in the civil service, to the presidency of universities. Integration continues apace. Indeed, Jews now are so well integrated that serious concerns have been expressed about the future of traditional Jewish distinctiveness.

The community still lives in the shadow of the Holocaust, however. This cataclysm has entered Jewish consciousness as no other of our many disasters and it is now a major component of the Canadian Jewish outlook on both the past and the present Besides the loss of six million amidst unrelieved horror, the Holocaust marks the end of history for Eastern European Jewry, an event of enormous historical importance. For most of Canada's Jews, whose grandparents and parents migrated from Eastern Europe, the past no longer continues into the present as it does for other immigrants. The Jews of Eastern Europe and their 1,000-year-old civilization of incalculable richness no longer exist, although they are still part of Canadian Jewry's historical memory. Above all, the Holocaust created a new historical consciousness which, to some, bears a series of worrisome "lessons" about modern Jewish history. Memorials, Holocaust centres, films like *Schindler's List*, even the search for Nazi war criminals, do not help mourning, healing or understanding. And while philosopher Emil Fackenheim asserts that, because of the Holocaust, Jews must now obey an additional mitzvah "not to give Hitler a posthumous victory," still the meaning of that apocalypse escapes us.

Among the most important post-Holocaust Jewish expressions of renewal, Zionism in its many forms drew mounting interest after 1948. Canadian Zionists, most of them Eastern European Jews, carried the idea of national redemption in their souls. Hundreds volunteered in 1917 to join the Jewish Legion recruited to liberate Palestine from the Ottoman Empire. A few joined the kibbutzim, and in 1948 and 1949, about 240 joined the foreign volunteer units of the Israeli Army. A Canadian Jew, Dov Joseph, became a member of the Israeli cabinet; another, Joe Weiner, established the tank corps of the Israeli army; others helped to organize the air force; still others performed important service in providing supplies for the State of Israel in its early years. This was not all. Considerable efforts were made to secure early official recognition for the new state. All this work for Israel helped enormously to strengthen the Canadian Jewish community and provide its leaders with a focus of unparalleled cohesiveness.

By the 1960s, it seemed as if the whole of Canadian Jewry was swept up in Israelism. Israel-centredness sometimes dominated the community's agenda. This was not just fundraising (though such campaigns became extremely significant for internal cohesiveness), but propaganda and money collected and dispatched to Israel. An estimated 50 per cent of all funds raised in the United Jewish Appeal campaigns went to Israel. Voices of dissent concerning Israel's policies were expressed in the columns of the *Canadian Jewish Outlook*, a Vancouver-based leftish monthly which serves as virtually the only voice of dissent within the community, on Zionism as well as on other issues. On the Canadian left, however, Jewish anti-establishment views could be found elsewhere as well, notably on university campuses where some Jewish students and professors expressed opposition to Israel's policies.

Zionist influence in the Canadian Jewish community increased significantly in the 1980s. All major Jewish organizations are strong supporters of Israel. Virtually all Jewish schools have Zionist education programs and sponsor visits to Israel to foster an enhanced attachment to the homeland. Perhaps a new agenda will be written to reflect the fact that Israel might now help to rejuvenate the faltering communities in the Diaspora, including Canada's. Even some Israeli political figures and intellectuals, enthused by the economic boom that followed the 1993 peace accord, have argued that Israel no longer needs financial and political help from world Jewry and can now enrich Diaspora Jewish culture and education.

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Opinions

Right and wrong in the debate

Three weeks after the cold-blooded assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, the aftershocks are being felt. Beneath the surface, the wound is still smarting, and the divisions that wrack the country are out in the open again. Many of those who speak of the need for "unity" in its aftermath simply seek agreement with their own position, and in the renewed debate, too much has already gone wrong. There are three troubling trends that can only exacerbate, rather than attenuate, the polarization.

By Shira Herzog

The first is the tendency of some on the "left" to tar all those on the "right" and in the "religious" community with the same brush, because of the stated religious motive for the killing. In some instances, this stems from ignorance, but in others, it stems from a desire to make political hay and to settle old scores in the ongoing debate over religion and politics in Israel. This is simplistic, unwarranted and damaging to the fragile fabric of Israeli society.

The second is the tendency of some on the "right" and in the religious community to be defensive and even equivocal in their reactions to the terrible event, supposedly because of the "witch hunt" from the left. This too is wrong, and disingenuous. The soul-searching that is required as a result of Rabin's death is required not because of criticism from the other side, but because of an internal moral imperative. And there are no "buts" when it comes to condemning the murder. It has to be placed beyond the pale of political and religious discourse, then the debate can resume, within the framework of the rule of law in a democracy.

The third tendency is the disturbing analysis of who introduced Holocaust imagery against Israeli government leaders. Was it the left during the Lebanon war of 1982, or was it the right in reaction to the Oslo accords? It doesn't really matter who was first — this should never have been done ... The use of Holocaust-related language to score political points today is an exploitation of the unique, horrific event that the Holocaust was. Such language is meant to generate strong reactions because of the emotions it evokes, and it can irresponsibly inflame the atmosphere.

The challenge facing Israel today is not to pretend that divisions should no longer exist — although each side would dearly like that to be the case — but to re-establish a civil framework for the debate that will allow Israelis to emerge from these difficult times together. Israelis are divided on political and religious questions, and their democracy has been sorely tested. If the shock of the assassination exposed the country's greatest vulnerability from within, it was that, at the end of the day, there might not be sufficient civility, tolerance and common ground to coexist as a people who acknowledge differences.

Fortunately, there are voices of moderation that are speaking out. They may not be as attractive for media coverage as the voices of confrontation, but they are essential for Israel's future. These are a few examples. Last week, Yossi Beilin, a cabinet minister and close confidant of Shimon Peres, said, "We have to try to mend some of the fissures that have occurred, perhaps because of our own insensitivity. We had the feeling that we could make peace without considering or listening enough to the voices among the people. We contributed to the creation of two camps that no longer communicate ... We have to prepare for the day after the peace is signed, because we cannot find ourselves in a torn and fragmented country."

Rabbi Yehuda Amital, of the Religious Zionist movement, Meimad, has for long spoken forcefully of the need for a re-examination of the values and teachings that have spawned the development of a zealotry in the extreme religious nationalist community. He said last week, "Everyone has to engage in soul searching, the left and the right, but this does not absolve the religious Zionist community ... We never believed this [the killing] could happen ... we have to undertake a serious process of re-examination and thought ... that will lead to a distancing of extreme elements from our midst ... We must work to increase unity and against hatred."

And last week in New York, several Holocaust survivors published a call for a halt to the use of Holocaust vocabulary because "this reckless rhetoric not only trivializes the Shoah ... it also betrays ignorance of what the Holocaust was ... Language matters ..."

Our sages said long ago, "the tongue has power over life and death." Israeli author Amos Oz said in Toronto after the assassination, "Words can kill, and words can heal." Voices of moderation cannot make political and religious differences disappear, but they can provide the right tone for the debate, and they may help to heal the open wound we all share. Here and in Israel, such voices should be raised, should be heard and should be supported.

Education, continuity and klal Israel

The concern for Jewish continuity has for some time been reverberating through the Jewish world, fuelled by the fear of rising rates of assimilation and intermarriage. But amidst the gloom, some rays of hope have been able to shine through. Jewish education, in informal experiments or formal school settings, can make a difference.

By Morton Weinfeld

Last year I evaluated a mid-western American Conservative synagogue, which had undertaken a concerted effort to raise Shabbat observance among its members. To my surprise, I found clear evidence that after roughly two years of this program — a kind of "inreach" as opposed to "outreach" — various measures of Shabbat observance had indeed increased. Such experiments are underway in many congregations and have greater potential than conventional adult education programs.

Even more heartening are the results of the latest research on the impact of formal Jewish schooling on subsequent Jewish identification. Two recent large scale American studies show positive effects of Jewish education, even after controlling for the level of parents' Jewish commitments. Day school education has the greatest impact by far, but afternoon school is also found to have a measurable effect. What is not clear is which specific elements of day school or supplementary school education produce the best results, and with which students.

The challenge here is to make Jewish education more attractive and affordable to Canadian Jewish families, so that more children can be involved. The needs and opportunities are perhaps greatest among the non-Orthodox. In this group enrolment rates are lower and the role which education may have to play in the Jewish socialization of the child is greater.

The goals of Jewish education are usually increased Judaic knowledge and observation of Jewish rituals. But in the wake of the tragic assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, Jewish educators in Israel and in the Diaspora are posing additional questions about the objectives of Jewish education.

For some time, groups of Jews — left or right, religious and non-religious — have been demonizing other Jews. Stereotypes and prejudices have been flourishing, even before the escalation of the political rhetoric over the peace process. Some non-Orthodox Jews see in any knitted yarmulke or Likud supporter a symbol of murderous fanaticism. Conversely, some in the Orthodox community see secular Jews or Jews committed to the peace process as traitors to the Jewish people, or worse.

This proliferation of *sinat chinam* is unconscionable. When the Nazis set out to exterminate European Jewry, they did not distinguish between types of Jews. The bodies of chassidic and secular Jews, left- and right-wingers, fell side by side.

Similarly, some Jews have forgotten that every Jew — indeed every human being — is created *b'tselem elokim*. Our tradition teaches that every Jew contains within himself or herself a spark of the Divine.

What role, if any, can Jewish education play in trying to heal these open wounds? The issue is not straightforward. Jewish day schools and supplementary schools enjoy a deserved autonomy, and often reflect the values of groups of parents. The diversity of Jewish life is one of our greatest strengths and this pluralism must be respected and nurtured.

But can Jewish educators seek to find greater common ground, based on the concepts of *klal Israel* and *ahavat Israel?* Most schools endorse these concepts and teach them to their students. There are rallies or festivals which involve several schools. But perhaps more can be done such as face to face encounters among our youth.

Some readers may have seen the film *Bonjour Shalom*, which deals with tensions in the city of Outremont between Chassidic residents and their French Quebecois neighbors. One scene depicts a first time visit of a group of young French girls to a local Chassidic girls' school. Despite the awkwardness of the encounter, the visit was a modest attempt to break down a wall of prejudice and ignorance and find a common humanity.

Is it unrealistic to hope for similar encounters within the spectrum of Jewish youth? The objectives should not be proselytization of one group by another. There are risks that such efforts may backfire. But some creativity, goodwill and careful planning of such programs might help to humanize those who are now strangers.

In Canada we at times assign to public schools the task of solving difficult social problems. For example, we seek to lessen adult racism in our society by developing anti-racist curricula. A new challenge facing Jewish educators is whether the goal of creating a minimal inter-communal tolerance can be added to those of the Jewish continuity agenda.

Thoughts on the assassination

Yigal Amir, the prime minister's alleged murderer, comes from a pious Yemenite family. That very fact makes the foul deed even sadder, for the Yemenite community has been cherished in Israel for its hard work and exemplary civil behavior.

By Rabbi. Gunther Plaut

Amir claimed that he heard the "voice of God." By personal revelation or through the teachings of rabbis to whom he listened? More likely the latter, for he was brought up in a culture that taught him to revere the words of his teachers.

And some of them discussed — among themselves and in public — the question whether it was a mitzvah to kill the prime minister or whether it was merely "permitted." Now these same quarters claim that all they were doing is "hold theological discussions," which were not meant to be taken literally.

That is a fatuous excuse if I ever heard one. They know that they are tainted with the blood of Yitzhak Rabin and now beat a hasty retreat. (I don't want to believe that any of them are privately happy that their disquisition had such an immediate effect, or that they approved of the celebration reported from Kfar Tapuach.) The passage in Pirkei Avot, quoted in the name of Rabbi Shimon, son of Gamaliel, comes to mind: "Whoever talks too much is likely to cause others to commit a sin."

Unfortunately, the public level of Israeli discourse had been at an all-time low, and the same development has infected North American society as well. Says Tom Schachtman, author of *The Inarticulate Society:* Vitriolic and even violent speech on radio and televised shows have contributed to a breakdown of democratic communication, and therefore, democratic culture.

One of the unfortunate byproducts of this tragic affair is the increased disrespect for rabbinic authority in Israel and elsewhere. The gap between secular and observant Jews has been further widened — and it was wide already. The daily newspaper *Yediot Achronot* reported the following which should give everyone food for thought: Yigal Amir evaded security by posing as a limousine driver. He gained the trust of the security guards when he took off his yarmulke.

Meaning what? That someone who professes publicly to religious observance is suspect, while someone who doesn't, is not? That a person without a kippah could not possibly belong to the religious fringe which advocated or discussed murder and was therefore not dangerous?

All of which came after Yitzhak Rabin and the hundred thousand in the square had finished the peace song:

So sing a song for peace
Don't whisper your wish
Better sing a song for peace
Shouting it out loud ...
Sing songs to love and not songs of war.

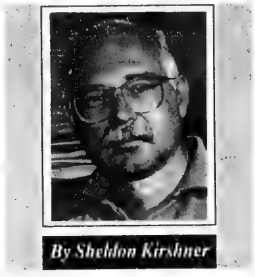
The consoling element in the tragedy was the presence of young people, both in Israel and at the rally of 7,000 we held in Toronto. *Aanachnu kan,* they seemed to say. "We are here, you can still count on us."

And there is something else. In a trenchant article, William Rees-Mogg traversed the history of modern assassinations and concluded that every time the murder brought about exactly the opposite of what the murderer wanted to achieve. In this case, instead of hampering or even halting the peace process, it is likely to accelerate it.

Someone put it this way: Violence can kill power, but it isn't power.

The Kirshner File

Anne Frank revisited in documentary



By Sheldon Kirshner

It seemed like a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

"When I discovered that, somehow, no one had ever attempted to make a documentary on the *complete* story of Anne Frank, it was too tempting to resist," explained British filmmaker Jon Blair, whose moving two-hour film, *Anne Frank Remembered*, was screened at the recent Toronto International Film Festival.

The project took root in July 1994, when the Anne Frank Educational Trust in London — the British branch of the Anne Frank House and Museum in Amsterdam — approached Blair.

In 1983, he had won a major British award for *Schindler*, his ground-breaking film about Oskar Schindler, the German who saved more than 1,000 Jews from the jaws of death.

"After *Schindler*, I had no interest in touching World War II material again, let alone the Holocaust," said Blair. "I wasn't going to make a career out of the Holocaust, the Shoah business. I didn't want to be a 'Jewish' filmmaker."

Curiosity, however, impelled Blair to investigate the matter. When he was satisfied that there had never been "a full telling" of Anne Frank's story on the screen, his enthusiasm grew.

What finally clinched the deal, he noted in an interview at a downtown Toronto hotel, were the sweeteners promised by the Anne Frank House and Museum and the Anne Frank Foundation in Switzerland.

He was granted permission to recreate, then photograph, the furnishings in the Franks' secret hiding place in Amsterdam.

He obtained the rights to use extracts from Anne Frank's diary as part of the documentary's voiceover.

He was given access to the Anne Frank Museum's database and permitted to hire three of its researchers.

He wheedled the right to use never-before-seen footage of Anne Frank. The 1941 clip, showing Anne looking out her window, was from a Jewish wedding. (Computerized techniques brought it back to compelling life.)

He was granted unprecedented access to the Frank family photographic collection.

And he was assured of help in tracking down eye witnesses — notably Bernd Elias, Anne's first cousin on her father's side and one of her last living blood relatives; Miep Gies, the Dutch woman who provided the Franks and their boarders with food and information; Hanneli Goslar, Anne's friend from the age of four who is mentioned extensively in her diary; Sal and Rose De Liema, who met the Franks at the Westerbork concentration camp; Peter Pepper, the son of the dentist who shared Anne's room in the secret annex; and Isa Baschwitz, whose parents were friends of Otto and Edith Frank, Anne's father and mother.

Blair — a 45-year-old former South African who left his homeland in 1966 to avoid military service — received financial support from the British Broadcasting Corporation and the Disney Channel, but was still short of funding.

The film would cost $800,000 (US), a considerable sum for a documentary.

At one point, he nearly lost hope of securing the required funds and was on the verge of abandoning the project. But then director Steven Spielberg put up an undisclosed amount that enabled Blair to proceed.

Time was of essence. The 50th anniversary of the end of World War II, an ideal platform for a film about Anne, was less than a year away and Blair had to scramble.

He met his deadline, and *Anne Frank Remembered* — which is in contention for a 1996 Academy Award — had its premiere on the BBC last spring.

Since then, it has been broadcast on the Disney Channel and has been seen at the Montreal International Film Festival, in Los Angeles and in Australia. The Dutch public will get the chance to see it later this year, and if Blair's discussions with North American distributors bear fruit, it will be released in commercial theatres fairly soon.

Curiously enough, neither Israel nor Germany has bought the film, and Blair is not surprised. "Anne Frank doesn't have the same resonance in Israel as in North America. As for the Germans, maybe they have been exposed to a surfeit of films about the Holocaust."

He is pleased that the Anne Frank House and Museum liked the film. "I think they appreciated it," he said. "Certainly, we're still friends."

In his view, *Anne Frank Remembered* propagates a message of tolerance and hope and contributes to the ceaseless battle against racism, discrimination and anti-Semitism.

"This is also a film about today," he observed. "They didn't call it 'ethnic cleansing' 50 years ago."

Blair is not especially concerned by the reaction of Holocaust revisionists, who, doubtless, will take umbrage. "They're an irrelevance, really. I don't believe that the vast proportion of late 20th century mankind gives them much credence. But if the film is useful in the fight against them, fine. Neo-Nazis are dangerous when they're armed with bombs. They are never going to respond to reason."

In making *Anne Frank Remembered*, Blair hoped to portray her as a person rather than as an icon. He has succeeded. In his hands, she emerges as an intelligent, feisty and inquisitive girl who had just begun to come to terms with her womanhood.

Blair does not subscribe to her unbridled optimism and her unalloyed faith in humanity. Was she naive? No, he said. "She was a girl of her age. How many of us want to be judged for posterity on the basis of writings between the ages of 13 and 15?"

Needless to say, Blair was unable to cram all his material into this tour de force. Indeed, he was forced to omit an obscure but important fact. Anne, an aspiring journalist, wrote several children's books (which were later published). "She had remarkable potential as a writer," he said.

One can only imagine what prose might have flowed from her pen had she survived the Holocaust.

A potpourri of books...

A potpourri of recently-published books ...

"The Russians," wrote Anton Chekhov, "idolize the past, hate the present and fear the future." Mindful of this aphorism, the anti-Semitic, self-hating, half-Jewish demagogue, Vladimir Wolfovich Zhirinovsky, has risen to the apex of Russian politics.

His chauvinistic views, which earned him 24 per cent of the popular vote in Russia's 1993 presidential election, have been conveniently compiled in *Absolute Zhirinovsky* (Penguin, $9.99) by Graham Frazer and George Lancelle, two seasoned British journalists.

Forty thousand Ethiopian Jews have arrived in Israel in the past two decades. Life in the Jewish state has profoundly affected them. In *Surviving Salvation* (New York University Press, $24.95 US), Ruth Westheimer (yes, Dr. Ruth) and Steve Kaplan deftly analyze their absorption, or lack thereof, into Israeli society.

With the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, the mainly Muslim republics of Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Azerbaijan gained independence. In *Between Marx and Muhammad* (HarperCollins, $38.95), Dilip Hiro, a respected specialist on Muslim affairs, speculates how these Central Asian entities may develop and react to the challenge of Islamic fundamentalism.

Jews have played an enormously important role in the development of the movie industry, both as executives and actors. Flip through the informative pages of *The Film Encyclopedia* (HarperCollins, $35) by Ephraim Katz and *Halliwell's Film Guide* (HarperCollins, $29.50) and you will be enlightened. These are excellent reference books.

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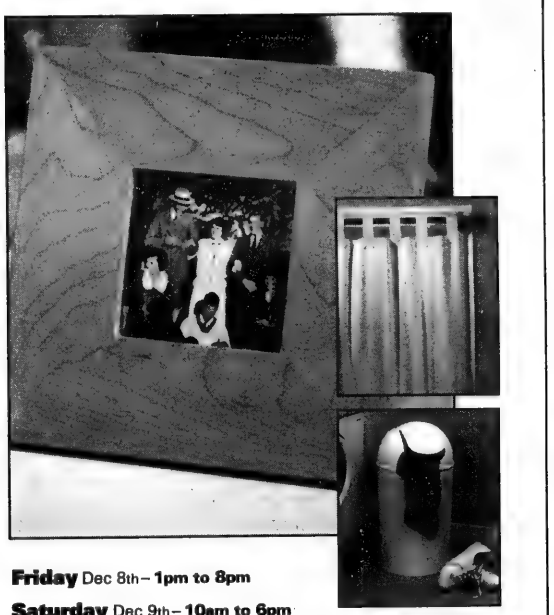

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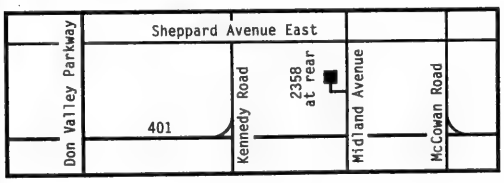

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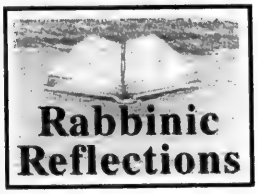

Compassion's voice must be heard

By RABBI IRVIN S. BEIGEL

There is an old story of the Jewish child in school for the first time. As the teacher called the roll, each child yelled out "present." When little Moishe heard his name, he responded in a loud, clear voice, "I pledge chai."

Jewish philanthropy has often been the butt of jokes, but it has also been a profound source of Jewish pride.

Across North America, governments are cutting social welfare programs in order to balance the budget. There is a callous attitude to the poor which is to be found across the continent. Those in need are identified as "them," a group different and apart from "us." Cutting welfare payments is often rationalized by citing instances of abuse or fraud. And those truly in need increasingly go without food, shelter and clothing. For many, the cold winter months will erode health, devastate self-esteem and in too many cases, end lives. How do we as Jews respond?

To be sure, there are those who abuse the welfare system, as there are politicians who abuse their office and the wealthy who abuse the tax system. There are no calls to do away with Parliament or to do away with taxes. Most would agree that those who cheat and steal should be punished appropriately. In the same way, we as a society, have a responsibility not only to end welfare abuse, but to provide for the needs of the poor in ways which preserve human dignity.

Jewish tradition sees tzedakah from two perspectives: that of the giver and that of the recipient. The Torah was unique in the ancient world in making it mandatory to provide for the poor. The farmer was required to leave a corner of his field for the poor to harvest. If he neglected this duty, he was guilty of stealing what belonged to the poor.

Rabbinic law further defined our responsibility to support those in need. Everyone, including one dependent on charity, was expected to give to tzedakah according to his ability. Giving to tzedakah teaches the giver to be compassionate. The tradition insists over and over again that no matter how weak, vulnerable and powerless a person may be, we must preserve his or her dignity. Jewish tradition insists that we not ostracize those in need. "They" are "us."

Maimonides praises those who give and receive charity anonymously. The most praiseworthy form of tzedakah, however, is to help a person find a job so that he or she is no longer dependent on the community for survival. Yet when a person is in need, we are to provide food, clothing, home furnishings and even help the single person who is in need to marry.

The kind of society, the kind of nation that we build, the kind of people that we are, is demonstrated by how we treat the weak and those who lack the necessities of life. The voice of Jewish compassion needs to be heard today as never before.

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A Beantown brush with Sinai

By LYNDA McGRAW
Jewish Telegraphic Agency

You may not remember this, but you were at Mount Sinai when it happened. We were all there. All 600,000 Jewish souls that exist at any time were there. So that means that you, too, experienced the revelation. It was incredible. Literally.

Although G-d generally makes miracles that we mortals can relate to and understand, this one was different because there was a supernatural element to it. Everyone present felt it, and without modems, cellphones or a audio-visual superscreen.

We are not really certain what happened at Mount Sinai when we officially became a couple — that is, G-d and the Jewish people. Some of the sages say it was a sound that everyone heard at exactly the same time. Some say that Moshe Rabeinu, who was G-d's lay leader and the MC of the event, had to yell at the men and address the women in a softer tone, because the girls knew the sound. Whatever the case might have been, it was clearly a Jewish communal event on the grandest scale.

And since that time, it seems that we have been struggling to recreate the sound of Sinai. We came up with the *shloshah regalim* — the pilgrimage to the Temple. When the Second Temple was destroyed, we followed the Greek lead and built smaller temples wherever we settled, with the Aron HaKodesh facing eastward, toward Jerusalem.

For four days last week, I had the distinct pleasure of walking around an enclosed glass Cardo and Coliseum of sorts with a good portion of my fellow 600,000 Jewish souls in Boston. The occasion was the Council of Jewish Federations' General Assembly (GA). It was also the 100th anniversary of Boston's Jewish federation.

There was a buzz. The look on the faces of these 5,000 or so Jewish communal leaders and philanthropists was pure light. And there was a sound reminiscent of something out of our collective past. It

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was festive, cordial; rife with infighting, dispute, discourse; laced with consensus and the total lack of consensus. It was a tribal sound. Because however you slice it, we are a tribe. And for some reason, despite all our politics and *gehakteh Yiddishe tsuris*, we are possessed of an innate urge to gather together. To recreate the sound of Sinai.

The sound of Sinai has been with us throughout Jewish history. It was heard during the flourishing era of the Great Synod. And during the Holocaust. It was heard at the founding of the Jewish State. And again as we witnessed the handshake on the White House lawn three years ago. And it was heard in a hail of bullets, 10 days prior to the GA. During the event itself, there was no escaping the sound of Sinai. It resonated throughout the GA. It was unavoidable. We were mourning the loss of our prime minister, Yitzhak Rabin. For the sake of my readers, I shall not enter into a requiem mode at this juncture.

This past Shabbat, sitting on a bench at the Teaneck Jewish Centre, I reflected on the events of the past several weeks. Suddenly, I felt my eyes mist, and I lost it for the first time since hearing the news of Rabin's murder. It happened during the post-Torah reading of the *Shmoneh Esrei*, just as I read the passage, *"Yehi ratzon milfanechah ... sheyibaneh Beit Hamikdash bimheira beyamenu."* The sound of Sinai.

For the first time since Rabin's murder shattered our innocence, I found myself among my neighbors in my hometown shul near the corner of my street, beseeching and crying for G-d to rebuild our Temple — to make that job top priority. If ever we need a little closeness to the root of our cause, it's now, Lord. Not that I'm in the habit of ordering G-d around, G-d forbid.

Despite the tears and even despite the partying I did there, I am still high from my Beantown brush with Mount Sinai. I remember with total recall the conditions under which I accepted the Torah. That even if I should forget why I'm fighting the fight to keep my people Jewish, I should be strong enough to continue on the road. That even if I stop believing in G-d, I should believe in the Jewish people. And if ever I should lose my faith in the Jewish people, I should remember with total recall the light and sound of those who attended the General Assembly in Boston.

Jewish Life

Books

By Bernard Baskin

A Scroll of Remembrance, by Donia Blumenfeld Clenman Flowerfield & Littleman, $11.95).

Older and in Love, by Donia Blumenfeld Clenman (Flowerfield & Littleman, $11.95).

Donia Blumenfeld Clenman is an exceedingly busy woman — poet, children's author, lyricist and lecturer. She participates in forums, addresses high school and university students on such subjects as race relations, Israel and the enduring meaning of the Holocaust, presents dramatic readings from her books and shares in the creation of films, tapes and musical compositions.

Recently, her poem, *Rainbow Symphony*, set to music by Srul Glick, was presented as part of his *Triumph of the Spirit*, which commemorated the Toronto Mendelssohn centenary. Her poems have won international awards and are included in several anthologies.

The child of a devout Polish family, she spent her youth in the Warsaw Ghetto and in a number of concentration camps. Her father died in the ovens of Treblinka and "out of an extended family of 74, there were six living survivors and one walking dead." She was liberated from the Czestochowa Camp in January 1945, a date forever engraved in her memory, and has been a resident of Toronto since 1948.

In *I Remember*, the poet confesses, "But most of all I remember / my grandfather's patriarchal beard / and his mighty chee-ree-bimboms; / the musty Polish synagogue / where penguin-like Chassidim / would drop their puritan plumage / and obey the call of love / to sway with wild abandon, / kissing the sacred pages, / their dance quickening to match blood's ardor, / the rising voices weaving wordless melodies, / Song of Songs to His Beloved."

Although no stranger to inhumanity, the poet is not bereft of hope: "I don't know why / I, of all people, / still peddle hope. / It must be this fool Isaiah / and those stiff-necked Jews — / Ezekiel, Akiba, Jeremiah, / and the babbling, ecstatic Chassidim / hopping around a musty scroll — / no matter what / no matter when and why. / Though hope gave them up / they would not."

With Isaac is an exuberant embrace of the Israeli landscape. "But at dusk / when mauve mists / take the earth / to their breasts, / and stark mountains / flow with milk and honey, / my soul is restored / and with Isaac I walk / in the field of the eventide."

Golda Meir, a subject of praise, evokes compelling images. "Golda Meir, / Ambassador, / who in a sloppy dress / greeted the British and Russians / with dignity. / Fun Lady, / 'Paramount Chief-Initiated,' / bright eyed, bright-robed, / frolicking with Liberia's chieftains, / and singing on Lapland's frozen lakes ... your wrinkles as deep as history, / Goldale, / most beautiful daughter / of the world."

In *A Ballad of Peace*, there is a reaching out for a future time of universal understanding when, "And the sun will come out sweet and golden, / and the moon velvet against the sky, / and a poem will bloom / in the middle of the desert / and the soul of the world will be / a Ballad of Peace.

The poems in these slender volumes are not difficult or obscure. Readily accessible, they are meant to be savored and enjoyed. Many of them were inspired by 10 years of extended visits to Israel from 1983 to 1992. But they also include reflections on the persistence of memory, the anomalies of human behavior and the unfolding world of nature.

For Clenman, "We are all survivors ... custodians of a precious globe."

The books are available at Toronto Jewish bookstores.

Despite tragedy, poet not bereft of hope

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Miss America faced ugly episodes of anti-Semitism

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In 1945, Bess Myerson became the first (and so far, only) Jewish Miss America.

American-born Jews and newly arrived Holocaust survivors took heart from her victory, perceiving it as a symbol of opportunity for Jews in America.

The truth was not so pretty. During the contest, Myerson, the daughter of Russian immigrants who lived in the Sholom Aleichem apartment houses in the Bronx, resisted pressure to change her name to one that sounded less Jewish.

After her win, she wasn't invited by any sponsors to pose with their products, she told a Toronto audience recently.

Speaking at a State of Israel Bonds, Women's Division event at Beth Tzedec Congregation, the still-elegant septuagenarian said that "the final hurt in a terrible year" happened at a stately mansion in Wilmington, Del.

Bess Myerson

Descending the stairs in her crinolined white gown, sceptre in hand, she overheard her hostess say she hadn't known Myerson was Jewish and that she (Myerson) wouldn't be able to attend the evening's reception because it was being held at a restricted country club.

An audible collective gasp from the sizable audience, many of whom were not yet born in 1945, was testimony to progress made since that time.

Myerson's experiences led her to speak out publicly against discrimination and have been a factor in her strong support of Israel. Affiliated with the Anti-Defamation League on a national and regional level, she is also on the national advisory board of State of Israel Bonds.

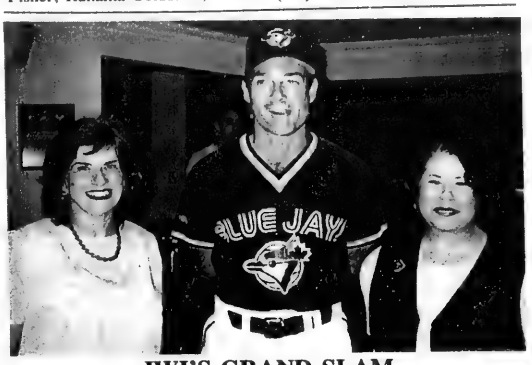
Her association with Bonds dates back to 1951, when she was invited to Madison Square Gardens to launch their independence issue.

Over the past 44 years, investment in Israel Bonds has reached a total of $14 billion, facilitating expansion in various industries, as well as additional housing, jobs, schools and libraries to keep up with the influx of *olim*, Myerson said.

On one of her many trips to Israel, where "swords are being beaten into microchips," she was told by former Israeli prime minister Golda Meir that "there are so few of us and there's so much to do," she said.

"That's why each of us must do so much, and those of us who do nothing hurt us all ... Remember, we take care of ourselves by taking care of each other," she said.

Also participating in the evening were singer/storyteller Ritasue Fisher; Ruhama Goldstein, Israel Bonds' North American women's division chair, who introduced Myerson; and event co-chairs Malki Abrams and Debbie Kimel. Dodi Weill, chair, Women's Division, discussed Israel Bonds' new $100 (US) certificate.



JWI'S GRAND SLAM

Toronto Blue Jay Paul Molitor, a spokesman for Eva's Place, an adolescent shelter in North York, recently thanked supporters. Joining him were Elaine Mintz (left) of Eva's Place and Pat Wolfson of Jewish Women International, which has donated items to the shelter.

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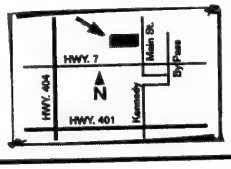

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One campaign week to go

Community backs UJA's Three Year Vision

As UJA's first Three Year Vision campaign draws to a close, co-chairs Charles Gold and Carol Kassel are excited about how well the concept has caught on.

1996 UJA Campaign Co-chair, Charles Gold

UJA canvassers sought pledges from donors not only for 1996 but for each of the following two years as well. So far, over 40% of contributors have agreed to a three year commitment.

"The response was phenomenal," Gold declared. "We only expected 20%."

Both leaders predicted that three year campaigns would soon be continent-wide. Delegates to the recent General Assembly of Federations in Boston, according to Kassel, saw Toronto's Three Year Vision as "new and different."

"Whenever anybody heard about it, they wanted details," said Kassel, who sees the Three Year Vision as a starting point for building stronger relationships with donors.

"We have achieved the beginning of our vision," she explained. "Now we have to find avenues for new gifts and develop ongoing relationships with our contributors."

UJA will not be canvassing anyone who made a three year pledge until the 1999 campaign year. It will concentrate, instead, on reaching out to non-contributors and maintaining contact with donors.

"Already, some of our three year contributors have volunteered to host gatherings," revealed Gold. "We expect more Three Year Vision supporters to come out for events.

With the 1996 campaign ending on December 6, the three year total now exceeds $60 million. After the campaign is formally finished, canvassers will still be dealing with uncovered cards and pledge redemptions. "The financial needs of those who rely on UJA are endless," said Kassel. "We're having difficulty keeping up with them."

General Assembly introduces Canadian perspective

There was a uniquely Canadian dimension this year to the 64th annual General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations in Boston.

The Canadian Public Policy and Human Services Institute Program included sessions on health and social welfare policy, lobbying for change and how Jewish community services can fill the void created by provincial and municipal government cutbacks. "It was a good forum for Canadian Jews to come together and discuss common challenges and goals relating to social policy," said Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto President Sandra Brown.

Susan Jackson, the Federation's Director of Continuity Programming, found the Canadian track to be "useful in promoting an understanding of how Canadian communities are finding ways to balance the continuity agenda with budget cuts."

The Canadian contingent of 40 participated with nearly 4,000 North American colleagues from 189 Jewish Federations in a memorial to the late Yitzhak Rabin, which included a live satellite broadcast from Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres. Rabin was to have been the Assembly's keynote speaker, and as UJA Campaign Director Ted Sokolsky observed, "there was an air of sadness throughout the conference" because of his absence.

Federation Executive Vice-President Allan Reitzes described the gathering in memory of Rabin as a "symbolic reaffirmation of the commitment of Diaspora Jewry." He left the conference feeling that "what we're trying to do here in Toronto is mirrored by the recommendations of other North American communities."

Dr. Arthur Kruger, joined by close to 100 community leaders, watches Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres address GA delegates by satellite from Jerusalem at the Lipa Green Building. The program was organized by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

Keren Hayesod official takes home tips from Toronto visit

Janet Simons would like to model women's campaigns around the world on what she saw in Toronto and other Canadian centres.

Janet Simons

Simons, the President of Keren Hayesod's Women's Division, recently stopped in Toronto on a cross-Canada fact finding mission, where she sat in on a UJA Women's Campaign telethon. "It could be duplicated by any community in the world," she observed. "Canadian campaigns have always been well-organized and others could benefit greatly from watching how the Canadian campaigns operate."

The campaign in her home town of Sydney, Australia is, according to Simons, "based mostly on special functions and events. That's how we raise most of our money." There are 35,000-40,000 Jews in Sydney, out of a total population of 14,000,000.

One of her goals is to get more women to attend Keren Hayesod's international conferences, such as next year's Mifgash International Mission to Israel, June 10-15. Delegates will participate in the opening of the organization's Women's Division in Istanbul.

The Keren Hayesod Board of Trustees has declared 1996 the year of the Women's Division.

Simons visited Vancouver, Winnipeg, Toronto, Ottawa, and Montreal on her recent trip to North America.

Mission Accomplished

*Herb Rosenfeld and Rosanne Ain, the Co-chairs of Mission 3000 certainly have something to smile about. The February 19-28, 1996 mission to Israel is **sold out**. With over 1,200 participants from across the country, the UIA/UJA trip will be the largest Israel mission in Canadian history.*

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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DATE		EVENT	ORGANIZATION	TIME	PLACE
DECEMBER					
Sun	3	A Musical Lecture with Naomi Beli	Beth Tzedec	2:00 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Sun	3	Jewish Storytelling Gathering	Jewish Storytelling Arts	7:30 pm	Beth Habonim
Mon	4	Salute to Volunteers Dinner	Emunah Women of Canada	6:00 pm	Shaarei Shomayim Congregation
Mon	4	Performance for All Jewish Women	Int'l. Campaign to Help Bring on Moshiach	8:00 pm	Leah Posluns Theatre
Tues	5	"Synagogues and Federations: Are We One?"	Beth Tzedec	8:00 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Wed	6	UJA Campaign Closing	United Jewish Appeal	7:30 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Sun	10	UJA Closing Telethon	United Jewish Appeal	9:00 am - 9:00 pm	Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.
Sun	10	Annual Meeting	Canadian Society of the Weizmann Institute of Science	10:00 am	Four Seasons Hotel
Sun	10	Israel Fair	Israel Experience Committee of Jewish Federation	11:00 am	Leah Posluns Theatre Foyer
Sun	10	"Sexuality in the 90's" with Rabbi Mitch Cohen *(for singles)*	Beth Tzedec Young Members Group	7:30 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Mon	11	UJA Closing Telethon	United Jewish Appeal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.
Mon	11	"Group Rights vs. Individual Rights" - Alan Coatsworth Lecture Series	Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario Region	8:00 pm	Temple Sinai
Tues	12	Concert featuring Marvin Rosenshein	Bathurst Jewish Centre - Senior Adult Services	1:30 pm	Leah Posluns Theatre
Tues	12	UJA Closing Telethon	United Jewish Appeal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.
Wed	13	UJA Closing Telethon	United Jewish Appeal	6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Lipa Green Building, 4600 Bathurst St.
Thurs	14	Lecture: "The Secret War Against the Jews"	State of Israel Bonds - New Leadership	7:30 pm	Leah Posluns Theatre
Thurs	14	Forum on Provincial Government Cutbacks	Social & Political Action Committee of Jewish Women's Federation	7:30 pm	Adath Israel Synagogue
Mon	18	Chanukah Concert	Jewish Russian Community Centre	6:00 pm	Ford Centre for the Performing Arts
JANUARY '96					
Fri	12	National Women's Convention	Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre Women	4:00 pm	Chimo Hotel
Tues	16	"Medical Legal Ethics" with Rabbi Mark Dratch *(for singles)*	Beth Tzedec Young Members Group	7:30 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Sun	28	Seminar	Aish Hatorah Women's Division	9:00 am	Baycrest Terrace
FEBRUARY '96					
Thurs	15	Wine Tasting with Carol Slatt *(for singles)*	Beth Tzedec Young Members Group	7:30 pm	Beth Tzedec Congregation
Thurs	15	Young Adult Social	Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation - New Leadership	7:30 pm	The Atlantis Club
Mon-Wed	19-28	Mission 3000	United Jewish Appeal / United Israel Appeal	------	Israel
Wed	21	Annual Auction	Village Shul	6:30 pm	Primrose Club
Thurs	22	Combined Dinner with the Russian and Italian Communities	Jewish Russian Community Centre	6:00 pm	Paradise Banquet & Convention Centre
Sat	24	Play "Mary Poppins"	Associated Hebrew Day Schools	8:00 pm	Associated - Atkinson Branch
Sun	25	Play "Mary Poppins"	Associated Hebrew Day Schools	2:00 pm	Associated - Atkinson Branch
Mon	26	Play "Mary Poppins"	Associated Hebrew Day Schools	7:30 pm	Associated - Atkinson Branch
MARCH '96					
Tues	19	Dinner/Draw	Canadian Friends of the Jerusalem College of Technology/Women's College of Beth El	6:30 pm	Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto
Sun	31	Jewish Russian Community Centre - 10th Anniv. Gala	Jewish Russian Community Centre	6:00 pm	Sheraton Centre

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto reserves the right to include/exclude calendar listings on the basis of tentative scheduling and confirmation with the Committee to Authorize Community Campaigns (CACC). Fundraising organizations are required to follow standing CACC authorization procedures. *Material compiled by Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto*

Churches seek Holocaust education

Participation by local churches in this year's Holocaust Education Week has more than doubled in three years.

The Holocaust Remembrance Committee's Robbie Engel.

Thirteen churches, representing various Christian denominations, hosted programs on the Holocaust which included video presenations, panel discussions and lectures. In 1992, only six churches were involved.

This week, at Advent Lutheran Church, congregants watched *Courage to Care*, a powerful documentary about the heroism of Gentiles who risked their lives to save European Jews during the Nazi occupation.

Claire Baum, who as a young child living in Holland was secretly hidden by what she calls "a succession of 25 heroes," spoke in chilling, vivid detail about how she and her sister grew up "in constant fear of betrayal."

"I survived because of the courage of others," she explained.

Joanna Wilson, a member of the Federation's Holocaust Remembrance Committee, says programs held at Holy Rosary Church and Blessed Trinity Catholic Church "went over beautifully." She was particularly pleased to see so many young people present.

Robbie Engel, who chairs the Committee's Christian Outreach subcommittee, has been coordinating church involvement in Holocaust Education Week for over 15 years.

"At the beginning," he recalled, "the goal was to design programs for the clergy. Six years later we decided to go to the pews." Engel, himself a survivor, said "the churches which have become involved over the years are the ones with the guts to face Christianity's responsiblity for anti- Semitism."

This year's Holocaust Education Week activities are especially timely, according to Edith Land, a member of the Holocaust Education Committee and Christian-Jewish Dialogue of Toronto, "in view of the marked increased of hate-related crimes all over the world."

She is happy to see how much hard work is being done by churches "to come to grips with the past. Many churches are beginning to accept that the Holocaust was a Christian problem."

Tracking the Holocaust

Fifty years ago, this freight car transported Jews to their deaths. Today, it is on display at Yad Vashem in Jerusalem. This exhibit was designed by architect Moshe Safdie.

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Cash required for Jewish rescue

Rescuing Jews from unstable countries and bringing them to Israel is the prime priority of Keren Hayesod (KH), according to Moshe Gur, the organization's Director General.

Keren Hayesod raises funds around the world for the Jewish Agency, which oversees rescue and resettlement operations and finances many non-profit programs in Israel. KH is active in 50 countries, including Canada, Singapore, Hong Kong and Japan. In Toronto, Jewish Agency funding is provided by United Jewish Appeal.

Up to 80,000 immigrants - mostly from the former Soviet Union - will land in Israel this year. "It's a mammoth task to arrange for their departure and absorb them," said Gur. "However, we have to do it today before it's too late." In Russia and its neighbouring republics, Jews still face anti-Semitism, economic instability and political uncertainty.

Gur briefed Federation/UJA professionals last week on the Jewish Agency cash crisis, which, he said, makes annual campaign contributions even more urgent. The Agency recently adopted a restructuring plan to avoid a $700 million deficit by the year 2000. Through a combination of budget cutting and additional worldwide fundraising, the Agency hopes to break even within the next five years.

Under the organizational renovations, the Israeli government will take over Youth Aliya - the program providing education and other assistance to immigrant children and youngsters from disadvantaged homes. "There was no choice," noted Gur. "We didn't have enough money to keep Youth Aliya." Gur is heartened, however, by the government's promise that "no child would be left on the streets."

The 100 international KH campaigns are not just a matter of fundraising, said Gur. "It's not only the money but the contacts we are creating with Israel. We share something in common. Our feelings for Israel and our support for Israel."

This woman is on her way home. She is one of 80,000 new immigrants settling in Israel this year.

Students finance Sarajevo computer

By Adi Waksman

The Jewish community of war-ravaged Sarajevo will soon be linked on the Internet with other Jewish communities around the world.

York University's Jewish Student Federation (JSF) is making this hi-tech connection possible with funds raised at a recent Bosnia-aid dance. The JSF is financially supported by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

The American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (AJJDC), a humanitarian relief agency commonly called the "Joint," will use $4,000 in dance proceeds to purchase a computer for the Jewish community in Sarajevo. Sarajevo's central Jewish organization, La Benevolencija, will match the funds, dollar for dollar. La Benevolencija works with AJJDC to provide food, clothes and medicine, on a non- sectarian basis, to all of Sarajevo's war victims.

Robyn Kestenberg presents AJJDC's Gideon Taylor with a cheque for $4,000 in New York City.

Joint assistant executive director Gideon Taylor expects the computer, which will be housed in the Jewish community's central building, to "help in carrying out welfare activities." He hopes that better communications capabilities will make "what is already a serious operation even more professional and effective."

Ruben Kamhi, a York University student who moved to Toronto from Sarajevo in 1993, came up with the idea of setting up an E-mail address. "One of the biggest problems in Sarajevo was communications with the outside world, so I thought about providing them with a link to other communities," he said.

Ruben already communicates weekly by E-mail with Darko Stancic, a student who keeps him updated on Jewish life in Sarajevo. Stancic relies on a computer at a private business to stay in touch with his Canadian friend.

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Zaide's advice leads to life of service

Nathan Hurwich, still one of Toronto's top fundraisers, says "I was born busy."

Words can only go so far to relate the life story of Nathan Hurwich. It's the numbers that really count.

At 86, Hurwich is still an active canvasser for both UJA and the Jewish National Fund. In fact, Hurwich has devoted 55 years of his life to community service, for which he has received numerous awards and widespread recognition.

In 1971, Hurwich was honoured with UJA's Man of the Year award and two years later was recognized again for outstanding community service.

The credo by which Hurwich lives was handed down to him by his grandfather, Matityahu Soloway, one of Toronto's first shochtim (ritual slaughterers who kill animals used for food according to religious law). "Before he left for Israel, my zaide was my teacher and the most important lesson he taught me was to be a mensch...a good Jew," he recalls. Matityahu Soloway was buried on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem.

Hurwich was born in Toronto in 1909. His parents, Ben-Zion and Rachel, were both early Zionists and his father was one of the founding members of the McCaul Street Synagogue.

When he was only 14, his father's illness forced Hurwich to leave Harbord Collegiate for a job to help support his family. He first found work as a cutter for Tip Top Tailors, and after that, in his uncle's dry goods store.

By then, the Depression had struck. After being unemployed for close to 6 months, and "never giving up," Hurwich began selling auto parts out of the back of a truck before borrowing money to start his own business. "I really felt I could do well on my own," he remembers.

And he did. His working days were 15 hours long, leaving him little time to spend with his wife Roey, whom he married at 23, but Mobile Automotive Products thrived for 20 years until he sold the company.

Today, the Finch campus of Associated Hebrew Schools is named after Hurwich and his wife. "I have no children of my own," he explains, "but the education of children has always been close to my heart."

Hurwich, who says he was "always shul minded," has belonged to Beth Tzedec congregation for 67 years and remains an honourary Board member.

One of Hurwich's proudest moments was receiving an honourary doctorate from Bar Ilan University for his fundraising efforts, which began when he founded the university's Toronto chapter.

The years may have sapped some of Hurwich's energy, but certainly not his enthusiasm for United Jewish Appeal. "I support UJA," he stresses, "because in addition to making education a priority, it looks after every aspect of Jewish life."

Hurwich has also been involved with Canadian Jewish Congress on the National Executive and with B'nai Brith Canada.

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Toronto Mayor Hall agrees to meet with CJC regularly

TORONTO — Toronto Mayor Barbara Hall has invited Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region representatives to meet with her on a regular basis to discuss issues of mutual concern, including intergroup relations, hate propaganda and affordable housing.

This initiative followed a meeting in the mayor's office with a delegation from Congress headed by region chair Moshe Ronen.

At the meeting, Ellen Cole, Congress' regional community relations chair, gave the mayor a brief history of Congress intergroup activities. She also spoke about concerns regarding hatemongers operating in Toronto.

The mayor agreed the continued presence of such individuals sullies Toronto's image and she outlined some of the steps the mayor's committee on community and race relations has taken to counter the problem.

Rabbi Dow Marmur, chair of the Israel affairs committee of Congress, told the mayor that Congress is approaching Ontario municipalities to encourage them, as part of the Jerusalem 3000 commemoration, to rename streets and/or other locations to mark the 3,000th anniversary of Jerusalem.

Other Congress participants at the meeting included: Cary Green, chair, political liaison committee; Ontario region executive director Manuel Prutschi; Daniel Fine, director, political liaison and international affairs; and Steven Shulman, associate director, community relations. Also present was Janice Dembo, coordinator of the Toronto mayor's committee on community and race relations.

From left, Rabbi Dow Marmur, Manuel Prutschi, Mayor Barbara Hall, Ellen Cole, Moshe Ronen and Cary Green. [Daniel Fine Photo]

Court throws out suit against *The CJN*

TORONTO — A $3-million libel lawsuit brought against *The Canadian Jewish News* by Rabbi David Cooper of Thornhill, Ont., has been dismissed.

The suit sought damages in connection with an article *The CJN* ran in September 1994, describing B'nai Brith Canada's rental of space at its headquarters to the Association of Independent Rabbis.

A judge of the Ontario Court (General Division) dismissed the action, saying Rabbi Cooper did not serve proper notice under the Libel and Slander Act.

The action was also dismissed for the co-defendants in the case, *CJN* reporter Ron Csillag; B'nai Brith Canada; BBC executive vice-president Frank Dimant; Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue; and its spiritual leader, Rabbi Joseph Kelman.

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Rift developing between Russians, Israelis: Sharansky

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The "honeymoon" between immigrants from the former Soviet Union and the general Israeli population is over and the country is facing "a tough and not easy moment," Natan Sharansky recently told 800 people at Holy Blossom Temple.

Though there is only nine per cent unemployment among the 650,000 Soviet immigrants, only 25 per cent are working in their own professions, he said.

To counter critics who see the immigrants as criminals and prostitutes, he added that the crime rate among them is lower than in the general population and they have a higher rate of army enlistment.

Wearing his famous white shirt open at the neck, the diminutive dissident elected not to say one word about the new political movement he has founded, Yisrael B'aliya, and instead let flashes of good humor carry the day.

"In the next five or 10 years, we'll have another million Jews in Israel and we'll make life so good, even North American Jews will want to come over," he said.

He opened with a warm tribute to the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Of the present situation in the wake of the assassination, Sharansky said there is a bitter split between those who want peace now and those who want to preserve land for Israel. "There is no more dialogue," he said. "Unfortunately the debate is pushing all other problems to one side."

But Sharansky devoted most of his 80-minute speech to an explanation of the rift between the immigrants and Israelis.

Ironically, he said, many immigrants, despite their separation from Jewish tradition for 70 years, feel that Israel is "not Jewish enough," that children are taught history of the Jews only since establishment of the state in 1948.

Many immigrants also view Israel as "too socialistic," because they want a chance at a good life. "Though Israel was founded as an ideological state, it is no longer one, but its society functions as if it was," he said.

He stressed that the immigrants from the former Soviet Union had had enough of living as non-Jews under Communism, which failed to bring in a new kind of nation.

"They want to feel part of Israel society, but they don't want to put aside their culture."

Aliyah from North African countries and from the former Soviet Union are quite different, he said. Those coming from Morocco and Yemen were relegated to the lower strata of Israeli society and had to wait for their children to claim their rightful place. But the current immigrants "want to compete for the top jobs now."

He said he understood the bitterness this caused in Israelis, citing the case of a woman who served in the army and lost her place as a student in an internationally known music school in Israel to immigrants who excelled in the Russian pieces demanded by newly-appointed Russian professors.

Sharansky was the third speaker in the Gerald Schwartz-Heather Reisman Lecture Series and was introduced by Heather Reisman as "one of the most compelling people of our age."

Others who paid tribute to him were Rabbi Dow Marmur, Israeli Consul General Jehudi Kinar, Associate Rabbi John Moscowitz, and Elliott Jacobson, president of Holy Blossom Temple.

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Greater Toronto Area

Author tackles thorny issue of child sexual abuse

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —The subject of sexual abuse is hardly a usual one in children's fiction. But that is just what Canadian author Carol Matas has tackled in her latest book *The Primrose Path* (Blizzard, 1995).

Matas has handled difficult subjects bofore. *Sworn Enemies* dealt with 1840s Russia, when Jewish communities had to choose which boys would be sent to the army.

She is probably best known, however, for her Holocaust books, *Lisa* and *Jasper*, the story of two teenagers in Denmark, and *Daniel's Story*, which was nominated for the Governor General's Award for children's literature.

So why move to this sensitive and controversial topic?

"I started to think about the dual problems of the effect of a charismatic leader on his followers and about child abuse. The more you think about it, the more you see it," she said in a recent interview with *The CJN*.

While *The Primrose Path* bears incontrovertible similarities to a Winnipeg case that got national attention, Matas insists that it is actually based on a number of such stories, including the events at Mount Cashel, and the case of a prominent gynecologist in the Winnipeg Ukrainian community.

Still, Matas insists, the book is a work of fiction.

Debbie, a teenager from a somewhat troubled, non-observant home, is sent to an Orthodox school that is known for its strong educational standards. It is led by Rabbi Werner, who, she discovers, is extremely popular, not just with the students, but their parents as well.

While the Orthodox environment appears strange to her at first, she soon settles in, makes new friends and even establishes a friendly relationship with Rabbi Werner.

She is shocked when the rabbi becomes too friendly — fondling, tickling and kissing the girls.

When she tries to object, she finds that she is not believed. Even when others, including some mothers, come forward to complain about his behavior, most of his supporters believe in his innocence.

This is what a charismatic leader can do, Matas said. "They put on one face to the community — brilliant, warm, loving. The other face is what really happens. It's all about hypocrisy."

A subplot in the book is the family's moving towards Orthodoxy. Because Debbie is a newcomer, an outsider in this community, Matas says, she can see things clearer.

"She can see the irony. An Orthodox man is not supposed to touch a female over three. Yet the rabbi is doing these things that no other man would, and it's OK for him. There's an extra level of confusion in this environment."

The whole issue of peer pressure enters into the picture as well. "Debbie knows what's right — until what everyone thinks is right (the rabbi's fondling) she realizes is wrong."

Matas says she felt it would be hypocritical to set the book anyplace but in a Jewish environment. "I'm Jewish. If I'm going to write about a charismatic, abusive leader and set it somewhere else, [it would be like saying that] it only happens in other communities, that it doesn't happen to us.

"It's saying to kids who are victims don't talk, don't say anything — it's unacceptable."

As long as we deny that such things happen, they will go on, Matas says flatly.

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Boundaries of behavior explored in book on Spain

Erna Paris

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Award-winning journalist, author and radio commentator Erna Paris has examined a maze of historical documentation and evolved a theory on how racist doctrine and evil forces can destroy a tolerant society.

Her recently published book, *The End of Days: A Story of Tolerance, Tyranny and the Expulsion of the Jews From Spain* (Lester Publishing Ltd.), questions how the most extraordinary multicultural society the West had ever known was transformed into a reign of terror for the Jews who had inhabited the area for 1,500 years.

"I think any one of us living in Canada would have felt comfortable in Arab Spain," Paris says. "It was a Golden Age. Why did neighbors later turn on each other?

In her research into the persecution and expulsion of the Jews from Spain, she discovered a striking pattern and similarities to other oppressive regimes.

"Given the right conditions, human beings can be brutalized and conditioned in ways that might previously have been thought impossible. I wondered why."

Paris recalls that she first asked herself the question in her Sunday school class at Holy Blossom Temple. "When I was a teenager, educator Heinz Warschauer played the strangest and scariest record I ever heard. It was the passionate voice of Adolf Hitler at one of his pep rallies. I was stunned."

From that day, Paris began her search for answers to the puzzle of how such things could happen?

Born in Toronto, Paris obtained an Honors BA in philosophy and English at the University of Toronto and went to study French in Paris at the Sorbonne.

In France, she first encountered anti-Semitism. She says several incidents stand out. The words, *A mort les Juifs* (Death to the Jews) were scrawled in red paint on the walls of the Paris Metro, and a friend's mother asked her why the Jews had killed Christ.

A visit to the Struthof Concentration Camp in the Vosges Mountains, with its gas chamber and dissection table for examining human bodies, "was the turning point in my life," she says.

Supports anti-hate legislation

She questioned the boundaries of human behavior and began to ask if it is possible that there are none.

On her return to Canada several years later, she wrote an article about her experience as the only woman on the jury of a rape trial. It was published in 1969 in the former *Canadian* magazine. Her second article on priests and nuns who had left the church was published and won a national award. "And that's when I decided I'd try to make it as a writer."

Paris threw herself into writing and broadcasting and won four awards from the Media Club of Canada for feature writing and radio documentary, and other awards.

Paris supports Canadian anti-hate legislation, "because my reading of history suggests to me that liberal societies change for the worse incrementally, not suddenly, and that strategically honed propaganda is a major tool."

In an article titled, *Pulling the Threads Together*, Paris writes that as soon as it's believed that minorities must integrate into the central ideology of the society in which they live, then that society may find itself in trouble.

Paris recently spoke about *The End of Days* at Toronto ORTs Arts and Entertainment chapter and she was featured at the Jewish Book Fair.

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ELI fund raiser will benefit abused children

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — An upcoming fundraiser for the Canada-Israel Association for Child Protection ELI will simultaneously benefit abused children in Israel while delighting local children.

Among the latter will be at least 30 disadvantaged youngsters attending a Dec. 10 Sharon, Lois & Bram concert featuring tunes from their new album *Let's Dance*.

The $50 ticket price for preferred seats at the O'Keefe Centre performance includes loot bags and a meet-and-greet session following the show.

The Toronto-based organization which purchased a block of preferred seats was established last year after Fran Goldman, conductor of the Toronto Intergenerational Choir for the Toronto Board of Education, learned about ELI on a trip to Israel.

"How could I possibly turn my back on this organization?" Goldman remembers thinking.

In other child-related charities, such as those benefiting physically disabled children, the parents generally form a strong advocacy group, notes Ronni Mandell, 28, a member of the Canadian group's junior board, which is organizing the fundraiser. With abused children, the parents are often the perpetrators, she points out.

Sharon, Lois & Bram

ELI, a non-profit organization based in Tel Aviv, was founded on a shoestring in 1979 by Prof. Hanita Zimrin, a social worker who had written her PhD thesis on "maltreatment of children." The term child abuse had yet to become known and was considered a non-issue in the Jewish community.

Since that time ELI has grown to include an Israel-wide hotline serving both children and perpetrators, a library and clearing house for information on child abuse and a shelter for children at risk.

Hanita Zimrin

With an annual budget of $1.25 million (US), $300,000 of which is provided by the Israeli Ministry of Welfare, ELI has 50 paid employees and some two dozen professional volunteers. Last year they reached 93,000 Israeli schoolchildren in their longstanding public education campaign. Of those, 1.5 per cent turned to the organization for help.

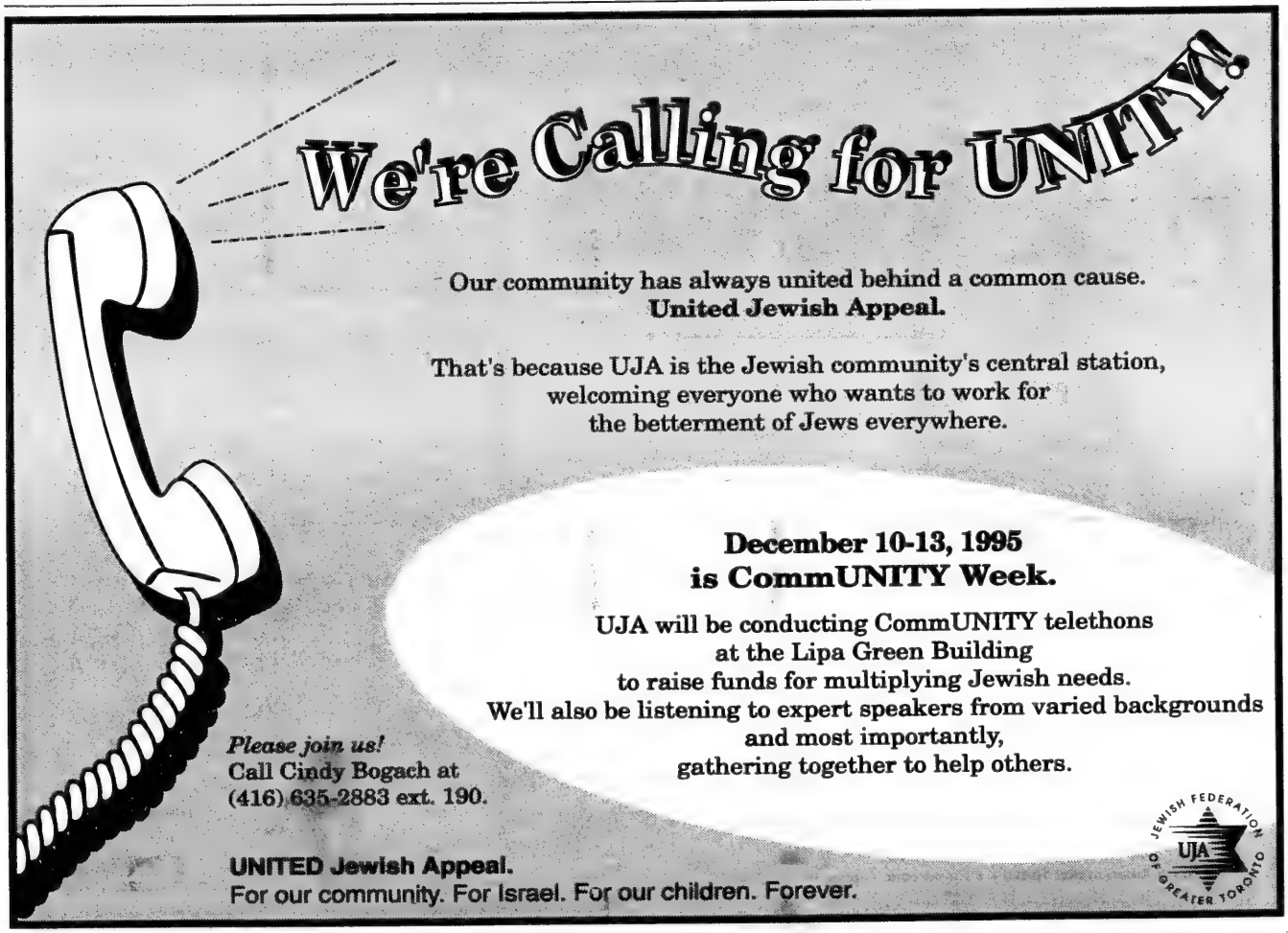
ELI offers intensive therapy to abusers, abused children and their families. Although such therapy, aimed at "putting a family on the track of a normal life," costs about $5,000 (US), research over the past 30 years indicates that eventual hospital, special education and court costs attributed to forgoing therapy can be 20 times that amount, said Zimrin at a recent Toronto meeting of ELI supporters.

The money raised from the Sharon, Lois and Bram concert will be used for therapy, she said.

Coincidentally, Zimrin, who has acted as a consultant on an international basis, has been approached by UNICEF to share her knowledge. Sharon, Lois and Bram were recently named official spokespersons for UNICEF Canada's 50th anniversary celebrations in 1996.

The award-winning children's entertainers have been associated with numerous charities that help children, Lois Lilienstein told *The CJN*. They are not unfamiliar with organizations helping children and Israel, she added, noting that she, Bram and Sharon are all Jewish. A couple of years ago, the group was named Spiritual Parents of the Year by Na'amat.

To purchase tickets or sponsor a disadvantaged child, call 416-872-2262 and refer to ELI. For information about the organization, call 416-488-0276.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Christian candidate proud of his Jewish heritage

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — Peter Kaufmann is a Christian who is proud of his Jewish heritage.

It hurt him, says the unsuccessful mayoralty candidate, when the question of his Jewish ancestry was raised during Winnipeg's recent civic election campaign.

"It hurts to think that that stuff still goes on," he says. "I thought we had put it behind us. One lady I ran into insisted I was lying about not being Jewish. One councillor suggested that I emphasise my Christian faith on my campaign literature, but I believe it is what is in your mind that should count, not your ethnic or religious background.

A grocer and former city councillor (1989-92), Kaufmann started the race as a long shot. By waging a high-profile campaign, with an approach reflecting that of Ontario Premier Mike Harris, he finished a surprisingly strong second to incumbent Mayor Susan Thompson

The Danish-born Kaufmann can trace his Jewish ancestry back to 1750. After his Jewish paternal grandparents separated, his grandmother remarried a non-Jew and his father was baptized at the age of 12.

Kaufmann notes that it was mainly older people who asked about his ethnic background.

"Race relations are more than the color of a person's skin," he observes. "There are times if your name is not Scottish, Irish or English, if your name is Ukrainian, for example, that some people think you should not aspire to certain things."

Kaufmann vowed to have another run at the mayoralty next time around.

"This was a dry run," he says. "I have a team of volunteers in place, about 400 donors and a better understanding of the process."

The outgoing city council numbered one Jewish member, Sandy Hyman, among its 15 councillors. The two-term social worker was one of three sitting councillors to go down to defeat on election night. She represented the heavily Jewish River Heights ward, but lost to businessman Garth Steek who ran an aggressive campaign built around a right-wing platform.

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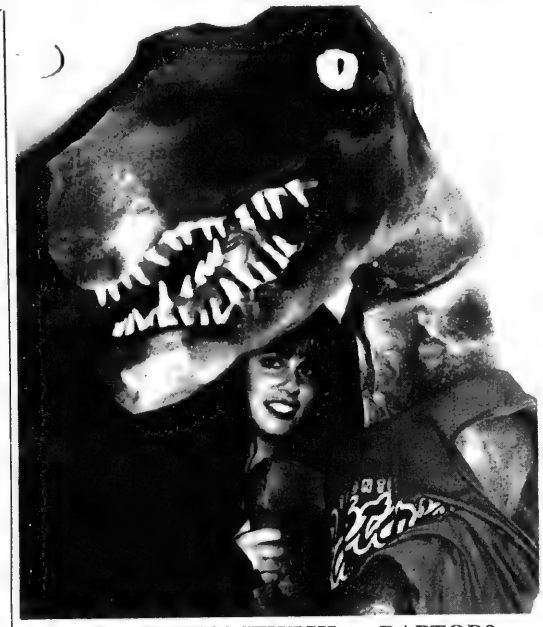

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בשניטשה בכה :

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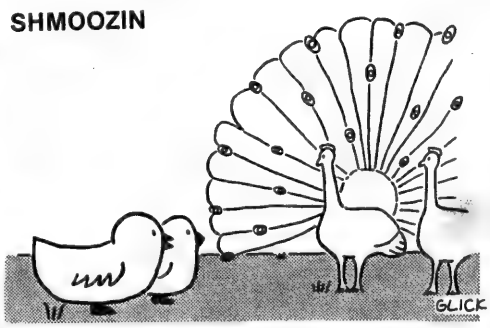

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Deadlines for What's New and About People: Thursday, Nov. 30, is deadline for Dec. 14 issue and Thursday, Dec. 7, is deadline for Dec. 21, which also must include items that would normally appear Dec. 28, as we are not publishing a Dec. 28 issue. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, Nov. 30

RABIN ASSASSINATION

Rabbi Nachman Bulman of Jerusalem speaks on The Rabin Assassination and the Religious Community in Israel at 8:30 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. Presented by Ohr Somayach. $1. 905-886-5730.

FOR LIBRARIANS

Association of Jewish Libraries Ontario chapter meets 8 p.m. Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Guest **Rachel Glasser**, president, Los Angeles AJL chapter.

Saturday, Dec. 2

ARTHUR KURZWEIL

Kavannah and Bloor JCC present author/publisher **Arthur Kurzweil** discussing Secrets I Learned from Rabbi Steinsaltz, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Bloor JCC. $12 in advance, $15 at door. 961-8123 or 924-6211.

Sunday, Dec. 3

GHETTO RESISTANCE

Resistance in the Vilna Ghetto: Itzik Wittenberg and the Jewish Underground, speaker U of T **Prof. Noah Shneidman**, 2:30 p.m., Workmen's Circle, 471 Lawrence Ave. W. Sponsors: committee for Yiddish, Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto; Kultur Gezelshaft; Workmen's Circle.

WHY THE JEWS?

Shaarei Shomayim adult education and Aish HaTorah seminar Why the Jews? by **Rabbi Yossi Michalowicz**, 8 p.m. Shaarei Shomayim Congregation. 789-3213.

COURTROOM PSYCHOLOGY

At Congregation Habonim breakfast meeting **Ann Balaban** speaks on Psychology in the Courtroom, 10 a.m., Beth Habonim, 5 Glenpark Ave. Breakfast and lecture $6.

THE GOLDEN PATH

The Golden Path: Finding the Middle Ground Between Chumrah and Kullah, a seminar for men and women by **Rabbi Yacov Felder**, 3 p.m., Shomrai Shaboth Congregation, 585 Glengrove Ave.

A KABBALIST IN TORONTO

B'nai Torah adult education lecture series Pioneers of Jewish Life in Toronto begins with A Kabbalist in Toronto: Rabbi Yudel Rosenberg, founder of Eitz Chaim Schools, with **Prof. Ira Robinson**, Judaic Studies, Concordia University, 8 p.m.

COMMUNICATION

At Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood breakfast meeting, **Chava Spielman** speaks on Effective Communications. Breakfast 10 a.m. **Sharon** at shul office 787-1631.

JEWS FOR JUDAISM

Julian Ciss, former Jew for Jesus, discusses Jews for Judaism: the Battle for the Jewish Soul, the Missionary Threat to the Jewish Community, at Beth Torah Sisterhood meeting, 9:30 a.m. $5 Beth Torah members and students, $7 non-members. 782-4485.

Monday, Dec. 4

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Shaar Shalom Sisterhood presents Domestic Violence, with **Catherine Fox** of the Yellow Brick House and Jewish Family & Child Service social worker, 8 p.m. members $3, non-members $4.

Tuesday, Dec. 5

THE SILENT PRAYER

Rabbi Avraham Plotkin speaks about Shmoneh Esrei: The Silent

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What's New

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Prayer 8 p.m., Chabad Lubavitch Markham, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. 905-886-0420.

CHILD CUSTODY
The Halachic View of Child Custody Vis a Vis the Secular Approach, **Rabbi Moshe Stern**, 8 p.m., Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

JERUSALEM
Jerusalem: Centre of the Universe is the topic of **Rabbi Raphael Marcus'** lecture, 8 p.m., Chabad Lubavitch Community Centre. 905-731-7000.

Wednesday, Dec. 6

CAMP SHOMRIA
Camp Shomria Open House to meet director and staff, 8-10 p.m., Garnet A. Williams Community Centre, 501 Clark Ave., Thornhill.

THE POWER OF PRAYER
Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue series with **Elliot Malamet** concludes with Prayer and the Art of Becoming a Better Listener, 8 p.m. 633-3838.

THE COMMUNITY TODAY
Rabbi Mark Dratch lunch and lecture at the Bloor JCC focuses on The Community Today, 1 p.m. Bring lunch or purchase at JCC.

BEST FOOT FORWARD
Holy Blossom Temple Lunch and Learn in Retirement presents Put Your Best Foot Forward, with podiatrist **Dr. Robert Goldberg**. Bring lunch and $1. Coffee, tea, cookies served. **Leslie** 789-3291.

Thursday, Dec. 7

JERUSALEM ARCHEOLOGY
Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am Jerusalem 3000 program, The Archeology of Jerusalem, with **Alex Gropper**, 8 p.m.

JEWISH ISSUES
At Beth Sholom Synagogue, **Rabbi Aryeh Pamensky** of Aish HaTorah lectures on Current Jewish Issues: A Traditional Perspective, 8 p.m.

And What Else Is New...

AT BETH TZEDEC
Saturday, Dec. 2 — **Rabbi Fritz Rothschild's** pulpit lecture, Legacy of Abraham Joshua Herschel: Prayer and the Modern Individual, 8:45 a.m.; Shabbat study luncheon, noon, following services, Jewish Perspectives on Christianity: A New Approach to Mutual Understanding and Our Common "Biblical" Heritage.

Sunday, Dec. 3 — Despair and Hope: The Two Faces of Chassidim and their Message for Our Times, Men's Club breakfast, 9:30 a.m.

Musical lecture, Mothers and Wives: The Jewish Women of Song, **Naomi Bell**, Sunday, Dec. 3, 2 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 5 — Synagogue and Federations: Are We One?, **Barry Shrage**, president, Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Boston; commentary by **Sandra Brown**, president, Toronto Jewish Federation; and **Rabbi Michael Stroh**, Temple Har Zion; 8 p.m.

CHANUKAH CONCERT
Chanukah concert and party with the Simcha Klezmer Band, storytelling, dancing, latkes. Saturday, Dec. 9, 6:30-9:30 p.m., Wallace Emerson Community Centre, 1260 Dufferin St. Adults $15, kids $3. Fundraiser for Camp Naivelt. 537-3520.

OHR SOMAYACH
Ohr Somayach public lectures, 613 Clark Ave., W. 905-886-5730.

Mondays — Heroes or Villains — Profiles in Jewish History, **Rena Schochet**, 9:30-10:30 a.m. through Dec. 18; Ethics of the Fathers — Judaism's Ethical Message, **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**, 8:30 p.m. $5.

Tuesdays — Book of Judges — Epic of Crisis and Triumph Spanning 300 Years of Jewish History, **Rabbi Eliezer Breitowitz**, 8:30 p.m.

Wednesdays — Presents: The Book of Samuel — An Exegesis, **Rena Schochet**, 7 p.m.

Thursdays — Waking Up on the Right Side — A Guided Tour Through the Prayer Book, 9:15 a.m. (women only); Why Do We Do It? — Mystical, Psychological and Sociological Reasons for the Commandments, 10:15 a.m. (women only); How to Read the Book of Books, 8:30 p.m. All lectures by **Rabbi Mordechai Becher**.

JRC PROGRAMS
Jewish Russian Community Centre Chanukah program, Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, Monday, Dec. 18, 6:45 p.m., featuring **Shlomo Simcha** and the Nafsheinu Orchestra, Russian circus acts. Candlelighting at Mel Lastman Square, 5:45 p.m. Information/tickets 222-7105

JRC Winter Camp, Dec. 25-Jan. 5, for boys ages 6-10 and girls ages 6-12, $175 including trips and activities. 222-7105.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study lectures at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation, 905-889-6066.

Monday, Dec. 4, 8-9 p.m. — Rachel: An External Voice of Weeping, **Chana Weisberg**.

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 10-11 a.m. — What Does Judaism Say About Heaven? **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**.

TRANSNISTRIA EVENT
Transnistria Survivors' Association Chanukah party, with candlelighting, musical comedy, singalong, latkes, cakes, Thursday, Dec. 21, 6 p.m., B'nai Brith Building, 15 Hove St. $6. RSVP **Freda**, 223-6405 before Dec. 7.

SINGLES BRUNCH
At Adath Israel Synagogue Singles Group, 35-55, Sunday brunch, Dec. 10, 11:30 a.m., handwriting expert **Elaine Charles**, discusses Different Strokes for Different Folks. $3 prepaid reservations at synagogue office 635-5340 until Friday, Dec. 8, $10 at door.

NEWS FROM SOLEL
Solel, Mississauga — Zimriah Song-Fest, Friday, Dec. 1; Brotherhood breakfast, guest speaker **Rabbi Lawrence Englander**, Dec. 10; annual Brotherhood Chanukah party, Sunday, Dec. 17, 4 p.m.; family services Friday, Dec. 1, 22, 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dec. 2, 16, 10 a.m.; regular services Saturday, Dec. 9, 23, 30, 10 a.m. Tuesday minyan with breakfast 7 a.m. 905-820-5915.

SKI EXTRAVAGANZA
Israel Cancer Research Fund's ski extravaganza at Mount Tremblant, Quebec, Dec. 15-17, $199 (upgrades $249), accommodation, two-day lift tickets, transportation, nightly activities, welcome party, surprises. **Jane Lewis** 486-2453 or ICRF 487-5246.

ALZHEIMER GROUP
Senior Care's support group offering individuals with early stage dementia peer support and education begins Wednesday, Jan. 10, for eight weeks. **Elizabeth Lewis** 635-2860, ext. 464, or **Jackie Fabian**, ext. 460.

CHABAD WINTER CAMP
Chabad Youth Club (CYC) Winter Camp offers two programs for boys and girls ages 4-6 and 7-11 with trips, indoor and outdoor activities, Jan. 2-5, Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. 905-886-0420.

ISRAELI FILM
Award-winning Israeli film *Under the Domim Tree* at Ontario Science Centre Saturday, Dec. 9, 7 and 9 p.m. Tickets $18, students $10. Sponsored by Jerusalem chapter of Beit Halochem Canada (Aid to Disabled Veterans of Israel). Proceeds to purchase equipment for Beit Halochem Centre in Jerusalem. 488-7649 or **Sara** 905-731-7229 or **Nava** 905-886-1882.

at the JCC/BJC

Books and Bagels features **Andrea J. Moses** reading from **Choices — Creating Happiness by Breaking Free from Your Past**, 11 a.m. Bloor JCC. Co-sponsored by Downtown Single Parents group. Non-members $8.

Bloor JCC Good Age Club: games with prizes and surprises, Thursday, Dec. 7, 2 p.m. Members $1, non-members $2. **Judy** 924-6211.

Senior Adult Services, BJC, presents How to Cope with Your Daily and Personal Stress, **Nancy Rodger**, North York Public Health Department, Tuesday, Dec. 5, 1 p.m. **Yvonne** 636-1880, ext. 259.

Senior Adult Services, BJC, concert featuring **Marvin Rosenshein**, Chai Dancers, Habima Players, Shalom Singers, senior art display, Tuesday, Dec. 12, 1:30 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre. Proceeds to United Jewish Appeal. $5. Tickets at information booth. **Teme** 636-1880, ext. 364.

Winter session of BJC Early Childhood Preschool programs starts Jan. 14 for 10 weeks. 636-1880, ext. 248.

September 1996 registration for Tic Tac Two, Nurery School, Junior, Senior KIndergarten begins Nov. 29. 636-1880, ext. 248.

BJC two-week free trial offer for Health Club and athletic facilities until Jan. 31. 636-1880, ext. 373.

For Seniors

Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets Friday, Dec. 1, 9:30-10:45 a.m., boardroom, **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club memorial for **Yitzhak Rabin**, words by **Aharon Dahari** and movie about his life, Thursday, Dec. 7, 7 p.m., 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). 661-4689.

Ahavath Achim Adult Day Care Program for Seniors Chanukah party, entertainment by **Hanna** and **Lea**, Thursday, Dec. 7, 1:30 p.m. 33 Wilmington Ave. All welcome. 398-3647.

LZA Seniors Club: Chanukah party, entertainment by **Phil Gold** and orchestra, latkes, Saturday, Dec. 16, 7 p.m., Borochov Cultural Centre, 272 Codsell Ave.; Discussion Group Tuesdays 10 a.m.; Ladies Folkdancing Thursdays 1:30 p.m.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club: kosher trip to Arizona and Las Vegas Jan. 14-31; trips to Ottawa, Western Canada, Miami, Catskills and Israel in the planning. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Lifestyle Retirement Communities Forest Hill Place 645 Castlefield Ave.: Divorce and Remarriage: The New Canada, **Joanne Burgess**, Thursday, Dec. 7, 2 p.m. Reserve. **Marlene White** 785-1511.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club Chanukah party, Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1-4 p.m. $5 and $6. 395-7881.

Young at Heart Seniors bazaar, Sunday, Dec. 3, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Magen David Congregation, 10 McAllister Rd. Florida trip to Sasson Hotel, Glatt kosher restaurant, $1660 Canadian and up. **Helen** 635-6343.

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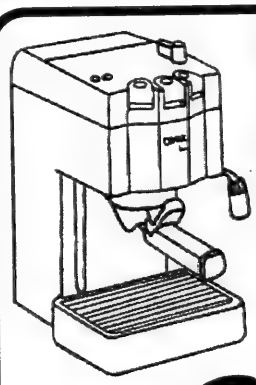
Movie *Memories of Hollywood*, Sunday, Dec. 3, 2:30 p.m.

CJC AWARD

Paul Grossinger (right) of North York receives the annual Myer Sharzer Award at Ryerson School of Journalism's award ceremony from Lewis Levendel, Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region director of communication. The award is given to "the most promising newspaper reporter in third year." At the time of his death, Sharzer, a one-time journalist, was executive director of Congress' Ontario region.



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Programmer tries to interest young Atlantic Jews

By JOEL JACOBSON
CJN Maritimes Correspondent

HALIFAX — When everyone else speaks, Yakov Feig listens. And the Atlantic region benefits.

Feig is the programmer appointed last July by the Atlantic Jewish Council (AJC) to develop Jewish interest among children, teens and university students.

Since his appointment, he has spent considerable time listening to what young people want and responding with programming that has attracted a great deal of attention.

Working with the Atlantic Provinces Jewish Students Federation, the Ottawa-born Feig has offered programs at Dalhousie University that attracted over 50 students (of 110) in what he termed a remarkable percentage.

At the University of New Brunswick in Fredericton, half of 20 students on his list turned out for an event. A falafel night in Moncton drew 12 of 30 youngsters between 10 and 18 years of age.

"That doesn't frustrate me. I know we'll never draw 30 of 30 because there are some who will never come, no matter what, and some who have other plans. We just have to keep working to get the numbers up."

At the National Capital region, where Feig was director of the Jewish Students Union-Hillel for Ottawa and Carleton universities, about one-third of his list of 275 students attended social events, and possibly 50 to 75 attended cultural events. Feig said the norm in Montreal or Toronto is about 10 per cent attendance.

He said his goal in Halifax is to have one program per month for each of three groups — grades 3 to 6; 7 to 9; and 10 to 12 — and at least one program a month outside Halifax.

"The people here are warm and friendly and have given me a level where I can operate as an individual," said Feig, a graduate of Carleton with a Bachelor of Public Administration.

"For each person, there is a different reason to be Jewish," he said. "For some it is the Holocaust, for others Jewish food that brings back memories of home and for others just the social impact of getting together with other Jewish students."

He said the programs for younger children and teens have to be professional. "They are affected by so many outside influences like school, sports, movies, extracurricular activities, that they aren't ready to accept second-rate programming. You can't put anything over on them."

Yakov Feig

Feig is "doing well," said Jon Goldberg, executive director of the AJC. "The first six months are the most difficult. He has to meet the leaders and people of the communities and find out what will work best. We're pleased with the initial reaction to Yakov and look forward to having him with us for quite some time."

Feig, son of a Holocaust survivor, attended Hebrew University for a year, and was youth director of Beth Sholom West Synagogue in Ottawa and vice-president of the Jewish Student Union at Carleton. Following graduation, he worked at the national office of the Canadian Red Cross.

CFTAU ANNUAL MEETING

Lawrence Bessner of Montreal (2nd from left) was re-elected national president of the Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University at the organization's recent annual meeting in Ottawa. Joining him were (l-r) Montreal chapter president Gerald Soiferman, Ottawa president Arnell Goldberg, Montreal immediate past president Sue Carol Isaacson, Montreal chair of the executive committee Myer Bick and Toronto president Marty Goldberg.

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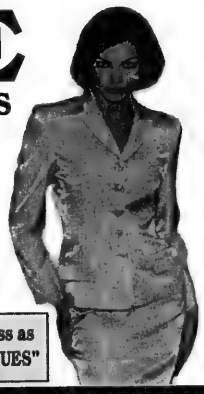

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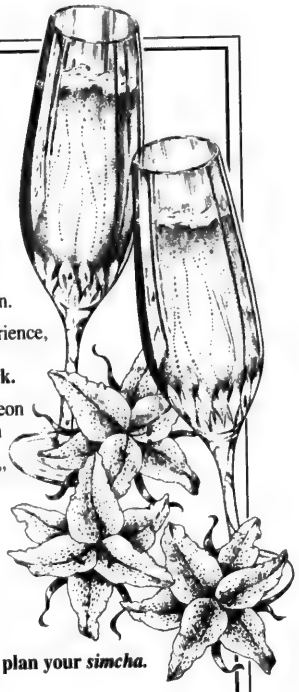

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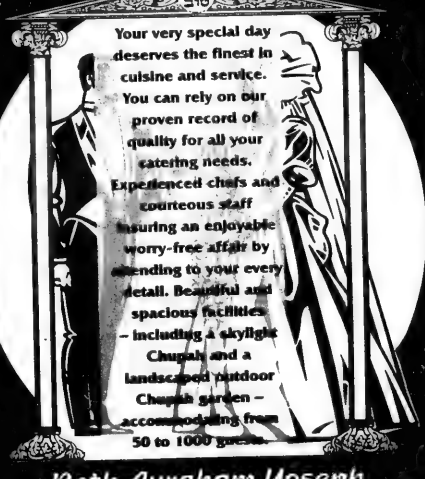
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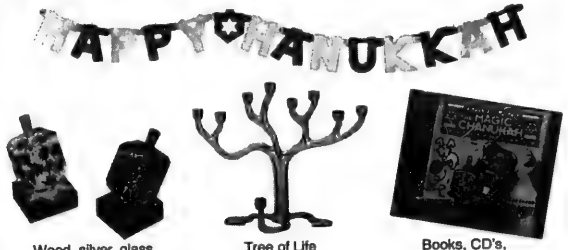

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While they're "no rival to the Beatles in the fan mail department," acknowledges Les, their culinary creations are obviously music to their customers' palates. In addition to the numerous unsolicited letters of praise from their satisfied clientele, Firestone also maintains a large file of questionnaires completed by their customers. These questionnaires, issued by Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue as a way of monitoring customer satisfaction, ask clients to rate the religious service, the catering, and the janitorial service. Almost invariably, they come back with glowing reports on all three departments, and often include the kind of poignant remarks usually reserved for a friend. To his customers, Les Firestone is.

"Service has become a cliché in the catering industry," he says, "but we really do bend over backward to make people happy." Proving his point, at each function Les stays on the premises until the very last customer has left. "I want to experience everything first-hand, and personally respond to any requests," he says. "What does "personal service" mean if you're not there to personally serve?" The bottom line, though, is that he does it "because I love it."

If Firestone is the "mover", then executive chef Jimmy Lyras is certainly the "shaker" in the Firestone kitchen. Lyras has all the qualities you'd want in a head chef. His knowledge of cuisine spans the culinary globe, and his creative flair is legendary – yet he's extremely down-to-earth, easy to work with, and receptive to customers' ideas.

A perusal of a recent party menu bears ample testimony to his abilities and the zesty, innovative dishes that have kept Sam Firestone in the forefront of kosher cuisine in Toronto. Grilled vegetable salads with balsamic vinaigrette; mushroom caps filled with roast peppers and zucchini; a sundried tomato and leek strudel; an orange and grapefruit salad with poppyseed dressing; a roasted corn and black bean salad with a spicy lime vinaigrette . . . for starters. Imagine the party-goers' delight when they got to Jimmy's new Mediterranean chicken, the details of which cannot be revealed here because the recipe is more closely guarded than Fort Knox!

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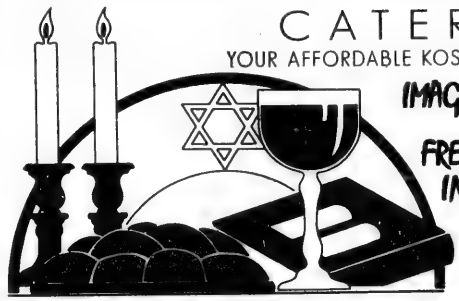

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From coast to coast

Israeli educator links Jewish identity to collective memory

By RICHARD STOLL
Special to The CJN

COLLINGWOOD — "The great binder of Jewish identity is 'collective memory,' not 'critical history,' " Prof. Ze'ev Mankowitz told those attending the 12th annual Board of Jewish Education (BJE) Fall Conference for administrators and principals, held this year at the Blue Mountain Resort in Collingwood, Ont.

Mankowitz, currently the director of the Melton Centre for Jewish Education in the Diaspora at Hebrew University, served as scholar-in-residence at the recent three-day conference.

In a series of four lectures entitled Memory, Identity and Education, Mankowitz developed the idea that there is very little that history can offer to students if it is simply analyzed in terms of dates, cause and effect and relativity.

"Although we can certainly learn from the past, history doesn't really teach us anything" definite. In fact, "the same historical event can induce very opposite conclusions," Mankowitz said.

Rather, he said, "we learn about history in terms of our values." Consequently, a far more effective approach for fostering a positive Jewish identity in our students is through "collective memory," which would include poetry, ritual, classical texts, telling the stories that have shaped the collective consciousness of the Jewish nation, he explained.

Mankowitz also examined the pressures of the modern period and how modernity placed the Jewish people in an unprecedented historical position, which in turn, created a crisis for Jewish identity.

He said we are now, in fact, living "in a period of 'post-modernity.'

"While the goal of the past was making Jewish people modern, there has been a major shift today to making modern people Jewish," Mankowitz concluded.

Each year, the conference pays tribute to any administrator or principal retiring at the end of that academic year. This year's honoree was Arthur Tannenbaum, former executive director and current executive vice-president of the Associated Hebrew Schools (AHS).

Tannenbaum, retiring after 22 years, was honored by many of his colleagues at a special melaveh malka program. Those paying tribute to Tannenbaum included Jerry Rosenfield, principal, Junior High division, AHS; Bernard Shoub, finance director, BJE; Rabbi Irwin Witty, executive director, BJE; and Rabbi Abraham Soffer, educational director, AHS.

Co-chairs for the event were Rhona Birenbaum (Leo Baeck Day School), Herb Spindel (Richmond Hill Hebrew School) and Rosenfield.

Arthur Tannenbaum (right), executive vice-president of Associated Hebrew Schools in Toronto, is congratulated by Ze'ev Mankowitz, director of the Melton Centre at Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Tannenbaum will be retiring in 1996.

Scholar to discuss government lobbying

TORONTO — Jerusalemite David Morrison will be scholar-in-residence at this year's Kehillat Shaarei Torah Shabbes in Shul program, to be held Dec. 8 and 9.

Morrison, a psychiatrist who made aliyah from the United States, will speak about the issues surrounding Jewish lobbying of governments, and how, according to Rabbi Reuven Tradburks, spiritual leader of Kehillat Shaarei Torah, "some Jewish organizations can't see beyond their own agendas to do what's right for klal Israel."

Morrison has recently published *Heroes, Antiheroes and the Holocaust; American Jewry and Historical Choice*, (Milah Press), which discusses American Jewish efforts to influence the U.S. government during World War II. His research will form the background for the program.

He will speak on Friday night at the rabbi's home, and several times on Shabbat at the synagogue.

Rabbi Tradburks explained that Shabbes in Shul is held on the shortest Shabbat of the year. Participants stay in shul, alternating between davening, programs and meals.

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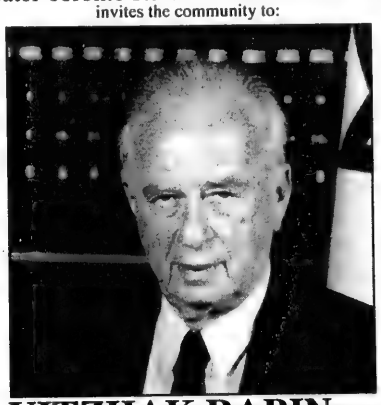

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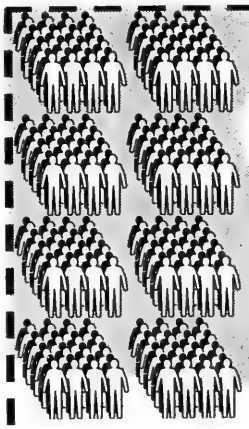

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Rabin's 'presence' permeated GA

By DANA DEMB
Special to The CJN

BOSTON — *Bo l'chyot b'yachad* — "Come let's be together." The words of David Broza's song resounded in the huge hall on the opening night of the recent 36th General Assembly (GA) of Jewish Federations in Boston.

Over 4,000 Jewish community leaders, rabbis, artists, students educators and journalists met to share information, to discuss the impact of Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, to affirm Jewish unity, to schmooze and to learn about what's going on in Jewish communities all over the world.

The first evening of the conference evoked conflicting sentiments. It was scheduled as a centennial commemoration of federation involvement in the Jewish community but was adapted to include a tribute to the fallen prime minister.

The tribute included a video montage of Rabin, with clips from the days of the Palmach and the unification of Jerusalem after the Six Day War. I enviously watched the representations of the heroism of old, wishing I could have joined the Palmach and been part of that great adventure of building and defending the young Jewish homeland. But watching the clips of young Rabin in uniform entering the Old City allowed me to witness this historical victory. It was as close as I could get to being there and it made me proud.

Eiten Haber, director general of the Office of the Prime Minister, spoke about his relationship with Rabin. Then the audience recited *Tehillim*.

After the memorial, the evening returned to its original schedule, with Jewish performers celebrating our culture. They seemed to be saying, "Look how far we've come in America."

Joel Grey performed a medley of Yiddish ditties and Rosemary Clooney sang Gershwin.

One by one, the performers shared feelings of nostalgia for the good old days on the Lower East Side, where everyone knew the words to *Bei Mir Bist Du Sheyn*. The Jewish humor, songs and cultural memories established a bond with a departed Jewish past.

Then Broza took the stage. The popular Israeli troubador sang *Yihiyeh Tov* — It Will Be Good, a song I'd heard a thousand times before. Broza composed this song in honor of Anwar al-Sadat's visit to Jerusalem. I grew up with *Yihiyeh Tov* at campfires in Habonim. It was part of my Zionist education, my Israeli dream — the Israeli singer sharing his vision of peace.

Broza writes new verses at every stage of the peace process — too many, he says, to sing at once. I can remember only the first line of the verse he added Wednesday night — *Bo l'chyot b'yachad* — "Come (let's) be together." He could have been referring to Israelis and Arabs, but what I heard that night was a call for mutual understanding between Jews — come let's live together.

The evening had been mixed, the tribute to Rabin followed by the celebration of North American Jewish life. But suddenly, listening to *Bo l'chyot b'yachad*, it all came together. Rabin's early years and the klezmer music both represented a nostalgia, a homage to a period that is gone. The black and white images of tanks rolling through the Negev and the Yiddish songs both made the audience proud to be Jewish, proud to own a shared history. The film clips of Rabin's handshakes with Yaser Arafat and King Hussein and the fresh lyrics of *Yihiyeh Tov* reminded us of our collective future.

The evening led us from the closing of a tumultuous period in our history to a new era, one full of uncertainty and hope.

Dana Demb studies Middle Eastern and Jewish Studies at McGill University and participated in the Do the Write Thing program at the GA.

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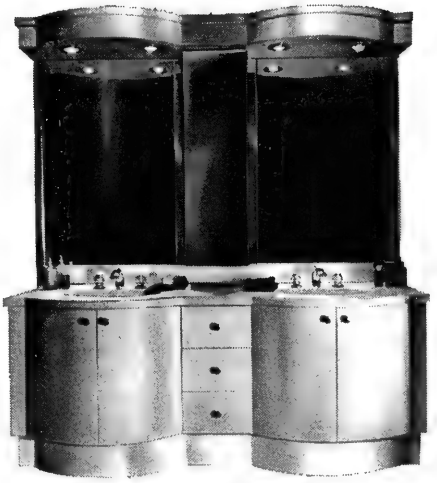

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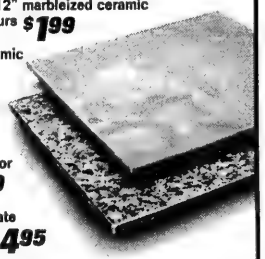

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Mazel tov to Corrie, daughter of Joe & Eva Goldfinger, who celebrated her bat mitzvah at the Secular Jewish Association on Sept. 15.

Alana Lynn, daughter of Carolyn & Danny Kayfetz and sister to Bonnie, Elise and Ben, will be called to the Torah as a bat mitzvah on Dec. 9. Proud grandparents are Frances & David Kayfetz and Lillian Gelman.

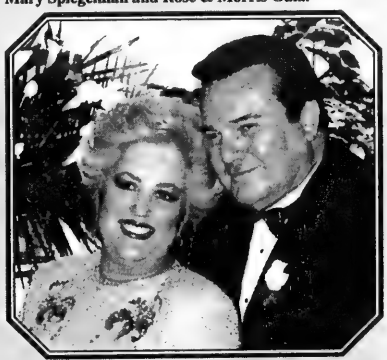
Jason Wayne was called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah in July at Beth Tikvah Synagogue.

Dr. Roy Friedman, son of Michael & Hilda Friedman of Haifa, Israel, grandson of Bella Morgenstern of Toronto, celebrated his marriage to Noa Baram, daughter of Uri & Ruth Baram of Haifa, on Sept. 12..

Samantha Eden Spiegelman, daughter of Felicia & Warren, celebrated her naming at Adath Israel Synagogue. Proud grandparents are Bernard & Connie Fox and Fay & Cy Spiegelman. Great-grandparents are Mary Spiegelman and Rose & Morris Gula.

Jerry & Anita Sherman and Harold & Norma Kamin are pleased to announce the engagement of their children Maria & Howard. A June wedding is planned.

Terry Marks and Ronald & Lil Jacobson are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Suzanne Marks and Shawn Jacobson. Thrilled grandparents are Bessie Marks, Helen & Sam Krone and Irving Jacobson. A June wedding is planned.



Fay & Cy Spiegelman celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Nov. 6. Congratulations from their children Ellen Susan, Jeff & Shelly, Warren & Felicia, Grant & Susan and granddaughter Samantha Eden..

Scott & Arline Bernstein celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary on Nov. 13. Best wishes from children and grandchildren Ellen & David Turk, Jordan, Ryen & Michael, and Barbara & Eli Grossman, Adina & Avrom.

Nellie & Ted Schwab celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Nov. 3. Mazel tov from their children Stephen & Olga, Sylvia & Joe, grandchildren Michael, Debbie, Robin and Mark and great-grandchildren Carly, Daniel, Lauren and Jesse.

David & Hanka Kirschbaum celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in October. Congratulations from daughter and son-in-law Esther & Malcolm Peacock and grandchildren David and Jeffrey.

From coast to coast

'Big M' helps open rink in Metulla's Canada Centre

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In addition to visiting Nazareth, Bethlehem, the Sea of Galilee and Jerusalem, the Mahovliches toured Masada and enjoyed a mud bath and a dunk in the Dead Sea.

Along with the UIA group, known as Hineni, they were briefed on Mideast peace efforts by Yitzhak Rabin only weeks before the prime minister was assassinated.

Then-foreign minister Shimon Peres spoke to the group at a breakfast meeting as well.

The Mahovliches also toured the Golan Heights, met Canadian peacekeepers and visited with settlers living in Israel below the Heights.

They got a taste of what life is like in the Israeli pressure cooker. During their visit to Metulla, "you could hear gunfire back and forth" in the distance, Mahovlich said.

Accompanied by two Israeli Defence Force helicopters that hovered overhead, they were part of a group that crossed into Lebanon to visit a radio station.

Marie said the trip showed her "how very difficult things are for these people." But "it was a thoroughly enjoyable trip and I'd love to go back. It was a learning experience."

The Hineni mission was the group's first visit to Israel in eight years, said Steve Ain, executive vice-president of UIA Canada. Its purpose was to show significant contributors how their money is spent, as well as to allow them to participate in the opening ceremonies at Canada Centre.

"Metulla is the flagship project of UIA Canada," Ain said.

The Drevnigs donated $1 million (US) towards construction of the new Olympic-sized rink, which supplements a much smaller rink that has proven extremely popular in past years, he added.

Ain predicted that Metulla and the surrounding northern communities will continue to enjoy the economic benefits generated by thousands of visitors to Canada Centre.

At the opening ceremony, 200 kids from the surrounding area took to the ice and "they couldn't get them off. You looked around and said, this is why we did it. It gave a context to the whole project," Ain said.

During a recent visit to Toronto, Metulla Mayor Yossi Goldberg told *The CJN* the total cost of the project has hit $6 million (US). The initial projection was for a $3-million facility but the lowest bid from contractors came in at $5 million. Inflation and other costs pushed the final tally to $6 million.

In addition to the $1 million provided by the Drevnigs, the municipality of Metulla provided $1.5 million and $2 million more was borrowed. That means he is searching for a further $1.5 million "to finish," Goldberg said.

"I need to find a way to support it. We will find a way to do it. But everyone in the country talks about the project changing the life of the area. People from all over Israel come for a weekend in the north," Goldberg said.

Goldberg predicted the arena will pay for itself, as did the previous, smaller rink.

Canada Centre will offer thousands of kids lessons in skating, figure skating, hockey and short track speed skating, the mayor added, and their membership and user fees will help pay for the rink.

Boris Drabkin, a speedskating coach from the former Soviet Union; Boris Mindel, who played professional hockey in Russia 20 years ago for Ska-Nova Sibirska; and Canadian Jeff Budd all provide on-ice skating instruction, said Yakov Schneider, general director of Canada Centre.

With the new rink, which seats 1,000 (plus 1,500 standing room), Israel has already booked its first international figure skating competition. From Dec. 17 to 21, Canada Centre will host Skate Israel, with local star Michael "Misha" Shmerkin carrying Israel's medal hopes. Shmerkin recently finished second at Skate Canada in Saint John, N.B.

Seventy skaters from 24 countries are expected to attend the inaugural Skate Israel event, Schneider said.

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New group of politicians named to Israeli cabinet

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israeli political life jumped a generation last week when Prime Minister Shimon Peres appointed two relatively young ministers to top posts in his cabinet.

Ehud Barak, 53, the former Israel Defence Force chief of staff, is to be foreign minister in the new government, and Haim Ramon, 45, will serve as minister of interior.

Peres' new government was overwhelmingly approved by the Knesset last Wednesday. At the same time, Peres was sworn in as Israel's 12th prime minister.

The final vote was 62-8, with 38 abstentions. Most of the opposition abstained in the vote, with the exception of Moledet, Tsomet and a number of other opposition Knesset members.

Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu stressed prior to the vote that the abstention was to underscore the party's faith in democracy, but that he remained opposed to the new government's policies.

While much of the cabinet makeup is the same, one completely new face is Rabbi Yehuda Amital, head of the Har Etzion Yeshiva at Alon Shvut near Bethlehem, in the West Bank, and leader of the moderate-Orthodox movement, Meimad.

Meimad, which unsuccessfully ran for the Knesset in the past, supports territorial concessions.

Peres' decision to reach out to Amital was seen as an effort to include Orthodox Israelis in the wake of deep secular-religious divisions, especially since the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

Amital is to be a minister without portfolio. His responsibilities will include maintaining the government's dialogue with the settlers and with Jewish communities in the Diaspora.

As for Barak and Ramon, both will be members of the "inner cabinet" and will be closely involved in the peace process with the Palestinians and with Syria.

In his speech presenting the cabinet before the Knesset, Peres pledged to continue the peace policies begun by his predecessor, the late Rabin.

Peres will hold the defence post himself, in the tradition of his mentor, David Ben-Gurion, and of Rabin.

Peres surprised and pleased the Labor Party Central Committee last Tuesday night by telling them that talks would continue with the Orthodox parties, with a view to drawing one or more of them into the new government.

"Some may want to help actively, others passively," he said.

The intense and hopeful talks between Labor and the National Religious Party Tuesday triggered a mini-crisis with Labor's leftist-secularist coalition partner, Meretz.

At one point, Yossi Sarid of Meretz lashed out publicly at Labor's Yossi Beilin, minister of economic planning, who is moving to a special ministerial post in the Prime Minister's Office.

Beilin is handling the talks with the religious parties.

The wrath of Meretz eventually subsided after Peres penned a formal assurance that support for any religious legislation in the future would require the consent of all the coalition partners.

The Orthodox parties are pressing for legislation that would counter the effects of a recent High Court of Justice ruling that opens the way for state recognition of non-Orthodox conversions performed in Israel.

Such conversions carried out abroad have long been recognized under Israeli law, after a High Court ruling in 1989. But they have not been permitted in Israel and the Orthodox say they want legislation that would preserve the status quo.

Pending the possible accession of an Orthodox party, the coalition now is made up of three factions: Labor, Meretz and Yi'ud. It also enjoys the consistent support of two largely Arab factions, the Arab Democratic Party and Hadash, giving Peres a total of 63 votes of support in the 120-seat chamber.

Peres' elevation of younger men to prominent positions has come at the expense of several middle-age hopefuls.

Among them are Housing Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer, Tourism Minister Uzi Baram, Labor and Welfare Minister Ora Namir, Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and Police Minister Moshe Shahal, all of whom are staying in the cabinet.

Most openly smarting from being passed over was Shahal, who actually threatened to resign and return to his large law practice in Haifa.

He told reporters that he had never really wanted to be police minister in the first place. He was reportedly lobbying hard with Peres for the interior or foreign affairs portfolios.

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Assassin's bullets reveal Israeli schisms

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

The earthquake that shook Tel Aviv and Eilat last week did not rattle Israel as much as Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, the tremors of which will be felt for years to come.

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

When Yigal Amir — a religious nationalist — pumped three bullets into Rabin on Nov. 4, he not only murdered a prime minister, but brought out the deep-seated schisms of Israeli society, reflected in its yawning social, religious and political divisions.

Contrary to the catchy fund-raising slogan, "We are One," Israel is fundamentally a nation of two solitudes, the secular majority and the observant minority.

During the first two decades of Israel's existence, this faultline in its body politic was not problematic. But with the capture of the West Bank (the biblical lands of Judea and Samaria) in the wake of the Six Day War, the cleavages multiplied as nationalism and messianism welled up in the religious community.

As battle lines were drawn, Orthodox Jews in large numbers rallied behind the imperative that Israel must never relinquish the God-given territories, even in exchange for peace with their Arab neighbors.

Among secular Jews, there was no such near unanaminity. Some, for reasons having nothing to do with religion, hewed to the unbending view that Israel must not give up the territories under any circumstances. Still others adopted a pragmatic approach, being amenable to compromise in the interests of reaching a viable accommodation with the Arabs.

Yitzhak Rabin and Israelis from all walks of life who supported his vision of peace exemplified this mindset.

Amir rebelled with every fibre of his being against Rabin's "defeatist" policies. It is clear that he was animated by fanaticism. And it is plain that he was delusional in claiming that he acted "on orders from God."

But for all that, Amir was *not* unrepresentative of the extreme religious right in Israel, which has become increasingly radical and vocal since the Six Day War. Before Amir appeared on the scene, these extremists produced an anti-Arab underground that was cracked by the government. It also spawned the likes of Baruch Goldstein, the doctor who mowed down 29 Muslims in Hebron's Tomb of the Patriarchs.

Amir, the son of a respectable Yemenite family, was a Bnei Akiva emissary in Latvia, a Torah scholar whom his teachers at Bar-Ilan University rated highly, and a devotee of the settlers' cause in the West Bank.

Over time, Amir embraced an incendiary concept — the supremacy of Halachah over civil law. We now know that he may have been inspired by the inflammatory teachings of certain extremist rabbis, who have been widely accused of creating a climate of religious intolerance in some yeshivot.

To Amir, Rabin was a *rodef* (an enemy, in effect, of the Jewish people) who had to be hunted down and killed. Amir was not a crazed individual. Rather, he was cool, chillingly calculating and confident of his rigid beliefs.

As he put it at a court hearing on Nov. 20: "Maybe physically I acted alone, but what pulled the trigger was not only my finger, but the finger of this whole nation, which for 2,000 years yearned for this land and dreamed of it."

Most Israelis, even those who share Amir's basic ideology with regard to Eretz Yisrael, were sickened and appalled by Rabin's assassination. But the mourning over his untimely death cannot disguise the fact that Israel has slid into two camps, with its own values, sensibilities, sense of history and priorities.

The cleavages, however, are not carved in stone. There are Orthodox Jews who manifestly support the Oslo peace process, while there are secular Jews who vehemently oppose it.

But even after this disclaimer is factored into the equation, there can be little doubt that Israel is profoundly fractured along political lines.

And it has always been so.

•In 1933, Haim Arlosoroff — the political secretary of the Jewish Agency and a Mapai loyalist — was murdered. Many claim his assailants were Revisionist Zionists.

•In 1944, under British pressure, the Jewish Agency and the Haganah launched "the season," the anti-Irgun campaign.

•In 1948, Israel teetered on civil war when the Altalena, an Irgun ship carrying arms, was sunk by Israeli soldiers under the command of Yitzhak Rabin.

The new prime minister, Shimon Peres, is painfully aware of the past and of the fissures which beset Israel today. Last week, in an attempt to heal the wounds caused by his predecessor's murder, he appointed a moderate Orthodox rabbi — Yehuda Amital — to the cabinet.

Rabbi Amital's appointment is demonstrably designed to lower the rhetoric and to reduce "the hatred between the religious and the secular," as he himself explained.

It is a tall order, but at least the healing has begun.

The Week in Israel

Nov. 20

• The shekel was devalued by 1.5 per cent against the U.S. dollar. The new exchange rate is 3.098 shekels for one U.S dollar and 2.273 shekels for one Canadian dollar.

Nov. 21

• In presenting the new government to the Labor Party's central committee, Acting Prime Minister Shimon Peres reiterated his commitment to seeking a rapprochement with settlers in the West Bank.

Nov. 22

• One week after President Ezer Weizman asked him to form the next government, Shimon Peres officially received the Knesset's vote of confidence. The vote was 62-8 with 32 abstentions. From the dais of the Knesset, Peres urged Syrian President Hafez al-Assad to join in a comprehensive peace arrangement.

• At 6:15 in the morning an earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale shook Israel. It was the largest quake felt in Israel since 1927. The hardest shocks were centred in the Eilat area. Damage to property was light. One person however, Yakov Ben Yehuda, 66, died of a heart attack when he attempted to remove his wife from her wheelchair in their hotel. Thirteen other people were injured lightly. The quake was also felt in Egypt where six people died; in Saudi Arabia, where two people died; and in Jordan, where one person died.

Nov. 23

• More aftershocks from yesterday's earthquake were felt in Eilat. They measured 4.5 on the Richter scale.

Nov. 24

• *Ha'aretz* reported that among the documents found in Iraq by UN inspectors was a proposal to initiate an attack on Israel with biological weapons. The document was a working paper which was submitted to the Iraqi security leadership and to President Saddam Hussein.

• U.S. President Bill Clinton wrote to Peres to personally reaffirm the United States "will continue to support the government and the people of Israel in building together a future of peace for the entire region."

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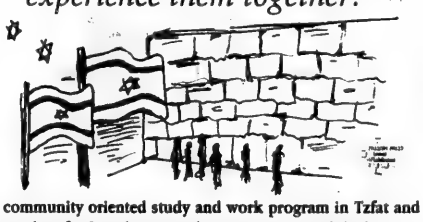

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Pollard granted Israeli citizenship

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JERUSALEM — U.S. legal experts say last week's granting of Israeli citizenship to imprisoned spy Jonathan Pollard will not affect any application he makes for parole or clemency.

American legal experts are studying Israel's Nov. 21 conferral of citizenship on Pollard, who has been in jail for 10 years for spying for Israel.

But according to one U.S. Justice Department spokesperson, both parole and clemency "are open to citizens, non-citizens and dual citizens alike."

Neverthless, news of Israel's decison, which came 10 years to the day after Pollard was arrested, was greeted joyously in the spy's camp.

According to his Toronto-based wife Esther, Pollard's reaction was that it was "the happiest day in 10 years. I'm delighted and excited. I'm not alone anymore. I'm one with my people."

"We're overjoyed," Esther Pollard told *The CJN* last week, adding cautiously, though, that the window of opportunity for her husband's early release is closing.

Slain Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin had asked U.S. President Bill Clinton to commute Pollard's sentence three times. Esther Pollard now hopes that Clinton will come through "as a gesture of sympathy" to Israel in the wake of Rabin's assassination.

"We are very pleased. I hope it leads to freedom," Pollard's father Morris said from South Bend, Ind. "The only route to go for now is [presidential] clemency."

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres is expected to request that Pollard's life sentence be commuted when he meets Clinton in Washington on Dec. 11.

Israel's decision was announced by Interior Minister Ehud Barak last Tuesday, just moments before he was appointed foreign minister in Peres' new cabinet.

Pollard's first parole hearing was scheduled for earlier this month but has been rescheduled.

Now 41, Pollard was an American civilian intelligence analyst for the U.S. Navy when he was arrested in November 1985 outside the Israeli embassy.

He pleaded guilty to passing classified documents to Israel and in 1987 was sentenced to life in prison.

Israel's decision "sends a strong message that Jonathan is not alone anymore and that Israel is willing to accept full responsibility for him," said his wife.

Israel has previously granted citizenship in absentia to Prisoners of Zion or Refuseniks in the old Soviet Union, Esther Pollard pointed out.

Earlier this year, Israel denied Pollard's citizenship request. When Esther Pollard appealed to Israel's Supreme Court, which gave the government 30 days to show why his citizenship should be denied, the government relented.

Sources speculated the Israeli government extended the citizenship because it wants to protect its own interests and avoid divulging secret information in open court.

In a letter to Clinton and Peres last week, Esther Pollard urged continued efforts to secure her husband's release.

"By joining hands now and acting in unison to free Jonathan Pollard now ... a message of unity and strength would be created to honor the memory of Yitzhak Rabin," she wrote.

Pollard's only hope is a commutation from Clinton, said Esther Pollard, as there's "no chance" for parole, since there is a sheaf of negative recommendations in his file.

— With reporting by Ron Csillag in Toronto.

Esther and Jonathan Pollard, photographed earlier this year at the federal prison in Butner, N.C.

Archeological dig opposed

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Nearly 20,000 ultra-Orthodox Jews demonstrated here last Sunday against ongoing archeological excavations near the town of Modi'in in central Israel.

The demonstrators held a prayer vigil that included an invocation calling for cutting off the hands of the archeologists involved in the dig.

Demonstrations erupted near the site last week, after the remains of a burial cave with links to the Hasmonean period were uncovered.

Protesters said removal of bones found at the site defiled Jewish graves.

Hundreds of gold and silver coins dating from the end of the Bar Kochba revolt were found near the site where road workers discovered a tomb linked to the Maccabees.

The remains of a Second Temple-period village were also found nearby, as were ruins of a building similar to synagogues found at the Masada and Gamla archeological sites, Israel Radio reported.

Archeologists from Israel's Antiquities Authority described the find as extremely important.

The site includes three burial caves with some 23 containers for human bones.

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Israeli secret service reeling

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"dragging our youth into extreme activities."

Even moderate right-wing politicians pointed fingers at the GSS. "The GSS is at least indirectly responsible for the atmosphere of hatred," charged Likud MK Uzi Landau.

Much of the ire of the right was directed at the now infamous poster of Yitzhak Rabin in an SS uniform which was distributed by Raviv at a Likud demonstration two months ago and shown on television.

"There must be an investigation into who funded and published that poster," said Likud MK Eliyahu Ben-Elissar. (An investigation completed this week found two teenaged brothers from Jerusalem, both yeshivah students, were responsible for producing the poster.)

Meretz MK Ran Cohen countered that the right wing is using the affair to "shake off responsibility for the atmosphere of incitement that preceded Rabin's murder."

Isolated voices on the left saw signs of a conspiracy of a different sort. Tel Aviv University historian Prof. Michael Harsgor said only a conspiracy by the GSS to kill the prime minister could explain the glaring lapses in security that enabled the murder to take place.

"Somebody in the GSS wanted this to happen. Somebody believed he could stop the peace process this way. Somebody allowed Raviv to incite and allowed Amir to act," said Harsgor.

A columnist for the Hebrew daily *Ha'aretz* concurred that a GSS agent sympathetic to Raviv's extreme right-wing views must have helped facilitate the assassination.

Whatever the truth — now being revealed in a closed-door commission of inquiry — the affair is already having repercussions on the image of Israel's much vaunted security service.

"It's a blow to our prestige that reduces our deterrent power in the eyes of the Arabs," said former prime minister Yitzhak Shamir,

"The motivation of the Arabs to make peace — as much as that motivation exists — will be reduced because of the damage to Israel's image of strength," added Likud activist and former ambassador Zalman Shoval.

In the last two weeks, the media have run stories that make high-ranking GSS officers sound more like an Inspector Clouseau movie than a John LeCarre thriller.

Noting the many jokes circulating about the GSS, *Ha'aretz* columnist Gideon Levy writes that "a body that was in the eyes of many Israelis a source of pride, and was a source of envy of security services all over the world, has now been transformed into the butt of jokes."

Most cabinet ministers reject appeals for reforms and instead have called for a halt to all criticism of the GSS.

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Duo's hockey camp proves a resounding success

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — With the end of the summer and the start of the hockey season, Dave Harris' and Cory Shiner's work is done.

As owners, founders and CEOs of the Kids of Canada Hockey Camp (KCHC), they've tuned up their pre-teen athletes, put them through skating and passing drills, made them scrimmage and then turned them loose for a free-for-all game of shinny.

More than 60 kids, aged five to 13, enrolled in this, the inaugural season of the KCHC.

For Harris and Shiner, both 20, the camp was a raving success, even though at first it was life and death to get enrolment up.

Harris said the hockey camp project has been brewing since last summer, though Shiner is quick to add that the two friends have been talking about some sort of business project since their high school days.

Thanks to a $3,000 student venture loan from the government of Ontario, the two were able to put their idea for a summer hockey camp on ice.

For $235 per week, parents saw their kids receive four hours of on-ice instruction headed up by Shiner and several teenaged assistants. Also on the agenda were mini-golf, batting practice at baseball cages, games of football, soccer and baseball — "all the fun stuff," Shiner said. On Friday, they were taken for a pizza lunch. What more could a kid want?

Dave Harris (left) and Cory Shiner are the CEOs of the Kids of Canada Hockey Camp. [Paul Lungen photo]

The on-ice aspect of the camp focused on teaching basic skills, like skating and stickhandling and on developing confidence.

"Me and Cory have a motto," Harris said. "Aside from the kids being happy, the parents have to be happy that their kids have learned something."

A student of mass communications at Carlton University, Harris handled most of the camp's off-ice preparations. Shiner, enrolled in a recreational studies program at Centennial College, was in charge on the ice.

Indoor soccer franchise unveils its name, logo

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — They've got a new uniform, a new name, a flashy logo featuring practically every color in the rainbow and they've signed a big-name player. All that's left is for the games to begin.

Well, there are probably a few more items left on the agenda before Toronto's first indoor professional soccer team takes to the field (make that the hockey rink), but the Toronto Shooting Stars Soccer Club and Academy has taken another step on the road towards its inaugural season that kicks off next October.

Team co-owner and president Francois Glasman officially launched the National Professional Soccer League's (NPSL) Shooting Stars at a news conference recently and introduced its first player, Raul Alfredo "Lalo" Maradona.

No, he's not *that* Maradona, he of international acclaim. Diego Maradona, the world-famous Argentinian national team star is Lalo's older brother, but Maradona junior boasts impressive credentials of his own.

Lalo, 28, played with big brother for Argentina at the 1993 Indoor World Championships. He was a member of the soccer-mad country's under-18 national team, he later joined the national team and most recently, he played for Toronto Italia of the CNSL.

In addition to the official team launch, the Shooting Stars' academy will inaugurate the first of its youth clinics on Jan. 12, said Randy Sageman, a spokesperson for the team. The clinics are designed to get young people involved in soccer, create grassroots support for the team and perhaps one day serve as a launching pad for future talent for the Shooting Stars, he said.

The Shooting Stars have adopted the motto, "For the Kids," and Glasman, who owns the franchise along with Dr. Morris Goldfinger, has promised to distribute 2,000 free tickets to minor league club players and inner city kids for each home game at Maple Leaf Gardens.

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Superstar Israeli rocker sets music to poetry

By JOSEPH SERGE
TAB News Editor

TORONTO – Called a postmodern Leonard Cohen by one critic, Israeli-born singer/songwriter David Broza performed at Lee's Palace Wednesday night to promote the release of two new albums in Canada *David Broza* and *Stone Doors.*

Broza has one triple platinum and five gold records in Israel, where he has reached superstar status. It has been estimated one out of three households in Israel has a Broza album. He is set to increase his fan base in North America with the release of these two albums.

Although he lives in New Jersey with his manager wife and three children, Broza travels to Israel once a month to perform for his loyal fans. He decided to record *Stone Doors* while in Israel recently.

"I knew it would be kind or risky to record *Stone Doors* in Israel," Broza said from his home, "but I was there and wanted to record it before winter so I could get on the road with it in the new year."

Besides *Stone Doors* he recorded a Hebrew album for his Israeli audience. "I found some really incredible musicians there; it was a loose and very enjoyable session."

Stone Doors was recorded in one take. "I'm still learning the words now," Broza laughed. "It all came out so easily. We recorded the whole thing in five or six days."

Broza, 40, was born in Haifa. His grandfather was the founder of Neve Shalom, the first Arab-Jewish village in Israel founded in 1970 to serve as a model of cooperation. Although he spent most of his teen years in Spain, Broza returned to Israel in 1974 to do his three-year military service.

"It started to bug me that my childhood friends were being drafted," Broza said. During the Yom Kippur War a close friend of his got killed. "For the first time I felt the pain of loss, it was the first experience of loss that I can remember."

Broza said he was feeling a tremendous amount of guilt at the time. "I felt that whatever else I do in my life, I had to get this [military service] done first." He was in the military from 1974 to 1977 and was called-up in 1982 to serve on the front-lines in the Lebanon invasion.

It was while he was in the military that a CBS record executive saw him perform and told him she wanted to sign him on. At the time, though, he wasn't interested. "I never thought of doing this professionally. I always meant this to be a pastime. I wanted to go to college."

In the meantime he'd hooked up with Israeli poet Jonathan Geffen who recorded two of Broza's songs. Both of which became hits in Israel. The record executive returned to Broza and he signed a five-record deal.

"I forgot about college and now I've just completed my third batch of five albums."

Although he's described by some as a folk-singer (perhaps because he does one-man concerts), if *Stone Doors* is any example, he's closer to rhythm and blues and bar rock 'n' roll than folk. More Colin James than Joan Baez and far more melodic and optimistic than Leonard Cohen.

"Primarily it's rock 'n' roll,"

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Rockin' troubadour: Israeli-born singer/ songwriter David Broza performs here at one of his Jerusalem concerts. Although he's made his home in New Jersey for over a decade, Broza still returns to Israel one week in every month to perform to his loyal fans. It's been said that one in every three households in Israel has at least one David Broza album. Broza, who started off playing in shuls in Spain, has just released two albums in Canada, *Stone Doors* and a self-titled compilation. [WZPS photo]

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Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

New Gate For Jerusalem: It took only four centuries, but a new gate has opened up to the Old City of Jerusalem. It's located on the Old City's southern wall between the Zion Gate and the Dung Gate.

This new entrance to the ancient capital was boarded up in the 16th century for security reasons by Ottoman ruler Sultan Suleiman the Magnificent. There's a great debate among scholars about when it was built. Some say it was constructed by the Crusaders in the 12th century, while Jerusalem's former chief archeologist, Dan Bahat, says it was part of a watchtower belonging to a Muslim dynasty.

Whatever its origins, the gate is the first new opening to the Old City since 1887.

Nature Magazine on Israel: *Eretz Magazine*, which many call the Israeli *National Geographic*, is the only English-language geographic magazine in Israel. Devoted to the country's natural, cultural and historical treasures, the magazine also serves as a guide to the latest touring opportunities in Israel.

Past issues have featured major stories on Gaza, Hebron, the Golan, Jericho, Nazareth's tourism comeback, Petra and other sites in Jordan, and Napoleon's exploits in the once and future land of Israel. Other pieces have dealt with important environmental issues, such as an assessment of the dangers of the planned cross-Israel highway.

Eretz reaches thousands of subscribers around the world and its Hebrew edition, *Eretz Vateva*, reaches 40,000 subscriber families in Israel. Both editions are available internationally. A year's subscription is $59.90. The Eretz representative in Canada is Tamar Savion, 20 Hearthstone Cres., North York, M2R 1G3. 416-636-6743.

New Developments in Jerusalem: The municipality of Jerusalem is working closely with the Ministry of Tourism and other organizations to create important new sites for Jerusalem 3000, the city-wide festival that is already underway and continues through much of 1996.

Several important projects have been initiated to provide the city with new permanent sites. The City of David site is being developed as Jerusalem's major archeological garden. Seats, a stage and fencing are being installed at a site in Malha capable of holding 30,000 people.

A 12,000-seat amphitheatre is being constructed at the Haas Promenade, overlooking one of the most beautiful landscapes in the city. The amphitheatre will feature seats along the natural slope, so as not to destroy its beauty.

Improvements are also being made to Ein Karem, Mea Shearim and various roofs and arches throughout the Old City.

New Tourism Organization: A new tourism organization that would have been unthinkable just a few years ago has arisen in the Middle East. The organization is called MEMTTA — the Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean Tourist Association — and its members include Israel, Egypt, Jordan, the Palestinian Authority, Tunisia, Turkey, Cyprus and Morocco.

MEMTTA brings together governments and travel-related businesses to promote tourism in the entire Middle East and Eastern Mediterranean region. Countries expected to join soon include Greece, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain and Oman.

The new association reflects the new open borders in the Middle East that allow tourists to travel with ease from Israel to Jordan and Egypt. Ruth Ben-Tzur, director of the Israel Government Tourist Office in Canada, called MEMTTA "one of the most exciting by-products of the peace process."

Setting music to poetry

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Broza says of his music. "It's got a real urban rock side to it. It's very intense."

Urban rock 'n' roll with a touch of his cultural influences. His music is very melodic; a mixture of American rhythm and blues, Spanish flamenco-style guitar and Mid-eastern rhythms.

A unique aspect to Broza's songs is the self-styled troubadour rarely writes his own lyrics. Most of his songs are written to classical and contemporary poetry.

"In Israel and Spain, where I grew up, it's common practice to write music to poetry. I never really got into writing my own lyrics to sing to others."

When on the road he always drops by local bookstores to see what's on the shelves that would inspire a song. "I dedicate a lot of my time to find lyrics I wish I'd written myself and could set to music.

"Most of the poems I sing tell a story. I grew up listening to Bob Dylan, Jackson Brown, Van Morrison, and the like. When I started writing my own songs I found lyrics which were close to the stuff I was hooked into in the first place. Today the poetry is much more varied." (He uses Walt Whitman and Percy Bysshe Shelley on *Stone Doors*.)

Broza readily admits he takes poetic licence with the poems he chooses; either editing out complete stanzas or changing some words.

"With the Shelley poem, I changed a couple of words – thy for example – and updated it a bit," he said. "That poem could have been written to anybody. It's a message anyone can understand. You don't have to be a poetry buff or an academic.

"I have a total respect for the original writers. To me, it's another way of exposing bodies of works to people who otherwise wouldn't get to hear poetry. It's a byproduct of what I do."

Broza is involved in workshops in 15 colleges across America discussing the art of turning poetry into song.

"I don't plan to spend the rest of my life here but by playing clubs particularly in the American mid-west I'm getting to know America real well. American culture gave rock 'n' roll to my generation; it's a second religion or discipline to me."

Although he's lived in the States for over a decade he still feels close political ties to Israel.

He sang one of his songs *Yihye Tov (Things Will Get Better)* for Menachem Begin and Anwar Sadat at the Camp David accords. He was set to perform an updated version of the song in a concert before Yitzhak Rabin and King Hussein on Nov. 7 to honor the first anniversary of the Jordanian/Israeli accord. Of course the ceremony was cancelled due to Rabin's assassination. Instead Broza performed the song at a memorial service to Rabin on Nov. 12.

"I've always been politically motivated. Being an Israeli you've always got to be politically motivated. I don't affiliate with any party or stream, I support whoever's going to bring peace to Israel."

If you didn't get a chance to see Broza last night, his two albums *David Broza*, a compilation of tracks from earlier U.S. albums, and *Stone Doors*, a new collection of 15 rock 'n' roll songs Broza-style are readily available in record stores across Canada.

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Israel, EU reach pact on trade, economic ties

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BRUSSELS – Capping a period of long and difficult negotiations that began nearly two years ago, Israel and the European Union (EU) have signed a new accord to strengthen their political and economic relations.

The new accord, which replaces a 1975 trade and cooperation agreement between Israel and what was then known as the Common Market, will grant Israel special status to participate in the European Union's scientific and technological research and development projects.

The accord will also provide for expanded free trade between Israel and the 15 nations comprising the European economic bloc.

Israel hopes the new accord will help lessen Israel's growing trade imbalance with the EU which stands at $8 billion (US). The EU is Israel's main trading partner, receiving some 35 per cent of Israel's total exports.

The new agreement – which will have to be approved by the Knesset and the parliaments of the EU member states – will allow 90 per cent of Israeli agricultural products to be exempt from EU tariffs, compared with the current 70 per cent.

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Life of Golda Meir: The Holy Blossom Stagecraft Company presents three performances of *Golda*, the authorized chronicle of the life of the former Israeli prime minister, by William Gibson. Set during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, *Golda* relies upon humor, tragedy, suspense and heartbreak as it evokes a vivid portrait of this unique leader. Dedicated in memory of Yitzhak Rabin, the play portrays the hopes, fears, triumphs and disasters faced by the founders and builders of the nation of Israel.

Performances are at the Holy Blossom Temple, 1950 Bathurst St., Toronto, Dec. 7 & 9 at 8 p.m., and Dec 10 at 7 p.m. For tickets ($8 to $12), call 416-789-3291, ext. 238. The Dec. 9 performance is a fundraiser for Kolel, the centre of Jewish learning, and includes a gala reception. Gala tickets may also be ordered by calling 905-709-1900.

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The Holocaust at Harbourfront: Remain Silent, Auschwitz/Birkenau is a collection of 14 large photographs taken on the site of one of the most infamous death camps of WWII — nearly half a century later. According to Toronto photographer Jack Burman, who shot the collection of color and black-and-white photographs in 1994, the photos convey the emptiness he felt at encountering "the most intense torture and killing ground in human history."

The photos are accompanied by smaller photos taken by the German SS and maps, architectural plans and detailed captions. Dec. 2 to Mar. 3 in the photo passage at York Quay, Harbourfront Centre. Free.

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Media Watch: Satisfy your curiosity with the colorful new journal *Why, A Magazine About Life*. The premier fall issue contains probing articles about alternative medicine and natural healing, Canada's cod stocks and turbot war, and other contemporary concerns.

Of special interest is the story *How Heart Came Into the World*, retold by master Jewish storyteller Dan Yashinsky, as well as the interview with Phyllis Lambert, founder of the Canadian Centre for Architecture. *Rethinking Repentance*, an essay by David Ester, focuses on the universal messages of religious holidays in general and the Jewish High Holy Days in particular.

Why Magazine is available on newsstands and stores.

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Playwright Wins Award: Eye on Arts congratulates Toronto playwright Jason Sherman, recipient of a Governor General's literary award for his play *Three in the Back, Two in the Head*. Last week, in a ceremony at the Winter Garden Theatre in Toronto, Sherman and other winners each received a cheque for $10,000.

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Yiddish Songs on the CBC: Yes, those were Yiddish lyrics you heard on the CBC radio show *Gilmour's Albums* recently. The songs came from Faye Kellerstein's CD recording *A Feygele Zingt*.

Kellerstein is still working with her Kinder-Chorus, a group of 15 children between seven and 12 years of age who performed a concert of Yiddish songs last summer in North York, and who will soon tape a show on Rogers Cable, Kellerstein reports. She and the Kinder-Chorus are scheduled to perform at the Beth David Chanukah luncheon, Sunday, Dec. 17.

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Yiddish in Edmonton: Canadian-born film director Arthur Hiller, responsible for many popular films including *The Americanization of Emily* and *Love Story*, was in town last week to receive an honorary doctorate from his former alma mater, the University of Toronto. Hiller told CBC-Radio's Peter Gzowski that his parents, who once formed a Yiddish theatre troupe in Edmonton, instilled in him the values, such as respect for others, that have characterized his long, distinguished cinematic career.

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Contemporary Russian Artists: A show of works by numerous leading artists includes the art of Shamil Nadrov, who recently had an exhibition at the Kremlin, and Vladimir Brainin, the subject of an exhibition currently at the Jewish Museum in New York. Marina Abony Fine Arts, 10 Cole Millway, off Ivor Rd. in the Yonge-Lawrence area of Toronto, Dec 2, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. 416-481-5200.

In Brief: The Canadian Children's Opera Chorus performs a winter concert, containing works by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Andre Caplet, William Mathias, and various carols and music for Chanukah. Glenn Gould Studio, Dec 2 at 2 & 7.30 p.m., Dec. 3 at 2 p.m. Adults, $15. 416-205-5555.

The work of artists Marjorie Francoz, Donna Kagan and Richard Ungar are featured in a Chanukah Art Exhibition at the Holy Blossom Temple, Dec. 8 to Jan. 8. Opening reception, Dec. 13, 7.30 to 9.30 p.m.

Montreal artist Melvin Charney's unique study of architectural images conveyed through wire service photographs is being shown at The Power Plant, Harbourfront, Dec. 8 to Jan. 21.

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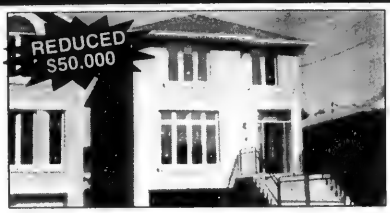

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Readers are invited to send any questions they have for Jesse to The CJN. *Jesse is the executive director of Jewish Support Services for the Elderly (JSSE) in Montreal.*

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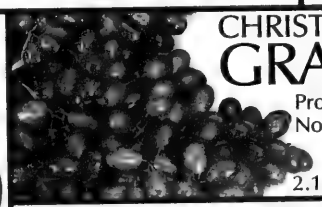

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Urgent action to calm fears

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — A mounting sense of urgency in the Jewish community here over the spectre of another referendum and, even more pressingly, the possibility of an outflow of young Jews, has put into gear an unprecedented linkage between Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q) and FEDERATION CJA to deal with these issues.

The multi-pronged approach will involve, most significantly, staging a series of Jewish community "consultations" across Canada in an effort to mobilize the provinces to keep Quebec within the federalist fold.

Meanwhile, in Montreal, the CJC-Q's youth commitee and FEDERATION CJA agencies, such as ProMontreal, the Young Adult Division (YAD) and the Communauté Sépharade du Québec (CSQ), will hold forums for youth — the segment of the community mobile enough to leave — to "honestly" speak to their fears, said Max Bernard, chair of CJC-Q's community relations committee.

Bernard promised that the forum, which will enlist the participation of experts providing "objective analysis," will not try to whitewash the situation or to "pull the wool over their [young people's] eyes" in order to get them to stay.

"We are not going to give unrealistic assessments to our youth," Bernard said.

"I'm not a judge on whether staying is good or bad. They can see what's going on. My sense is that there are a lot of questions people would like to have answered."

Asked if such a blunt approach would, in a sense, be at odds with the agenda of groups like ProMontreal, Bernard said he did not believe that to be an issue.

"My sense is that we have to be very objective and very realistic," he said. "I think it would be absolutely devastating if we were to do anything to try to mislead our youth."

As if to underscore the pervasive sense of uncertainty in the community — fuelled in part by the now-infamous ethnocentric remarks of Premier Jacques Parizeau and deputy premier Bernard Landry — FEDERATION CJA published a full page ad in last week's *CJN* to calm the community down and to present an outline of their plan of action.

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DELICATE BIRTH, DELICATE OPERATION
A nurse cares for Siamese twin girls born Dec. 3 at Beilinson Hospital in Petach Tikvah. They were joined at the intestines, and successfully separated the day of their birth. *[RNS photo]*

Metro community hit hard by budget cuts

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The $6-billion cut in Ontario government spending will hit the Metro Jewish community hard:

• Baycrest Hospital loses $4 million in funding this year and must eliminate the equivalent of 64 full-time positions from its staff of 1,500. It faces possible cuts of another 13 per cent in the next two years.

• "We are facing deep cuts and there are tough decisions ahead for the Jewish community on what our core services should be," said Morris Zbar, an official of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT).

• The Jewish Family and Child Service took a "hit" of $390,000 in the first round of government cutbacks and faces more cuts in the next two years, while having to cope with the spinoff effects of job losses resulting from the cuts.

• A 25 per cent cut in services to Bernard Betel Centre is already being implemented and the agency faces another 25 per cent cut in funding next year.

Baycrest anticipated a five per cent cut across the board and was therefore not "surprised" by the Ontario government's action, said Moshe Greengarten, vice-president of public affairs. Though positions will be eliminated, a new mix of highly-trained staff will keep up the standard of nursing care, he said.

Some recipients of supplemental and welfare assistance may have to miss lunch or not have enough money to buy a loaf of bread because of the new $2 charge for drug prescriptions, said Marian Greenberg, a Bernard Betel volunteer. She said besides the $2, the new charges of $100 deductible and $6.11 pharmacist fee per prescription are a "real hardship" on seniors whose annual family income is below $24,000.

Greenberg said she needs eight prescriptions a month and this will cost her $16, plus $48.88 in fees, every month, in addition to the annual $100 deductible.

"My husband and I will have to revise our budget," she added.

She was indignant, claiming Premier Mike Harris had broken his promise not to cut health services.

Some agencies are awaiting word on how the massive cuts will affect day care and education, since the municipalities must decide how to apply the reductions.

The JFGT has already given an additional $370,000 to agencies to ease the burden of extra help needed as a result of earlier government cutbacks, Zbar said.

"We understand that the deficit has to be reduced, but it is a question whether the cuts had to be as deep, particularly since an income tax reduction is planned," he said.

Courses offered by the North York Board of Education to Jewish agencies are also in question, depending on how the board copes with the cuts to its funds.

"The implications are great for all social agencies," said Gordon Wolfe, executive director of JF&CS.

Bernard Betel director Esta Wall said all agencies have been asked to meet with Metro officials Dec. 13.

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International

CANADA

Bourgault Rapped

MONTREAL — The Coalition of the Hellenic, Jewish and Italian Congresses and B'nai Brith Canada's League for Human Rights last week called on Quebec premier-in-waiting Lucien Bouchard to denounce remarks by Quebec sovereigntist Pierre Bourgault, as quoted in the *Journal de Montréal*.

Bourgault slammed Jews, Italians and Greeks for voting as a bloc against sovereignty.

Horvath Honored

TORONTO — B'nai Brith Canada last week honored Dezso Horvath, dean of York University's faculty of administrative studies, Canada's largest graduate management school, for his "outstanding contribution to academia and business."

Nearly 500 people attended the annual Award of Merit Gala Dinner.

A Family Affair

VANCOUVER — A bar or bat mitzvah at Temple Sholom here is truly a family affair.

Each week, students in the b'nei mitzvah classes at both the temple's religious school and Vancouver's Jewish day schools meet, together with their parents, for a series of nine Sunday morning workshops.

Called the Al Shlosha Devarim program, parents and students take part in a weekly minyan and breakfast, and then study Torah, prayers and mitzvot.

Sorry, Wrong Number

MONTREAL — An incorrect telephone number appeared in this space last week in connection with Na'amat Canada's 1996 convention in Israel.

To register, contact Vivian Reisler at 514-488-0792.

ISRAEL

Katyusha Attack

JERUSALEM — The damage caused by last Tuesday's Hezbollah rocket attacks on the Galilee is likely to run to 10 million shekels ($3.3 million US), Kiryat Shmona Mayor Prosper Azran said last week.

Property tax authorities received compensation claims from some 100 home owners and two dozen car owners.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres said he holds Syria responsible for the Katyusha attacks, in which eight people were injured and dozens more had to be treated for shock.

Reports from Lebanon said Hezbollah fired about 35 rockets, of which more than 20 fell in Israel.

Israeli war planes retaliated the following day. At least one Hezbollah gunman was reported killed and two others wounded in a raid against suspected guerrilla targets north of the security zone.

Hamas Member Killed

JERUSALEM — About 200 IDF soldiers killed a wanted Hamas member last Tuesday during a siege at a house in the village of Deir Samet, southwest of Hebron.

Mohammed Masalmeh, 38, from Beit Awah, was wanted by Israeli authorities for over a year.

Rabbi Told to Resign

JERUSALEM — Religious Affairs Minister Shimon Shetreet last Tuesday asked the chief rabbi of Ramat Gan, Rabbi Ya'acov Ariel, to resign because of an article he wrote in 1993 in which he claimed that the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin fell into the category of an "indirect *rodef*" (traitor) who deserved death under certain circumstances.

Shetreet told Rabbi Ariel that if he did not step down, he would consider removing him from his post.

Settler Arrested

JERUSALEM — A 22-year-old Jewish settler was arrested here last week for trying to run Environment Minister Yossi Sarid's car off the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv highway in August.

Ohad Barat, an Elkana resident, was charged with endangering life, which carries a maximum 20-year prison term.

The charges claim Barat made obscene gestures at Sarid and tried several times to force his vehicle off the road.

Peres on Covenant

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Shimon Peres sent a strong message to PLO leader Yasser Arafat last week, saying if the clauses in the Palestinian Covenant calling for Israel's destruction are not cancelled by March, "the [peace] train will be halted."

Peres' ultimatum was made sharper by his demand that the decision to rescind the clauses be taken by both the Palestinian self-rule council, to be elected in the autonomous areas, and the Palestine National Council, representing the Palestinian leadership in Tunis.

Hey Bus Driver...

JERUSALEM — Some Egged bus drivers are disconnecting the mechanisms which limit the speed of their vehicles, Army Radio reported Monday.

The mechanisms were only recently installed on about 400 of Egged's newer buses — about 10 per cent of its fleet. They limit a bus's speed to 105 kilometres per hour, but some drivers have disconnected them, according to one former driver.

WORLD

Solidarity Rally

NEW YORK — A full house — as many as 20,000 people — are expected to attend an Israel solidarity rally planned for Madison Square Garden on the morning of Dec. 10.

Slated to appear are Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Israel's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau, and Leah Rabin, widow of slain prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The date had been held open for President Bill Clinton, who reportedly said he would like to attend, but had scheduling problems.

Rabin Stamp Available

NEW YORK — A postage stamp commemorating the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin is scheduled for release this week by the Israel Postal Authority.

The date of issue, Dec. 5, marks the 30th day day after Rabin's assassination.

The stamp bears an official photograph of Rabin, along with the Israeli flag and the years of Rabin's life, 1922-1995, at the bottom. On the right side, Rabin's name and title appear in Hebrew, English and Arabic.

It's available through the Israel Philatelic Agency at 535 Fifth Ave., Suite 300, New York, N.Y. 10017 U.S.A. or by calling 1-800-607-2799. (See photo of stamp, p. 33).

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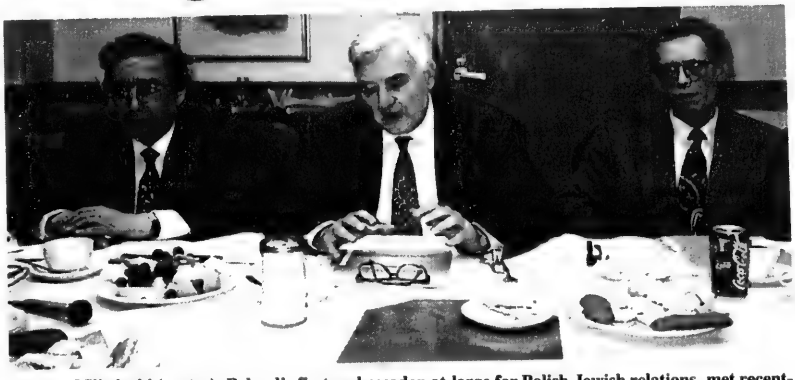
Poland building bridges to Jewish Diaspora

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter



Krzystof Sliwinski (centre), Poland's first ambassador-at-large for Polish-Jewish relations, met recently with officers of Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region. Accompanying him were Wojciech Tychinski (right), Poland's consul general in Toronto and Janusz Mantykiewicz, Polish consul in Toronto. [Daniel Fine Photo]

TORONTO — Poland is reaching out to Jews.

Krzysztof Sliwinski, a senior Polish diplomat, has been appointed Poland's first ambassador to the Jewish Diaspora.

"For historical, moral and spiritual reasons, we must do everything possible to build bridges and to overcome negative emotions," explained Sliwinski in an interview at the Polish Consulate.

Poland, he acknowledged, is the first — and so far only — country in Eastern Europe to have created such a position. "I am very much conscious of the bitterness in Polish-Jewish relations," said Sliwinski, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' former spokesperson and ex-ambassador to Morocco. His overall objective, he said, is "to improve the image of Poland and Poles in Diaspora circles and in Israel."

Since his appointment last August, Sliwinski, 55, has visited several cities in the United States. Late last month, he stopped in Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto, where he met, among others, Canadian Jewish Congress and B'nai Brith officials.

In the near future, Sliwinski intends to visit several Western European nations, Israel and Russia.

He said he owes his position to Poland's outgoing foreign minister, Wladyslaw Bartoszewski, an honorary citizen of Israel who has long worked to improve Poland's sometimes uneasy relationship with Jews.

Bartoszewski, an Auschwitz survivor, is expected to step down later this month, following Lech Walesa's defeat in the recent presidential election. He was beaten by Aleksander Kwasniewski, a former Communist, in a close race.

A founder of the Warsaw-based Association for Polish-Jewish Friendship, Sliwinski said that his mandate will not be aversely affected by the change in government.

"My job will exist after Mr. Bartoszewski leaves," he said. "I have no doubt of that. I know Mr. Kwasniewski very well, and it's unthinkable that he would abolish this position."

Poland, he explained, is "deeply conscious" of the importance of improving its ties with the Diaspora.

"The Foreign Ministry is aware how this issue affects Poland's national interests and its drive toward full democracy.

"Anti-Semitism is a sort of litmus test for democracy, and we want to be members of the democratic world. We're rightly judged on how we deal with this issue."

Sliwinski said that political anti-Semitism is an insignificant phenomenon in Poland today. "In the last presidential campaign, only one candidate was anti-Semitic and he won 0.4 per cent of the vote."

However, popular anti-Semitism is stronger. "You can hear statements and illusions that are totally unacceptable in a pluralistic society," he said. "There is still considerable stereotyping about 'mythological' Jews."

Sliwinski promised "to ring alarm bells" in the event of anti-Semitic outbursts. Looking back, he conceded that the legacy of the past imbues Polish relations with Jews. "We have to overcome the very long period after World War II when there was little contact."

Since acquiring independence in 1918, Poland — home to about 3.3 million Jews before the war — has been buffeted by outbreaks of anti-Semitism.

Jews were subjected to pogroms and economic boycotts in newly-independent Poland. During the Holocaust, some Poles collaborated with the Nazis, while some helped Jews. In the wake of the Six Day War, during which Poland broke diplomatic relations with Israel, upwards of 30,000 Jews fled the country, forced out by state-sponsored anti-Semitism.

In the 1990 presidential election, Walesa was accused of pandering to anti-Jewish sentiment, and more recently, a Roman Catholic priest, Father Henryk Jankowski, delivered an anti-Semitic sermon in Walesa's presence.

During his visit to Canada, Sliwinski raised a number of issues, ranging from Poland's links with Israel to Jewish property claims.

"Our relations with Israel are developing very well," he said. "It is not enough to say they are good. They are excellent, with close co-operation in many fields."

Sliwinski disclosed that proposed legislation will enable the remaining Jews of Poland to reclaim Jewish cemeteries, as well as former synagogue buildings, shtiebls, mikvahs, schools, community centres, orphanages, hospitals, ritual slaughter houses and one old people's home.

The legislation, he said, is likely to become law within six months.

Under the Law of Reprivatization, expected to be enacted by 1997, Jews will also be able to claim private property.

"It is impossible to put a dollar value on it," he noted.

Claims can be submitted by survivors and their children and relatives.

Officially, there are 6,000 Jews in the country, Sliwinski said. But Israel's embassy in Warsaw believes that 40,000 to 50,000 Poles can be defined as Jews under the Law of Return.

"The situation of Jews in Poland is good," he observed, saying that young Polish Jews are rediscovering their roots and establishing community institutions like schools and clubs.

Sliwinski said a new Jewish museum is planned for Warsaw, adjacent to the city's main Holocaust memorial in the former Nazi ghetto. Jews in the Diaspora will be asked to contribute funds.

Since 1990, school texts have been rewritten to better reflect the history of Jewish settlement in Poland.

According to Sliwinski, Polish publishers brought out more than 500 titles on Jewish topics last year, tapping an obvious interest in Jewish culture.

In conclusion, Sliwinski said that the Catholic church is redoubling its efforts "to build bridges with the Jewish community."

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From the editor's desk

Academic ponders a refounded Zionism

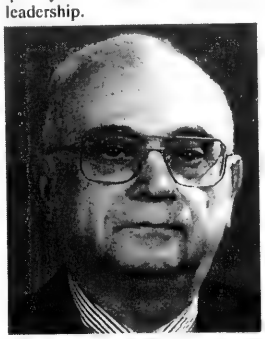
Yehezkel Dror is a strategic thinker. And that is quite an understatement.

"The Middle East," he said, "is an area of the world with a high probability for low probability events." That is how he spoke throughout our interview, succinctly, epigrammatically, with a flair for the dramatic, but always thoughtfully.

He was in Toronto last week at the invitation of Victoria College of the University of Toronto to take part, along with almost two dozen other renowned scholars and thinkers, in a three-day World Leadership Program. This prestigious, highly innovative, unique program was aimed, among other things, at "promoting peace through international dialogue and reflection on serious world problems" and "offering students an inspiring educational experience ... with world leaders whose experience is invaluable."

Dror was a worthy participant. For all his adult life he has been reflecting on serious world problems, advising governments around the world on global issues, national security affairs and policy planning, and helping them to upgrade their capacity to govern. He is known as the "doctor to governments" and "mentor to rulers." He has received numerous academic and professional distinctions. He has written numerous works. He is also the only current Israeli member of The Club of Rome, an elite think tank composed of 100 members from 52 countries on five continents dedicated to seeking long-term, strategic perspectives on inter-connected global problems.

I was lucky enough to spend 90 minutes with him. Our conversation ranged across a number of subjects including the peace process, the future of the Middle East, Israeli society, Israel-Diaspora relations, the influence of technology on the political process in Israel and in the West and the quality of international political leadership.



Yehezkel Dror

Alas, I cannot capture in the limited space of this column the breadth of his thinking or the beauty of the interwoven, inter-connected pattern of his ideas. Nor can I capture the enthusiasm and the excitement with which he spoke, or the precision with which he sought to refine the nuances of his words.

What follows are merely pieces of his remarks, disconnected though not necessarily disjointed:

"The Oslo agreements created new facts; they cannot be reversed ... Humanity as a whole is in rapid movement, as is the Middle East, as is Israel ... That there will be a Palestinian state is a new reality. In relation to other Arab states, it will be relatively progressive. This will have implications for other states in the area, notably Saudi Arabia. It will also open up the possibility for Israel to stabilize relations with Islamic states in the Middle East and in the Far East. This may not neccessarily, though, lead to stability in the Middle East."

"Israel's problems are harder than most other countries' in the West; thus, what's good enough in terms of the the quality of politicians for others is not good enough for us ... Politicians do not properly fulfill their function of educating, enlightening and setting an example for the public ... Television has the potential for being an excellent educational instrument but it is ruining politics and politicians ... Once, as Descartes declared, the fundamental principle of self-discovery was *cogito ergo sum*. – I think therefore I am. Now it is *video ergo sum*. – I see therefore I am.

"The dynamics of Israel are highly positive. But this alone does not assure survival. Israel must help individuals to choose to remain a Jew based upon positive motivations other than the duty to keep alive the memory of the people who perished in the Holocaust."

What animated Dror most, it seemed to me, was his elaboration on a theme which he has been developing for over a decade and on which he is currently working. With Yoda-like inscrutability, Dror focussed his gaze on me and spoke of refounding Zionism.

Refounding Zionism will be the name of a book to be published in Hebrew, English and other languages in 1996 and 1997. It is devoted to the reconstruction of Zionist values, he explained, "so as to serve as a policy compass for Israel and, somewhat differently, for the Jewish people." It will be part of a larger corpus of policy-oriented works which will put forward concrete recommendations to assist Israel and the Jewish people to thrive and make significant contributions to human development in a rapidly changing world.

"Being a Jew is a privilege precisely because it provides us individually and collectively with a sense of a global mission. And the present state of humanity requires that we develop a global mission. The need for it is now. Judaism has shown, historically, that it was always able to contribute to making the future better. Part of the meaning of life for the individual is to find a way of contributing."

My privilege last week was a double one, not only in being Jewish, but also in being with Yehezkel Dror.

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Branson status still unclear

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Though the proposal "is not cast in stone," Ontario Health Minister Jim Wilson gave no assurance Nov. 27 that North York Branson and other hospitals in Metro Toronto will not be closed or merged.

"I hear you," he told Dr. Wayne Potashner, in response to the explanation that elderly patients in the Branson area are "afraid" of going seven kilometres west to York-Finch hospital, with which Branson is to be merged under recommendations of the Metro Toronto District Health Council (MTDHC).

Wilson said new data will be considered, but he did not promise any specific action on Branson.

The health minister gave an unusual hearing at Queen's Park to 150 members of the Physicians Division of the United Jewish Appeal, and appeared to enjoy a frank exchange of views about hospital closings, touchy negotiations with the Ontario Medical Asociation and proposed restrictions on doctors' rights.

"We will proceed and it will get noisy," Wilson said, referring to the battle over hospital closings. But, he said, the government does not have "cold feet" because the need to save money is so urgent.

Doctors affiliated with Salvation Army Grace, St. Michael's, Wellesley, York Central and Branson hospitals fired questions at the minister, while others asked about the breakdown in negotiations with the OMA.

No other group gives as much to the general community as the UJA Physicians Division, Dr. Charles Gold, UJA co-chair, later told the meeting.

For their part, the UJA doctors gave a polite hearing to the minister and applauded at the end, even though he said doctors must go where the jobs are.

The minister promised there would be no cut in the $3.5-billion cap for physicians' services and even promised a "little extra money" to recruit doctors for rural and northern posts.

One doctor complained that the cap meant physicians were paying out of their own pockets for the trivial visits some patients make, and for the medical services given to new immigrants, who are immediately handed OHIP cards.

Wilson replied that the message about cutting out unnecessary visits should go to Ottawa, because the federal government refused to open up the Canada Health Act. "I don't want to make any comment about immigrants," he said.

Asked how the government can cut the number of chronic beds from 3,100 to 1,900, as the MTDHC recommends, Wilson conceded that the people who write reports do not always know how to implement them.

He said his department is considering a drug user fee for some seniors as is the case in nine provinces.

To the many questions about strained relations between his department and the OMA, Wilson advised the doctors to stick with the OMA "and keep talking to us."

He added, "They [OMA] walked away from the table. I'm still at it."

In broad brush strokes, Wilson painted a picture of the profession's future, stating, "Medicine is at a crossroads," and some changes are needed.

On the province's overall financial picture, Wilson said another mini-budget may be necessary in a few months to cut expenditures, and that by the time of the next election, his government may present a 25-year plan to balance the books.

No billing numbers will be taken from present doctors, but the 600 due to graduate should be showing some concern about where they will be allowed to practise, Wilson said.

The meeting was described as "useful," by Dr. Steven Gottesman, co-chair with Dr. Howard Price. Dr. Lawrence Cohen and Dr. Michael Gould arranged the meeting.

JF&CS defers decision on adolescent residence

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) last week voted to defer a controversial decision on whether to close Ontario's only residence for troubled Jewish teenagers.

JF&CS will decide the fate of the Jerome D. Diamond Adolescent Centre residence at a board meeting Dec. 14.

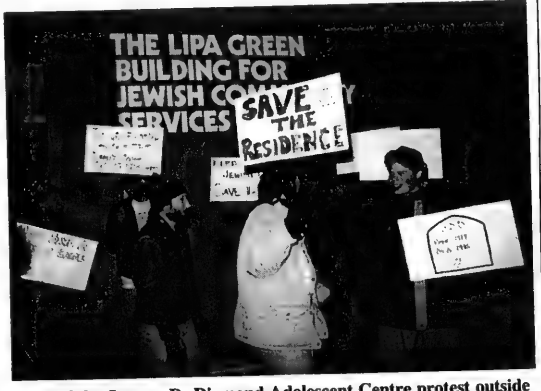
"We need more time to study this," said JF&CS executive director Gordon Wolfe, after hearing arguments from union representatives of the centre's staff.

A JF&CS proposal concluded last month that because of severe provincial budget cutbacks, the residence should be closed and its clients shifted to Youthdale Treatment Centre, a Metro children's mental health centre that provides counselling, treatment and education, also in a residential setting.

But critics say Youthdale is not a Jewish environment and closing the Diamond Centre's residence would rob the Jewish community of a valuable service.

About two dozen staff of the centre protested last week outside the Lipa Green Building, just before a JF&CS board meeting.

"We're pleased we've been heard," said centre counsellor Dierdre Harnett after JF&CS chose to defer the matter. "At least now, we have the option of time."



Staff of the Jerome D. Diamond Adolescent Centre protest outside the Lipa Green Building last week. [Ron Csillag Photo]

The Diamond Centre, situated on a quiet north Toronto street, operates two programs: day treatment and classes for up to 18 teens, and the six-bed residence for those with more serious problems — histories of abuse, emotional disorder and severe behavior. The residence is fully kosher and staffed around the clock, all year.

The facility was opened in 1974 as the Centre Shelanu and renamed in 1982 after the longtime former director of JF&CS.

JF&CS argues that upkeep of the residence is too expensive: about $250 per child per day, mainly because of the staff of seven that's needed.

The agency says that given the last round of social service budget cuts in July, the residence's deficit would be $20,000 for 1995-96 and is projected at up to $45,000 for 1996-97.

Maintaining a five-day residence or operating on a 10-month basis "have been explored but do not make sense for the troubled population" the residence serves, the study says.

Youthdale was planning to close a six-bed residence of its own, which would now be maintained for JF&CS referrals under the proposal.

Funding for the residence would be cut from JF&CS's budget by Queen's Park and transferred to Youthdale.

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Jewish groups urge court to reject Nemsila ruling

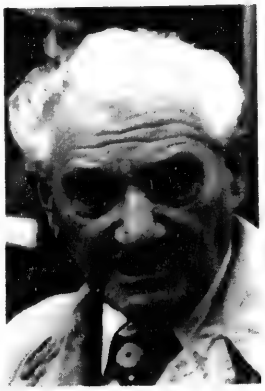
By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Parliament could never have intended to create a law under which an immigrant could lie to immigration authorities about his past and then be immune from deportation for the very acts concealed, a Federal Court judge was told last week.

In a judicial review of a decision by immigration adjudicator Ed McNamara, counsel for four Jewish groups argued that the legislation in effect when alleged war criminal Josef Nemsila entered Canada in 1950 must not be interpreted to confer a bonus on perpetrators of a fraud.

Lawyers representing Congress, B'nai Brith Canada, the Simon Wiesenthal Centre and the Coalition of Concerned Congregations joined federal lawyers in arguing against McNamara's decision, which ruled that Nemsila could not be deported because he had obtained Canadian domicile after living in Canada for five years.

If correct, that interpretation of the law would be "truly ironic" since it would give Nemsila greater rights than someone who had obtained Canadian citizenship, argued Congress lawyer Ed Morgan. A citizen could be denaturalized and then deported, he said, while Nemsila, who only had established domicile, could not.



Josef Nemsila

That is an "irrational" inequality and is inconsistent with the provisions of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms, Morgan said.

The Congress lawyer also pointed out that Canada's international law obligations require it to "not be a safe haven for war criminals." Canadian immigration legislation must be interpreted in light of the obligation to bring Nazi war criminals to justice, he said.

John B. Laskin, representing the Wiesenthal Centre, argued parliament did not intend to protect from deportation those who entered Canada by fraud. Rather, in establishing the concept of domicile in the early years of the century, its intent was to protect from deportation those who had intitially entered Canada properly, had left, and then returned, he argued.

The Deschenes Commission into Nazi war criminals in Canada studied the issue and "found in favor of the view that domicile is predicated on the legality of the landing [entry] that preceded it," Laskin said.

No public policy principle would be advanced by giving benefits to those who enter Canada by fraud, he added.

B'nai Brith lawyer David Matas argued that domicile cannot be obtained when entry to Canada was obtained fraudulently. Nemsila, or others with domicile, would be protected from deportation only if the misrepresentation on landing was by mistake, Matas suggested.

Furthermore, the Citizenship Act allows citizenship to be voided by proof of fraud. The Immigration Act can be read consistently with that legislation if domicile is also voided through proof of fraud, Matas said.

Ken Narvey, representing a group of Montreal congregations, argued that Nemsila's landing was not lawful and that he was in the same position as someone who entered by force or stealth.

Justice Department lawyer Christopher Amerasinghe, representing the Immigration Ministry, argued that Nemsila failed to indicate he was a commander in the Slovak Hlinka Guard from 1939-45, had been convicted by a postwar Czechoslovak court and spent two years in custody before escaping to Austria.

Because he did not make any of that known to the Canadian visa officer who interviewed him he was not lawfully admitted to Canada, could not be considered landed and therefore, could not obtain domicile.

The process of "landing" means more than merely having a document stamped by the proper authority, Amerasinghe argued.

The immigration legislation in effect in the 1950s should not be interpreted to give Nemsila the protection of Canadian law if he lied to enter and "gets away with it" while he established domicile, he added.

Barbara Jackman, who represents Nemsila, will present her arguments before Justice James Jerome sometime in January.

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National stresses

National stresses are buffeting Canadians. And last week the winds were blowing especially hard. It began with the reopening of the "constitutional dossier." The government tabled its post-referendum resolution in the House of Commons proposing to recognize Quebec's distinct language, culture and civil law and offering four regional vetoes – Atlantic, Quebec, Ontario and the West – to future constitutional amendments.

The resolution met with immediate scorn, naturally enough, from the separatists. But the Reform party and some of the western premiers also rejected it.

Later in the week, federal Human Resources minister Lloyd Axworthy unveiled his program to recast one of the key supporting poles of Canada's once vaunted safety net, unemployment insurance. The bill alters the structure of entitlement to benefits, reduces the level of benefits and attempts to devolve more job training authority to the provinces. It also purports to save the government almost $2 billion, most of which will be used to cut the deficit.

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Statistics Canada raised fears that the economy may be stalling, or worse, heading again into recession. It released the unhappy news that 44,000 jobs were eliminated from the Canadian economy in November, the biggest one-month drop in three years.

And of course, Ontarians had to withstand additional bad economic weather in the form of a $6-billion reduction in the provincial budget over the next three years. The cost of virtually all public services will rise; thousands of public servants will lose their jobs.

When storms are raging, the instinct for self-preservation takes over. However, in closing the shutters, we must be careful not to become oblivious or indifferent to the predicament of less fortunate others who can not find shelter from the storm. We will write more on this subject in the coming weeks.

National calm

It is now clear that one of Prime Minister Shimon Peres' first priorities in the troubled and uneasy aftermath of Yitzhak Rabin's murder is to try to instil a measure of national calm in the country. In this space last week we commented on his effort to allay the fears of the moderate settler community by his appointment of Rav Yehuda Amital to the cabinet and by his coalition discussions with some of the religious parties. As of this writing, those discussions are ongoing.

But the prime minister's efforts are also aimed beyond the settler community to the community at large. Appearing before the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee last week, even as Katyusha rockets were slamming into the north, he warned the PLO: "If the Palestinian Authority does not not stand by its promise to cancel the provisions of its covenant calling for Israel's destruction within two months after the general elections slated for Jan. 20, the [peace process] train will stop."

He told the committee the final status discussions, which are scheduled to begin in May 1996, will likely take up to three years to conclude. But, he added, he did not foresee any substantial progress in the discussions before the October 1996 elections to the Knesset, thereby implying that the next elected government of Israel will have the opportunity to review and to finalize the peace front with the Palestinians. Peres also disclosed his "red lines" in the final status agreement. No foreign army would be positioned west of the Jordan River, thereby assuring the supremacy of Israel's security capability. And Jerusalem will remain united under Israeli sovereignty, serving as the capital city of Israel alone, thereby allowing no political compromise whatsoever over Jerusalem.

Peres' statements and actions are intended to provide the people of Israel with a margin of calm as the IDF continues its deployment from the heavily Arab-populated cities and towns of the West Bank. It is hoped that within this margin, the nature of the expression of opposition to the government's policies will be pushed to the centre of civil and democratic discourse.

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Dry Bones

This Week in Canadian Jewish History

Dec. 6, 1887 The Beth Jacob Congregation of Hamilton, Ontario received its charter. *(Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC 1995)*

Two Jews bridge their differences

Five days after Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, I was blessed with the birth of my son.

To me, Rabin's murder is a compound tragedy. Like all Jews, I am disturbed that a Jewish fanatic murdered the elected leader of the State of Israel. I am doubly crushed because I support the essence of the Oslo accords.

My wife Lynne understands this and agreed to "Isaac" as our son Daniel's middle name. Combining pride in my son with a simple tribute to Rabin, I numbed a personal pain and, however fancifully, believed I had contributed something to the process of collective Jewish healing.

Imagine my shock and rage when I phoned the mohel and he informed me that Lynne's Reform conversion to Judaism was inadequate. Therefore, he explained, the ceremony which normally celebrates a new male addition to the Jewish community would be altered and become a "circumcision for the purpose of conversion." Otherwise, warned the mohel, my son would not be fully accepted as a Jew in Israel. Patronizingly he lectured that Daniel might not qualify under Israel's Law of Return.

I shot back that unless the Orthodox had pushed through their agenda recently, Daniel, Lynne and I remain well protected by the Law of Return. (That is, I am Jewish "enough" under the Nuremberg Laws.) Furthermore, I bristled, the Israel from which I seek acceptance, the Israeli military in which I volunteered and the Israel in which I spent a year on a postdoctoral fellowship, is not the same Israel of which he speaks — at least not yet.

Seeking moral support, I called my brother, who was generous enough to arrange the brit in the first place. Not much more religious than I, my brother did remind me of what is most admirable in the Orthodox: their determination to honor G-d by upholding His revealed laws — as they understand them — as rigidly as possible. My brother assured me that the perceived slight and rejection was my concoction, not the mohel's.

Besides, as my practical but unsubtle brother reminded me, this particular mohel's medical reputation is outstanding; so I should swallow my pride.

I did. As it turned out, the mohel was indeed kind and gentle. Daniel barely cried. The mohel and I shook hands and I thanked him sincerely. He responded with a genuine mazel tov. As Jews, we refused to part company on bad terms.

Anthony Rusonik
Ajax, Ont.

Angered by Parizeau's remarks

As a immigrant to Canada as of June 6, 1944, I am very gratified to Canada, the country that gave me my freedom.

After working two weeks on my job, I volunteered to make fur vests for the Canadian sailors in the navy.

I consider myself a very good Canadian, obeying the laws of the land, paying my federal and provincial taxes and my business taxes, and contributing to Canadian charities.

I was quite disturbed with Mr. Parizeau's remarks that they lost the referendum because of money and the ethnics. You, Mr. Parizeau, just ignited the flames giving your (separatists) Parti Québécois a free hand for another Kristallnacht. I hope it will never happen again.

Albert J. Lichter
Toronto

Come back to Quebec

It is with a great deal of frustration that I read reports such as "Referendum vote scares ex-Montrealers." (*CJN*, Nov. 9) Does it ever occur to these ex-Montrealers that tens of thousands of them left the province in the period between the two referenda? That had they still been able to vote, the No would have had a far greater majority and Canada would not have been teetering on the brink?

Of course people should be free to live wherever they choose. However, when a ship starts listing, the crew makes the best effort to repair the fault rather than jump overboard.

Many thousands of Canadians across the country expressed their love for Quebec and for the country as a whole. Would it be expecting too much for some of them to come live in Quebec, even for a limited period? This cross-cultural experience would be a boon to everybody concerned and would certainly help keep the country whole and healthy.

N. Ravel
Montreal

'I'm staying in Quebec'

Before this referendum campaign began, my knee-jerk reaction to the prospect of Quebec separation was, like most young members of our community: "If Quebec separates, I'm leaving." In the weeks leading up to the vote, as poll after poll showed this scenario as a potential eventuality, I gave more thought to my future. If Quebec separated, where would I go, Vancouver? Ottawa? or G-d forbid ... Toronto?

Throughout this campaign, many Canadians have declared that their Canada includes Quebec. For myself, however, Canada not only includes Quebec, *it is Quebec*! This is my home and despite all of its shortcomings this is where I intend to stay. Given the Oct. 30 result, I have a new found resolve to build this province in consort with my fellow Quebecers: English, French and any other language one may choose to speak. I feel more driven and passionate than ever that I must work toward the ultimate goal of a strong and united Canada.

So, I may be bucking a trend here, but I'm sorry Vancouver, Toronto, even Boston or Chicago, You're not getting this educated young Jewish anglophone Quebecer. I'm more convinced than ever that my place is to stay right here in Montreal, Quebec, Canada!

David Lisbona
Montreal

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Perspectives

Jewish culture in the Canadian context

Earlier this year, The CJN *carried a six-part series about the Jews of Canada. With the last installment in that series, we promised a wrap-up essay on the subject. This is the concluding part of the essay which began in* The CJN *last week.*

By GERALD TULCHINSKY

Integration and assimilation have proceeded apace within Canadian society since the 1920s. This is often the most perplexing aspect of the modern Jewish experience. The ground rules for Jewish participation in Canadian society shifted considerably between 1921 and 1994. Barriers began to wither in the aftermath of World War II, especially since the 1960s, and are still falling away. Assessments of this transformation, however, are at best mixed. What's wrong, one might ask, with integration, with prosperity, with acceptance? The old restrictions on housing, education, employment and social life were good?

Within the fences, a Canadian Jewish world slipped away between the 1920s and the 1990s. The use of Yiddish virtually disappeared, the daily newspapers folded and most of their readers died off. Jewish trade unions like the International Ladies Garment Workers, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, the Furriers and the Cap and Hat Makers, whose feisty leaders organized their rank and file to fight through the difficult strikes during the interwar period, mostly against Jewish bosses, are now bereft of Jews. The sons and daughters of the operators, pressers, cutters and packers attended university and professional schools and moved uptown or to the suburbs.

The old Jewish neighborhoods of Montreal's "The Main," Toronto's Kensington market, Winnipeg's "North End," none of them ever entirely or even mostly Jewish, now have virtually no Jewish residents. Other struggling and intergenerationally upwardly mobile immigrants live in the houses they once inhabited, while the old syngogues — many with Hebrew lettering still in place — have been lovingly converted to Baptist and Pentecostal chapels for new Chinese or South American Canadians. The old delicatessens have disappeared or changed to fashionable ethnic eateries where uptowners drop in for Jewish "soul food." The rude waiters — a Jewish specialty, to be sure — no longer wait on tables.

For the world of the immigrant generation we must search the writings of those who recorded the words and music of Jewish memory, including, among others, Adele Wiseman, Jack Ludwig, Morley Torgov, Freidele Bruser, Mordecai Richler, Norman Levine, Irving Layton and works of the prince of Canadian Jewish letters, Abraham Moses Klein, who composed such poignant verses of yearning for the Jewish soul caught in the unyielding web of modernity, while looking back to the past and remembering the sweet smells and Oriental sound of old days. Is there a new generation who will capture the music of those yearning souls?

But what of the present and future? Among the major transformations experienced in the last 20 years or so is the growing complexity of the Jewish community's organizational structure. Since the 1960s, fundraising for domestic communal needs and Israel has been dominated by the local federations of organizations which run combined appeals and allocate monies to a large number of charities, including hospitals, facilities for seniors and a wide variety of educational and welfare institutions. (It must be noted that some Jews also contribute generously to many non-Jewish Canadian causes.) The federations and the moneyed elite who are the big givers and thus control them have enormous power to influence the communities in many ways. Power has become centralized not only because of the fact that "money talks," but also because the sociology of the community has been altered profoundly by several far-reaching transitions it has experienced since the 1960s.

The old Jewish left has virtually disappeared. The Jewish working class is gone and so is the ideology that sustained many of its members in their beliefs that a better world could be created through the inculcation of collectivist values. The Jewish radical left in Canada had been in trouble since the early 1950s, when many Russian Jewish intellectuals were rounded up by Soviet police and shot, bloody testimony to the virulent anti-Semitism that was embedded in Stalinism. The Moscow doctors' trials fragmented the Jewish left even more, while the allegations against Rudolph Slansky in Czechoslovakia in 1952 drove many young Jewish Marxists out of the movement in tears. In the 1970s and 1980s, the tribulations of Natan Scharansky, Ida Nudel and other "refuseniks" who made public their desire to leave for Israel, further discredited the radical left among Jews.

What made the biggest difference, however, was the fact that the former Soviet Union and its satellites opposed Israel's existence by supplying the Arab enemies with weapons at the same time that a stream of anti-Semitic invective poured forth from Moscow.

TWO GIANTS OF CANADIAN JEWISH CULTURE

Childhood and lifelong friends, David Lewis, left, and A.M. Klein in Montreal in the early 1920s. Inset is the copy of the cover of *The Canadian Jewish Times,* 1912, published on the eighth anniversary of the death of Theodor Herzl. Photos reprinted from *A Coat of Many Colours, Two Centuries of Jewish Life in Canada,* Irving Abella, Lester & Orpen Dennys, 1990.

Meanwhile, the moderate Jewish left continued a more vibrant existence in the New Democratic Party and Zionist labor bodies like the Histadrut, Pioneer Women and various summer camps for Jewish youth. But the fervor is more rhetorical than substantive because social life has changed so significantly.

Canadian Jewish geography has altered dramatically since the 1950s. The power centre of Montreal, the quality of whose Jewish cultural life was unparalleled in Canada, began its long descent from primacy. Separatist terrorism, the October 1970 crisis, the electoral success of the Parti Québécois, Bill 101 and other language laws, and the rise of *pure laine* aspect of Québécois racism, have had a powerful impact on Montreal's anglophone Jewish youth. Large numbers complete their degrees at McGill and Concordia before moving to Toronto.

Montreal Jewry, therefore, is rapidly aging, though with a spirit of Yiddishkeit which can still fill the auditorium of the venerable Yiddish Folks Bibliotek for great events like Jewish Book Month.

But numbers tell several stories. We learn from them that Toronto's and Vancouver's Jewish communities grow, while Montreal's and Winnipeg's stagnate or decline, as do the small communities in northern Ontario and Quebec, the Maritimes and the Prairies.

Urbanization, therefore, proceeds apace and Canadian Jewry loses its connection with small-town Canada. Morley Torgov's farewell to Sault Ste. Marie and Freidele Bruser's memories of small-town Saskatchewan stand as permanent literary testimonies to the ambiguities of Jewish life in those small places on the Canadian frontier.

Significant demographic changes are reflected in Jewish birth rates, which recent decennial censuses show trail the national average by notable percentages. Meanwhile, intermarriage rates are approaching 40 per cent and are almost the same for Jewish females and males. These facts raise questions about Jewish survivability in Canada into the 21st century. Some reassurance is provided by the migration of Jews from other countries, notably from the former Soviet Union and Israel, but the weakness of traditional Jewish culture among most Jews in both of those countries poses further questions and doubts, not to mention major challenges for Jewish religious and educational institutions in the metropolitan cities where they settle.

As we approach the end of the 20th century and the 230th anniversary of the founding of Canada's organized Jewish community, therefore, we note the basic problem of how Judaism can survive if, as present trends seem to suggest, there might soon not be enough committed Jews to sustain a strong community.

Some think that the realm of the sacred will redeem the failings of the secular. The numbers of those who follow the path of the Torah are growing rapidly; they are to be seen on the streets of Outremont, Snowdon and Thornhill. The Canadian Jewish community, therefore, will survive, though possibly in altered form.

What is clear is that its history from 1921 to the present — centring on the themes of anti-Semitism, the Holocaust, Zionism and integration — has been influenced by domestic and international events. These elements for understanding Jewish history have never been sufficient, for Judaism exists in time as well as in space. These coordinates of the culture which Jews brought continue to add to the context of Canada.

Over the past 70 years, the interplay between Jewish culture and Canadian context has fostered an advancement and an enrichment for both. Jews have added an echo of their chant eternal to the Canadian chorus and have received in return the ample rewards of peace, freedom and opportunity in a generous land. It might be said that if until 1921 Canadian Jewry was taking root, it would be entirely reasonable to conclude that from then until 1994 that same community was branching out.

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Opinions

After Rabin's murder

"Confidence measures are obviously required, currently far less urgently between Israelis and Arabs than between Israelis themselves. And since the government has the power, the ball is in its court."

By Emil Fackenheim

The Ramat Gan suicide bus bombing occurred in July. My response, in the Sept. 14 issue of *The Canadian Jewish News*, contained the above two sentences. Little did I know how speedily, devastatingly, the first would be confirmed and the second refuted. On the first, not a further word need be said. As for the second, to be sure, the ball for taking the needed measures continues to be in the government court, for it does have the power. But — as is now revealed, to the shock of the world, not just to its Jewish component — it is not in its court alone: that judgment of mine was erroneous. Power rests also with such Jews as express their citizenship in Israel by murdering its leaders. Nor is that power negligible: the consequences of the murder of Yitzhak Rabin are unforeseeable.

In making that error I was not alone. The critics of the Oslo Accord failed to distinguish — as frequently, forcefully, consistently as, in retrospect, was necessary — between opposition by "ballot" and opposition by "bullet." (Benjamin Netanyahu's apt expression.) As for the government forces, they failed to give sufficient attention to security measures; there may even have been outright negligence. And Rabin himself erred in refusing to wear the bullet-proof vest that might have saved his life.

Shall we think of him as criminally negligent? Or do we not serve both truth and his memory better by thinking of him as filled with *Ahavat Israel* (love of the Jewish people)? Enough of it to believe that such a thing — a Jew murdering the prime minister of the Jewish state, won after bi-millennial statelessness — is impossible? And perhaps charity bids us extend that thought to the contending parties also. They too must have been sure that this particular crime just could not happen in the Jewish state.

In the months to come, both right and left will have to do much thinking about the difference between loyal and criminal opposition and between free speech and incitement to violence: this, and also, perhaps, some legislating. But hatred between Jew and Jew can be cured only by "love of the Jewish people." But what is *Ahavat Israel*?

I will not attempt a definition but give a test case, unheard of prior to our century: the head of a *Judenrat*. At the extreme Israeli left, love for Jews exists, if at all, only indirectly, insofar as they are members of mankind-in-general. ("The Holocaust was not a case of Nazis murdering Jews but of people murdering people.") The other extreme, the Kahanist right, not satisfied with merely excluding the *Judenrat* head from the love due to Jews by Jews, is wont to add insult to his unique — uniquely Jewish — injuries. But *Ahavat Israel*, a Jewish virtue at all times, does not pass the test of our time, unless it includes such as Adam Czerniakow.

Head of the Warsaw Ghetto *Judenrat*, Czerniakow was not a religious Jew. Administering as he did Nazi regulations, he was not, by the normal secular Jewish standards, a good Jew either. And since, after three years at this post, he died by self-administered poison, not battling the SS, gun in hand, nor, weaponless and unresisting, tortured by them, he was neither a hero nor a martyr.

Yet, in a way hitherto nonexistent and unknown, Czerniakow was both. Had his been an ordinary life, it would presumably have been average in courage, average in decency and unremarkable. As it was, he found himself at a post implicating him in the Nazi crimes against his own people. Why did he stay at that post, endure it, administer those foul regulations for three interminable years? It was in the attempt, sporadically successful, to lessen the grimness of the lot of the many by handing over the few. What made him, eventually, stop? (The poison had been available all along.) His last note says it: They wanted him "to kill the children with his own hands."

This Czerniakow refused to do. Then he did what was left. At once hero and martyr, defeating the SS and victorious over Treblinka, he ended his life.

Raul Hilberg, editor of *The Warsaw Diary of Adam Czerniakow*, comments:

"The survival of the children was the ultimate test of his efforts in the Ghetto ... He stood at the helm and died with his people."

The Warsaw Ghetto *Judenrat* head and his people were at one in death. Only if our *Ahavat Israel* is strong enough, pure enough to encompass them can it be strong enough, pure enough, after so much groundless hatred, to make us one again for life. On learning of Czerniakow's death, Warsaw Ghetto diarist Chaim Kaplan wrote:

"He did not have a good life, but he had a beautiful death ... There are those who earn immortality in a single hour. The President Adam Czerniakow earned his immortality in a single instant."

The perils of moral blindness

I was shocked to hear that the slogan "The Rabbis are murderers!" was scrawled on the Chief Rabbinate building in Jerusalem. In the minds of many secular Israelis, Yitzhak Rabin's assassin, Yigal Amir, represents the Jewish religious world-view devoid of tolerance or respect for those who do not share its faith commitments. Rabbinic leadership is denounced for sanctioning a spiritual and political outlook which is irreconcilable with democracy and pluralism.

By David Hartman

The crucial issue is not what individual rabbis actually believe. In Israel's present social climate, Judaism is equated with fanaticism, intolerance and fundamentalism. Secular intellectuals portray Halachah as the main obstacle to establishing a healthy, democratic society where Jews and Arabs, the religious and the secular, can live peacefully and harmoniously.

It is painful to see the demonization of Rabin being followed by the demonization of anyone who wears a kippah or is loyal to the Torah heritage. Those who now vilify the religious community are guilty of creating an atmosphere of dehumanization which can also lead to violence.

Secularism doesn't guarantee tolerance just as religion doesn't guarantee intolerance. Bullets can be shot from left to right just as easily as from right to left. No group, regardless of political ideology, is immune to the barbaric consequences of dehumanizing one's opponent.

The religious community has undergone a deep trauma. Yigal Amir, Rabin's assailant went to good schools where he received the type of education which was the pride of religious Zionism.

Yet, here is a young man, a product of this celebrated educational system, who feels no regret, no sense of guilt, not an ounce of shame or remorse for having committed murder. He is firmly convinced that his religious tradition fully validates his actions and that Rabin - an archenemy of Judaism and the Jewish people - halachically deserved to be killed.

The religious community must ask itself: Does Torah education create moral revulsion to murder and violence, or does it undermine the moral worth of people who do not share its faith convictions? Religious education must look seriously at its texts and traditions and ask: Do these words encourage violence against the stranger and the so-called "heretic"?

If I believed that loyalty to classical Judaism led to moral blindness, I would cease being an Orthodox Jew. I deeply believe that the Torah, understood in its best light, educates towards the sanctity of life and revulsion to murder. "Shedding innocent blood defiles the Land and drives off the Divine Presence." (Sifre 161)

Nevertheless, I realize that there are statements in the Bible and in the Talmud which - in themselves - can mistakenly lead to fanaticism and intolerance. Every historical tradition is in need of interpretation and must provide mechanisms for its self-correction. Judaism must be filtered through the critical consciousness of moral human beings. The Jewish tradition must be (and always was) mediated by teachers who had a profound reverence for human life. Many great Torah scholars were not embarrassed to bring independent standards of moral judgment to their reading of sacred texts. They realized that the Talmud - uninterpreted - is dangerous, and the Bible - uninterpreted - is dangerous. The tradition educates towards morality only if it is seen through the eyes of morally healthy individuals.

To those individuals who feel enraged by Rabin's murder and turn away from Judaism out of a sense of moral revulsion, I say: Please don't abandon the discussion. Please don't give up on our heritage. We have no other.

Don't give up on the tradition because of what some individual Jews have become. Decent people from all camps must join ranks and challenge the tradition to rediscover its healthy interpretive spirit. In the past, we knew how and when to reinterpret those sacred texts which violated our moral sensibilities. Today, we must rediscover this vitality and boldness.

If, however, decent human beings give up on the tradition, then the energy and resources needed for such a renewal will be lost. I therefore appeal to all Jews: Bring your moral criticism into the beit midrash. Let the house of learning resound with the voices of morally alert and concerned human beings.

If these voices will be heard, the text will speak out in new ways. If not, it will cease being a live option for the majority of Jews in Israel and in the Diaspora.

The Sharansky experience

"Do not judge the bottle, but rather its content." The old Jewish adage came to mind when I listened to and observed Natan Sharansky during his recent appearance at Holy Blossom Temple.

By Rabbi. Gunther Plaut

He is a small man when measured with a yardstick, but a very tall man when it comes to spirit and action. Meeting him again was for me a renewal of hope, and I know that his large audience felt the same way, even though many of them could not understand him very well. No matter. The deafening applause which greeted him already spelled it out: People wanted to be in the presence of a modern-day Jewish hero.

As I was listening to him, the picture of another such meeting flashed through my mind. I was transported back to Music Hall in Cincinnati some 58 years ago.

The speaker was Thomas Mann, Nobel laureate for literature, staunch opponent of the Nazis .

Mann spoke in German, and I was sure that the great majority of those in attendance did not understand a word of what he was saying, or anyway, very little of it. It did not matter. They had come to be in the presence of greatness, and they sat quietly for more than an hour of his address.

So it was with Sharansky. He spoke quickly, punctuating his sentences with generous gestures. But his accented English was not easily understood, even though in one-to-one talk he has no problem in communicating. He is charming; his eyes twinkle; he has an easy laugh — and his audience was captivated by him.

What he said was not new; his own book told much of the story. But it is one thing to read it and another to see and hear the man himself. There he was, taking us back to the days of his imprisonment.

He was totally at the mercy of the KGB, yet getting the better of his jailers. He was a prisoner, an exile, cut off from family and friends, threatened, humiliated and terrorized — yet it was he, Natan Sharansky, prisoner of Zion, who was the one who was truly free. He laughed at his tormentors and their government, while they dared not laugh. He spoke his mind; they could not speak theirs. In the end, he prevailed against all odds. They had power only over the weak and they cringed in the face of strength.

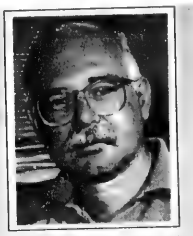
Sharansky is now physically free as well, and their power has collapsed in the ruins of the Soviet empire. As he related his experience, he seemed to grow taller and taller.

He is a force in today's Israel as well, especially in view of the enormous impact which recent Russian immigration has had. His newly formed party will rely heavily, though not exclusively, on this latest wave of immigrants who are already transforming the face of Israel. They are, to a significant extent, highly educated, artistic, cultured and creative. Sharansky compared their aliyah to the second and third waves of settlers at the beginning of the century. They too came from Russia and they provided the leadership for the *yishuv* and, later, the state. So it will be this time too, he predicted. The newcomers will give Israel a new cadre of tomorrow's leadership and will help to return the land to some of its old ideals.

In a time of national sorrow, Sharansky brought us a sense of hope and confidence.

The Kirshner File

A cornucopia of books...



By Sheldon Kirshner

Variety is the spice of life, and judging by the latest batch of books of Jewish interest, publishers seem to think so too.

Let's begin with the Middle East, a region that has produced its fair share of commentary.

The Middle East Military Balance (Westview Press, $89.50 US) is a specialist's volume, but the average reader will have no trouble plumbing its depths. The first segment, consisting of seven essays, surveys strategic developments. The rest of the book — which is edited by Shlomo Gazit and published by the Jaffee Centre for Strategic Studies at Tel Aviv University — is given over to a description and analysis of the area's armies. All in all, a trenchant piece of work.

Water is the staff of life, and in the parched Middle East, this is particularly true. Joyce Shira Starr's *Covenant Over Middle Eastern Waters* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $34.95) authoritatively delves into this relatively obscure but essentially important topic.

Economics may determine the fate of Israel's peace agreement with the PLO. If the ordinary Palestinian on the street does not reap the dividends of peace, it may flounder. *Securing Peace in the Middle East* (MIT Press, no price listed) addresses this critical issue by unveiling a cohesive plan for an integrated Middle East economy. The contributors are Israelis, Palestinians and Jordanians, as well as Americans from Harvard and the Massachussets Institute of Technology (MIT).

You don't have to be a maven to know that Iraq is a police state. But if you're short of details, consult *Human Rights in Iraq* (Yale University Press, $35 US), a searing indictment of that country's lamentable record.

There was a long preparatory period before the United States and its allies launched the 1991 Gulf War. In the run-up to it, there were fierce debates within the American military about tactics and strategy. *The Generals' War: The Inside Story of the Conflict in the Gulf* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $36.95) reveals the behind-the-scenes manoeuvering and infighting. The authors, Michael Gordon and Bernard Trainor, display a great breadth of knowledge.

Victor Ostrovsky is back again. Four years after writing *By Way of Deception*, a comparatively plausible account of the Mossad, he has written *The Other Side of Deception* (HarperCollins, $33.75). This one, a kind of sequel, is just as controversial but hardly as interesting.

Chaya Bernstein's imaginative primer, *Our Land of Israel* (UAHC Press, $12 US), is tailor-made for children between the ages of nine and 12. Replete with text, drawings, photographs and games, it is a window into the nature of Israeli society.

Claudia Cornwall, a Vancouver journalist, was baptized as an Anglican. So imagine her surprise when she learned that her Austrian family was of Jewish origin. *Letter From Vienna* (Douglas & McIntyre, $26.95), with a foreward by Holocaust scholar Raul Hilberg, is a poignant exploration of Cornwall's search to unearth her Jewish heritage.

Fifth columnists emerge in every war. In Britain, almost 200 pro-Nazi traitors were apprehended. William Joyce (Lord Haw-Haw) was the most notorious of the lot. But, as Adrian Weale expertly demonstrates in *Renegades — Hitler's Englishmen* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $32.95), Joyce was merely the tip of a treacherous iceberg.

Newspaper aficionados will enjoy *Behind The Times* (Villard, $32), Edwin Diamond's engaging dissection of life on the *New York Times*, owned and largely managed by Jews.

The Filenes of Boston. The Strausses and Gimbels of New York. The Riches of Atlanta. They were among an elite group of Jewish department store proprietors who changed the face of mass merchandising in the United States. In *Merchant Princes* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $21.95), Leon Harris — the grandson of one such clan — traces their rise from street peddling to the pinnacle of wealth and respectability.

Fascism in France did not develop in an intellectual vacuum. David Carroll's *French Literary Fascism* (Princeton University Press, no price listed) elucidates this thesis by examining the writings of eight far-right intellectuals, from Maurice Barres to Paul de Man. A revealing but rigorously academic tome.

The following works of enduring fiction are out in new paperback editions, published by Schocken: *The Castle* and *The Trial* by Franz Kafka; *The Periodic Table* by Primo Levi; and *From The Kingdom Of Memory* and *The Forgotten* by Elie Wiesel.

Can anyone really describe the hell that was Auschwitz? Otto Friedrich makes a remarkable effort in *The Kingdom of Auschwitz* (HarperCollins, $11.50), which blends fact with poetic observations.

The Warsaw Ghetto is a symbol of both despair and valor. In *A Surplus of Memory* (University of California Press, $35 US), Yitzhak (Antek) Zuckerman, a leader of the 1943 uprising, describes with searing precision the hardships, the revolt and the aftermath. In *Courage Under Siege* (Oxford University Press, $42), Charles Roland offers a compelling account of starvation, disease and death in the doomed ghetto.

Alan Rosenbaum, an American philosophy professor, believes that war criminals should be brought to justice. In *Prosecuting Nazi War Criminals* (Westview Press, $34.95 US), Rosenbaum cogently explains why this task is such a moral imperative.

Mordecai Richler's racy reflections on his Zionist youth and on his odyssey in Israel, *This Year in Jerusalem* (Random House, $27.50), brim with nostalgia, wit and concern.

Volumes for the mind and for the eye

Coffee-table books are supposed to inform with their layers of knowledge and to impress with their artistry.

Two recent publications, *The Jews and Europe: 2,000 Years of History* and *A Historical Atlas of the Jewish People: From the Time of the Patriarchs to the Present*, do just that.

These are volumes for the mind and the eye, engrossing us with enviable erudition and lavish illustrations.

As such, they make perfect holiday gifts.

The Jews and Europe (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $73.95) is nothing if not ambitious in scope. The authors, Elena Romero Castello and Uriel Macias Kapon, seem to miss nothing.

They trace the Jewish people's encounter with the Greeks, the first Europeans to have contact with the Jews. They write of the dispersions which created the Diaspora, of the autonomous status Jews enjoyed in the Roman Empire, of the first anti-Semitic edicts, of Muslim rule in Spain, of Charlemagne's relationship with his Jewish subjects, of the Crusades, and of the impact of the Black Death plague on Jews.

As they delve deeper, Castello and Kapon examine the expulsion of Jews from various European countries, the satanization of Judaism, and the lives of Sephardim in the Ottoman Empire.

Much more is yet to come — the false messiah syndrome (as exemplified in Shabbetai Zevi), the reign of tolerance in Holland, the state of Jewish existence in Germanic Europe and the Russian Empire, the development of Chassidism and the dawn of emancipation.

Castillo and Kapon also study the impact of the 1917 Russian Revolution on Jewish society, the spread of Zionism as a reaction to anti-Semitism, and finally, the biggest disaster to befall Jews, the Holocaust.

In the second part of their book, they focus on religion, rites, customs, festivals, the high holy days, traditional garments, cuisine, synagogue architecure, art, music, cinema, Hebrew and Yiddish and philosophy.

The Jews and Europe is greatly enlivened with full-color paintings, drawings and photographs, reproduced to the highest standard.

The second volume under review, *A Historical Atlas of the Jewish People* (Random House, $42), is edited by Eli Barnavi.

Despite the inevitable overlapping, readers will not feel they are covering old ground. The detailed maps ensure a sense of freshness.

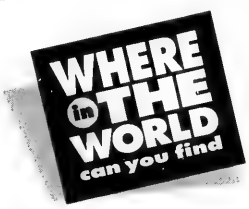
Abraham's migration to Ur notwithstanding, the principal events which unfold here include the exodus from Egypt, the trials and tribulations of the ancient Israelites, the Babylonian dispersal, the brush with Hellenism and the Roman conquest of Palestine.

Further along are accounts of the Jews of Byzantium, the formation of the Diaspora, the uneasy coexistence between Jews and Christians, and the Crusader empire in Palestine. In this connection, readers will be interested to learn that two of the Crusaders' forts were called Montreal and Mirabell.

In addition, there are chapters on so-called new Christians, East European Jewry and American Jewry, as well as sections devoted to Jewish life in the Habsburg Empire, Latin America, India, China, Ethiopia and Muslim lands.

Also coming under scrutiny are such topics as modern anti-Semitism and the resurrection of the Jewish state.

The maps, the key to unlocking the panoramic vastness of this atlas, are concise and admirably clear. Moreover, they are supplemented by relevant photographs, posters, paintings and drawings.



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The power of words

Rabbinic Reflections

By RABBI MICHAEL WOLFF

During the past few months, I have been teaching in an adult education program on the subject of *mentshlechkeit*. One of the topics we discussed was the concept of keeping one's word, the notion that if somebody promised to do something then they had to stay true to their words.

The idea behind the premise of keeping one's word in Jewish law is that the words one expresses are the indication of the wishes of the individual. One's words have great power and the ability to keep one's words determine the individual's credibility.

Words in Jewish law have a reality all their own. They are the expression of the intention preceding an action. They are also the prelude to future action. Words can accomplish great good and they can also cause harm.

In this week's Torah portion of Vayishlach in Genesis Ch. 33, Jacob has a reconciliation with his brother Esau. Jacob in Verse 14 makes a promise to Esau to join him in Seir. Jacob does not fulfil his promise. The midrash points out that Jacob is punished because of his empty words and that an opportunity to do good, to reform Esau, was lost as a result of words left unfulfilled. Here we can see the potential power of words. One should not say things that one does not mean.

Ethics of our Fathers also teaches us about the use of words. In Ch. 3, Mishneh 17, Rabbi Akiva says that "a fence for wisdom is silence." This means that a person who takes more time to think about what he is saying decreases the possibility of making a thoughtless mistake.

Avtalyon in Ch. 1:11 of Ethics of the Fathers warns that ill-conceived words can lead to what Samson Raphael Hirsch terms "moral manslaughter." Teachings which can be misinterpreted can lead to endangerment of life and to the disintegration of basic morality.

I think that beyond the basic shock at the death of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the concern about peace in the Middle East, the Jewish community is also reeling from the shame of a Jewish assassin justifying his actions by the ill-conceived, poorly formulated and vitriolically communicated words of a religious authority.

If people, myself included, thought more judiciously about their use of words, perhaps such terrible events could have been avoided.

As the saying goes: "Better to be thought a fool and stay silent than to open one's mouth and remove all doubt."

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Family Matters

by

John Syrtash, B.A. (Hon.), LL.B.

Guard your tongue

PART 2 OF 2

When we raise our disagreements to the level of slanderous name-calling, we invite our own destruction. As the children and grandchildren of Holocaust survivors, how can we now face the few remaining survivors or, if deceased, our relatives in the next world when, after Auschwitz, a Jew can even think of using heinous language against another Jew, whether from the left or right, whether with or without a *kipa* on his head, whether before or after Rabin's murder? Did over six million *really* die for nothing? Do we still refuse to learn? At the very least, we who were spared the Holocaust must carefully consider every word before it leaves our mouths, not only in political debate, but — and let's be honest — where we are more likely to fail: within our immediate families.

I have seen more Jewish divorces than I would care to count result from an in-law who refused to withhold scornful criticism to their married child about the child's spouse; too many insensitive souls who insult their spouses or belittle their children with hurtful language; too much gossip. The secular and rabbinical courts are crowded with the consequences of missed opportunities to withhold one's tongue and act with tact. And I'm the only one who profits. You don't have to be in my business to realize that the rate of assimilation of Jewish children of divorced or alienated parents is higher than children from traditional families that live in shalom.

So the next time you are tempted to call your wife an idiot or tell your child that he's stupid or complain about your elderly parent's eccentric behaviour, remember what happened to Rabin. Remember it in your home; remember it in the synagogue; remember it when you light your Chanukah candles. Let its lesson not be lost on you. Murderous language leads to discord and, sometimes, murder itself. If you catch yourself and find a more peaceful and *menschlech* mode of self-expression, then such exemplary conduct will be part of Rabin's true memorial: the preservation of your Jewish family and ultimately, the Jewish community.

Shalom.

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'We need peace for ourselves'

By MILTON HARRIS
Special to The CJN

Leah Rabin asked a rally for her murdered husband where the "silent majority" was when Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin needed them. We have to ask our community leadership the same question.

Where was our leaders' public support for the peace policies of the Rabin government? Where were those countless Jewish leaders who, when the Likud was in power, were quick to express their outrage when "peaceniks" like me publicly criticized policies of the "freely-elected" government of Israel?

Where have these leaders been in the last two years while religious and nationalist hardliners mounted, without any compunction, increasingly virulent public attacks on the peace policies of the freely-elected government of Israel and on Rabin himself?

We condemn Yasser Arafat for not publicly censuring Palestinian extremists, but we have not stood up to our own hardliners. Our responsibility is to tell the world that those who oppose the Rabin government's peace policy are only a "noisy minority" in our community.

Of course, for many years I have been an advocate of the right of public dissent in our community. Airing of dissent and openness of policy are essential for maximum public participation, particularly of the younger generation we hope to attract into community affairs.

But those who choose to take issue with Israeli government policy owe it to the rest of us to assert, without any obfuscation, their real objections to the peace agreements.

Can we believe hardline Jewish leaders and rabbis who live here, when they condemn the Rabin government for trading territories for peace because of "security" risks, when Rabin was the chief of staff who planned and executed the conquest of the territories?

Is it credible that the hardliners who live here have greater concern for the safety of Israel than the prime minister who was born in Jerusalem and spent his whole adult life in the public service of the Jewish state?

Guest Voices

Whetting terrorists' appetites

Does anyone really believe Palestinian terrorist acts are aimed only at stopping the peace process and will, somehow, end if peace negotiations are aborted? The terrorists have never won a scintilla of a concession from the Israelis, but success in killing the peace process would only whet their appetite for a renewed effort to achieve their ultimate aim: the destruction of Israel.

Much has been made about not being able to trust Arafat or the PLO. But our trust must be in the overwhelming power of the IDF. No government of Israel will ever allow the demilitarized Palestinian entity to rearm, or agree to remove the Israeli army from the Jordan River line. Nor, in a world of rapidly-advancing military technology, with the United States as the only superpower, can any force be put together in the Middle East to challenge the dominance of the IDF.

So why don't all of the hardliners admit what some have no fear of saying: that the vehement opposition to the "Land of Peace" programs of the Rabin government is based on the religious or nationalist ideology that the land God gave us, that was ruled over by King David, belongs to the Jewish People forever?

Can it be that they are wary their past accusations against "Peaceniks" like me will boomerang on them, that they should refrain from dissent unless they are prepared to move to Israel and live or die with the consequences? Is there any doubt that aborting the peace process would lead to perpetual war with the Palestinians? And that war would be fought by Israelis, not by us.

And, finally, the message that the murdered Rabin has left must be stated over and over again: We — Israelis and Diaspora Jews alike — don't need peace to accommodate the national aspirations of the Palestinians, or to enhance the popularity of Israel in the world, or to gain the approval of our neighbors in the Diaspora.

We need peace to prevent the erosion of the Jewish soul which is the inevitable consequence of long-term occupation of lands primarily inhabited by people of another nationality and faith; we need peace because despite its risks, peace offers the best security for the Zionist State.

We need peace for ourselves.

Milton Harris is a past president of Canadian Jewish Congress.

Jewish Life

Jewish view of heavenly sex

Books

By Bernard Baskin

Heavenly Sex: Sexuality in the Jewish Tradition by Dr. Ruth K. Westheimer & Jonathan Mark, New York University Press $22.95 US

What did the Victorian mother usually tell her daughter on the night of her wedding? According to Ruth Westheimer, affectionately known as Dr. Ruth by her host of admirers, and her co-author, Jonathan Mark, editor of *Jewish Week*, the advice was: "Grit your teeth and think of England."

But in the Jewish tradition, they assert, the matter of sexual satisfaction was written into the marriage contract. Under the wedding canopy, a groom promises his bride that he will provide her with food, shelter and sexual gratification. They maintain that in Judaism, "the holiest men are required to marry. Celibacy is not a virtue — orgasms are."

Someone once joked that Jews are too busy having children to bother about sex. But Judaism, the authors insist, regards the purpose of sex as more than just procreation. Properly considered, it is even a spiritual act. Maimonides taught that "When sexual congress is performed for the sake of heaven, there is nothing so holy or pure ... God did not create anything that is ugly or shameful. If the sexual organs are said to be shameful, how can it be said that the Creator fashioned something blemished?"

The mystical Zohar daringly suggests that after the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple, "the bedroom in each home was considered as an aspect of the once-glorious and sanctified Holy of Holies."

Focusing largely on Orthodox Judaism, the authors escort the reader on a lively tour of sexuality and its relationship to religion and culture: eroticism in the Hebrew Scriptures and Talmud, prohibited behavior, the special role of the Sabbath, the function of the mikvah and the nature of the wedding ceremony. *Heavenly Sex* conveys information — among other subjects — on courtship, fertility, rape and seduction. To all of this varied material, Dr. Ruth brings the wisdom of Jewish tradition, her own experience as a world renowned therapist and an unfailing fund of humor and good taste.

About homosexuality, they make clear that for traditional Jews, for whom the Torah's every word is the word of God, there can be no acceptance or approval. This, unhappily, leaves Orthodox Jews within the closet, unable to take their place freely or honestly in society. Non-traditional forms of Judaism approach the entire complex question in a more liberal fashion.

Among pious Jewish men there is a taboo against socializing with women and a fear of even limited bodily contact. This has led to the witticism, "Why is adultery prohibited? Because it might lead to mixed dancing." For ultra-traditional Jews, proper dancing is what happens at weddings, where men dance with men in a wide circle and women dance with women.

In discussing the problems associated with sexual guilt, the authors point out that in the Jewish tradition, it refers only to action not to thought or fantasy. "It is useful to remind Orthodox patients that God's Torah is remarkably forgiving to sexual weaknesses, lapses, and deviations, as we see from the stories of Judah and Tamar, David and Bathsheva, Lot's daughters and dozens of others. We may fail at times and make a mess of things, but as any parent or grandparent knows, to those we have given life there is a bottomless reservoir of love and second chances. And the tradition never fails to remind us that it is God who has given us life."

Peace in the home is a paramount Jewish goal. It is unquestionably related to wholesome sexuality. As the Talmud teaches, if a man and woman are truly lovers, they can make their bed on the edge of a sword; if their love goes bad, the best bed in the world is not big enough.

Both instructive and entertaining, this work is enriched by two appendices that enumerate biblical and rabbinic laws concerning sexuality and a glossary of biblical themes and references to the subject.

FAMILY TORAH DEDICATION

Over 200 community leaders, rabbis and loved ones gathered last week for the dedication of a family Torah at Toronto's Kehillat Shaarei Torah Synagogue. Holding the Torah in the centre is Dino (David) Barda, whose 95-year-old father, Cavaliere Isacco Barda of Rome, commissioned the new scroll, penned in Israel in Sephardi script. Joining Dino Barda were Sid Sitzer (left) and Solly Marcus. [Barry Shainbaum Photo]

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Former mayor was active in the Jewish community

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Judge Philip Givens, former mayor of Toronto, died last Thursday night of a heart attack. He was 73.

The Toronto-born criminal lawyer worked his way up the ranks of municipal politics and was elected mayor in 1963, a position he held until 1966.

An art lover, he was probably best known for bringing Henry Moore's *The Archer* to the square outside the new City Hall. Unable to get government funds to purchase the controversial sculpture, he raised the money from private sources.

Later he served in the provincial and federal legislatures as a member of the Liberal party.

He was on the Metro police commission for over 10 years and was its chair in the early 1980s.

After leaving the police commission, Givens worked as a judge in the provincial court.

Throughout his life, he was also active in the Jewish community.

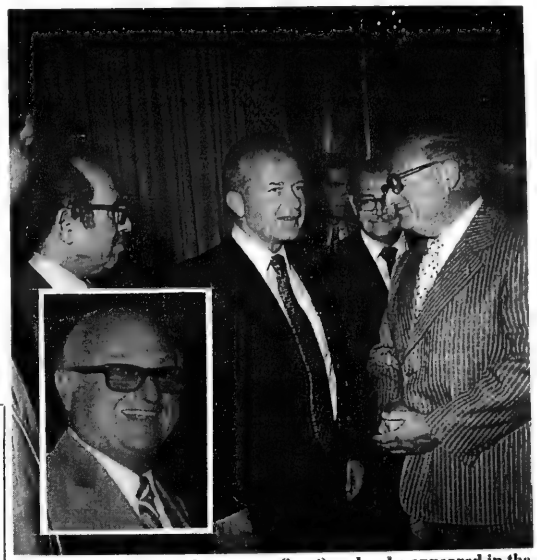
He was founding president of the Upper Canada Lodge of B'nai Brith; national president of the Canadian Zionist Federation for 12 years; chair of the United Jewish Welfare Fund; and national chair of the Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) national committee on Yiddish.

Givens received the national humanitarian award of the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews.

Until very recently, he taught Yiddish through the committee on Yiddish and regularly gave lectures on current affairs in Yiddish at Baycrest Terrace.

An obviously shaken Max Schecter, a close friend who spoke to *The CJN* on behalf of the family, reminisced that until very recently, Givens had enjoyed attending a monthly Yiddish conversation club.

Among the dignitaries at the funeral were Toronto Mayor Barbara Hall, former Metro chair Paul Godfrey, and past and current Metro police chiefs Bill McCormick and David Boothby.



Phil Givens seen in his later years (inset) and as he appeared in the late 1960s hosting Yitzhak Rabin in Toronto.

A police honor guard accompanied the funeral.

CJC president Goldie Hershon expressed "great sadness" over Givens' passing.

In 1993, he was part of a CJC delegation to the 50th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. *CJN* quoted him at the time as saying, "It was worth going to Poland just to hear [Polish President Lech] Walesa apologize to the Jewish people."

Nevertheless, he said that he would not go again, since "Anti-Semitism is alive and well there."

Then-CJC president Irving Abella said in a media release that "the trip was important for him because of his great sense of the Jewish past and Yiddish culture."

As Givens had requested, his coffin was draped with the Canadian and Israeli flags. The funeral was held at Beth Tzedec Synagogue on Sunday.

Givens is survived by his wife Min, children Michael and Eleanor, and two grandchildren.

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Leaders applaud community as UJA campaign closes

Jews taking care of Jews. That's one of Charles Gold's most impressive memories of the 1996 UJA Campaign, which formally closed on December 6.

Gold, his fellow Campaign co-chair Carol Kassel and Women's Campaign chairperson Marlene Axmith paid tribute to members of Toronto's Jewish community for making UJA's most innovative fundraising drive so successful.

This was the first time UJA sought pledges not only for the upcoming year, but for each of the following two years as well. The Three Year Vision Campaign was, according to Kassel, "very risky," but "the enthusiasm of volunteers and so many people willing to do whatever was necessary, turned this into a fantastic Campaign."

Over 40% of contributors have pledged for three years, providing a total of more than $63 million so far.

Gold thinks the Campaign's high point occurred even before it officially began, "when we realized we had the philanthropic leadership behind The Three Year Vision."

"The concept of The Three Year Vision really revitalized a lot of the canvassers," said Marlene Axmith. "Canvassing became easier and we had many more knowledgeable fundraisers."

Axmith also credits the community launch in September with giving the Campaign a big boost. About 1,000 people turned out for a live theatrical performance and the debut of UJA's Campaign film.

The three leaders travelled together this summer on a fact finding mission to Kiev and Israel - a mission which, for Kassel, "reinforced a feeling of pride in our community and the way in which it was helping the Jewish Agency to get Jews out of the former Soviet Union."

When the delegation visited disadvantaged men and women in their tiny Kiev apartments who are being assisted by UJA contributions, "it made us realize what each and every dollar does," said Axmith.

At home, deep government budget cuts have placed unprecedented pressure on agencies supported by UJA. "The impact of cutbacks bolstered my resolve," Axmith stressed. "They made both this year's Campaign and the Three Year Vision more urgent," added Kassel.

Looking ahead, UJA will be concentrating on encouraging Campaign participation by non-contributors, reaching out to different communities within the Jewish community, promoting Jewish unity and developing stronger relationships with donors.

UJA promised not to canvass contributors who made three year pledges until the 1999 Campaign. Three Year Vision subscribers will be invited to participate in events, missions and educational programs.

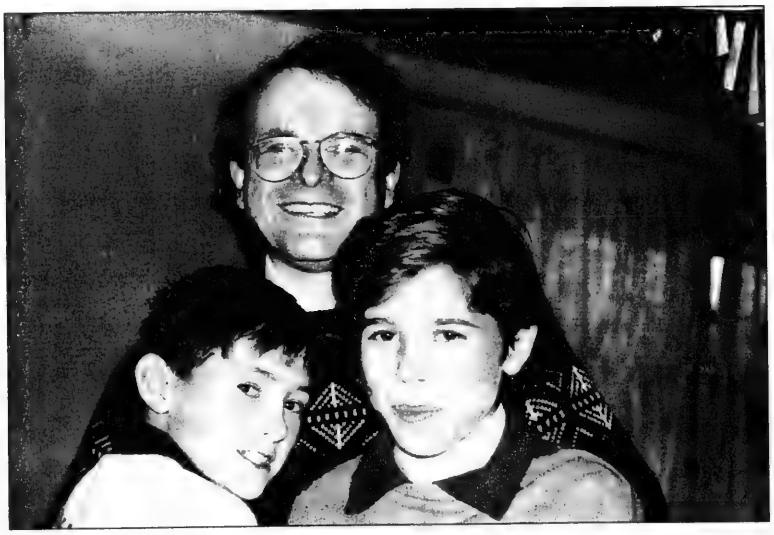
"Outreach and unity are the two focuses for next year," noted Gold. "We have to look to the next generation."

Although the campaign is officially over for 1996, UJA canvassers will continue working to contact members of the community who have yet to make a donation decision.

Everybody pitched in. Here, BBYO representatives present a larger than life cheque to Charles Gold and Carol Kassel.

The Campaign couldn't get along without volunteers like the ever-present Fay Gold, a fixture at UJA telethons.

UJA's Ukrainian Connection



Peter Herman, a member of this year's Israel Fly-In, forms an instant bond with two Jewish Youth Club youngsters in Zhitomer, Ukraine. The Youth Club is sponsored by the UJA-supported Jewish Agency. Herman, who is president of the Forest Hill Hockey Association, and his wife, Janet, donated hockey sweaters to the children of Zhitomer. Photo: Jeff Springer

Prominent speakers highlight unity telethons

Hundreds of canvassers will be calling for unity next week as UJA's CommUNITY telethons get underway.

With 7,000 contributors to call, Campaign organizers are asking all segments of Toronto's Jewish community to join together to help other Jews all over the world.

UJA hopes that the CommUNITY telethons will attract those who, so far, have been less involved in the Campaign. A special effort is being made to recruit volunteers living south of St. Clair and north of Steeles.

Guest speakers will be discussing unity at each shift.

- Rabbis Mark Dratch and Erwin Schild will be talking about *Unity Through Goodness and Tzedakah.*
- Provincial Deputy Minister Elaine Todres will present her views on *How Others See Us as a Community.*
- Sephardic community leader Maurice Benzacar will speak about *Community from the Perspective of the Newcomer.*
- Miri Gur from the Israel Aliya Centre will discuss *Israel and the Jewish World.*
- Shira Herzog will offer her analysis of *Israel Today and the Challenge of Unity.*
- Rosalie Flomen of Jewish Women's Federation will talk about *The Unifying Force of UJA.*

Dr Harry Krakowsky, co-chair of UJA's Community Cabinet thinks that the CommUNITY telethon is important because "no matter who ends up benefiting from the money, everyone must work together to raise the funds."

To register for a telethon shift call Cindy Bogach at (416) 635-2883 ext. 190.

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It's all about reaching out

Outreach is the password as the UJA Women's Campaign seeks to broaden its legion of volunteers and contributors.

UJA Women's Campaign Chair Marlene Axmith says "outreach is one of our most important priorities."

The Young Women's Outreach Committee, chaired by Natalie Storm Kirsh, is planning a series of educational programs for next year to help recruit 28-38 year olds.

Many young Jewish women, Kirsh pointed out, are the daughters of mothers who have been very active in UJA and other organizations and have decided to follow in their footsteps. "I'm here because I grew up with it," she said. Her mother, Francie Storm, has been involved with UJA for 25 years and is currently Vice President of Human Resources Development for the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

"Outreach is a good way for young women who want to get more involved in the Jewish community, to get their foot in the door," said Committee member Dr. Deborah Kestenbaum.

Kestenbaum thinks the time is right for her to become involved after a few years of communal inactivity since leaving university.

Only three of the Young Women's Outreach Committee members bring previous community or campaign experience to their positions.

The four educational sessions scheduled are:

- *The Challenge of Raising a Mensh: Teaching our Children Values,* with consultants Sarah Landy and Barbara Miller.
- *The Fifth Question: How Can I Make This Pesach Different from All Others,* featuring Judy Urowitz, who will discuss creative ways to personalize and enhance the Seder.
- *Entering the Art Market: A Guide for the Neophyte,* with art dealer Carol Tanenbaum.
- *Jewish Geography: A Walking Tour Through Old Jewish Toronto.*

The UJA Women's Campaign raises about $4 million a year - over 10% of the general campaign total. For more information, call (416) 631-5704.

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Star studded tzedakah

A new UJA program is putting a fresh face on gift giving.

The *Tzedakah All Stars* was originated by Elizabeth Erlich, a mother of four, who discovered how meaningful it was for her children to donate one of the presents they received during a birthday party. Erlich and her kids took one unopened gift each time to Jewish Family & Child Service for distribution to agency clients.

"It was something that our children really understood," she explained. "It was more meaningful than just putting money in a tzedakah box."

Erlich approached UJA earlier this year about expanding the concept to Jewish schools and the community. Presentations were made to school principals and the presidents of parents associations and, according to Erlich, "we had support from across the board."

"It was something so pure and simple that everyone thought it was great," she added.

The next step was getting drop off boxes into Jewish schools and one central location. The boxes are now available for children to contribute unopened presents on Mondays only at Bialik Hebrew Day School, Netivot Hatorah, all Associated and United Synagogue Day School branches and the Bathurst Jewish Centre. Erlich hopes for participation by other schools in the new year. All gifts will be given to JF&CS.

Children who contribute presents are being asked to fill out an information form so they can be sent a certificate of appreciation as a participant in the *Tzedakah All Star Team* and a Junior UJA Club membership card. The card will entitle them to participate in special events throughout the year.

UJA'S *Tzedakah All Star* initiative, a first for North America, is not, said Erlich, a toy drive. "It's an ongoing program," she stressed. "At the time of their birthdays, children should try to think of someone else. Whenever children receive a lot, they should share a little."

Elizabeth (second from left) Leora, Aviva and Ilana Erlich are the first Tzedakah All Stars.

For further information or to become a *Tzedakah All Star* volunteer, call Chaia Berkowitz at (416) 631-5690.

UJA launches news for kids

UJA's first newsletter for children is being distributed this week in Toronto's Jewish schools.

The publication, *junior UJA news*, includes three custom designed cartoon characters, an illustration in which the characters are hidden for readers to find and a maze demonstrating how UJA contributions help others. It also contains an application form for membership in the Junior UJA Club. Members are being invited to a Chanukah party at the Bathurst Jewish Centre, Sunday, Dec. 17, 2-3 p.m. Other "members only" events are being planned for 1996.

"This newsletter is an important marketing innovation for us," said UJA Campaign Director Ted Sokolsky. "We want to reach out to every significant segment of our community and, most importantly, we want to develop early affiliations with UJA."

In addition to junior *UJA news*, United Jewish Appeal also publishes a newsletter for young adults, called *in T.O.*

Seniors set the stage

Bathurst Jewish Centre seniors are taking to the stage for UJA.

The fundraising concert on Dec. 12, featuring singer Marvin Rosenshein, is sold out. The evening will also include performances by Teme Kernerman's *Chai Dancers, The Habima Players,* directed by Minabelle Haneford and the *Shalom Singers,* conducted by Esther Ghan Firestone, with piano accompaniment by Mikhael Khinkis. All of the performers belong to Senior Adult Services at the BJC. A collection of art work by seniors will also be on display and door prizes will be presented during the evening.

The concert, which was initiated by the BJC's seniors themselves, will be held Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 1:30 pm at the Leah Posluns Theatre, 4588 Bathurst St.

For more information contact Teme Kernerman at (416) 636-1880 ext. 364.

Marvin Rosenshein will headline the sold out fundraising concert for UJA.

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The Young Associates Division of the Israel Cancer Research Fund recently hosted a party where a record breaking $35,000 was raised for cancer research in Israel. From left are event co-chairs Nancy Mindel and Donny Kagan; young associates chair Mitchel Korman; and co-presidents Andrea and Alan Obront. [Gilbert Benamou Photo]

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Mazon Canada names new executive-director

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

Lori Burke

TORONTO — Lori Burke first heard about Mazon Canada a few years ago, just before she got married.

At a pre-wedding meeting, Burke and her fiance Michael Kleinman were told by their rabbi they could add a mitzvah to their joy by donating a portion of the wedding food costs to Mazon.

"I thought it was wonderful, but I did not picture myself working there," Burke said.

Times have changed and now Burke, 29, finds herself executive director of Mazon at the organization's Toronto head office. She takes over from Marilyn Aarons-Guttman, who shepherded Mazon from its inception in the fall of 1986 until last September.

Burke, who has bachelor degrees in social work and law, came to Mazon after articling with the Office of the Official Guardian (now known as the Office of the Children's Lawyer) and then taking some time off to have a baby.

She was doing volunteer work when she saw an ad for the position.

"The whole philosophy attracted me, the fact they give money non-denominationally," she said.

Burke said she was also enamored by Mazon's linking of charity and simchas and by the anonymous way people benefit from Mazon. Not only does the organization not make a point of publicizing its contributors, the beneficiaries don't know where it comes from. "It's the highest form of charity," she said.

Though Mazon has continually increased its annual allocations to food banks and other groups fighting hunger at the grassroots level, Burke believes there's room for new initiatives.

"One of the things I'm looking at doing is to have a professional initiative," where law firms and other professionals donate a percentage of their costs from holiday parties and Friday afternoon wine and cheese get-togethers, she said.

Another fundraising idea is based on her experience as a mom. Kids often receive "loot bags" worth $10 to $20 that include books, stickers, candy and other treats. Instead, parents will be urged to give part of that money to Mazon and substitute less expensive gifts, perhaps candies and a cookie, she suggested.

Like much of Mazon's approach in the past, these initiatives will be done on a small scale, by word of mouth and through networking.

Burke believes the new initiatives will add to the success of Mazon and will complement its traditional fundraising methods that include the selling place cards and holiday appeals in syangogues.

"To me it's almost ingrained in the Jewish tradition to be responsive ... It's a response that comes from the heart of Judaism," she said.

Since its first allocation in the spring of 1987 to the spring of 1995, Mazon has allocated $702,000 to dozens of Jewish and non-Jewish charitable organizations across Canada that fight hunger at the grass roots level.

Temple honors Crombie

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

David Crombie

TORONTO — Temple Sinai Brotherhood honored David Crombie as its Humanitarian of the Year at a recent dinner and draw.

The former Toronto mayor has been a member of Parliament, federal cabinet minister of Multiculturalism, Health and Welfare and Northern and Indian Affairs and is currently chair of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust.

In accepting the plaque, Crombie told the almost 300 members of the brotherhood he admires them because they understand the meaning of community.

"A strong community is the crucial, fundamental point of human spirit and enterprise," he said. "It gives roots, identity and support. However, a community has to be created. It does not come knocking at your door.

"When events such as this are held, a community is created. Organizers, tickets sellers — all workers — work together and form a community. The person who gets the benefit of the money raised gains and the person who gives the benefit gains. No matter how old and established a community is, each new generation needs to keep it going."

Money raised from the draw will support youth activities at Temple Sinai. Harvey Atkin was the master of ceremonies and dinner co-chairs were Joel Cadesky and Stan Swartz.

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Hundreds to join march

By BILL GLADSTONE
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Some 350 Jewish high school students and 50 adults from across Canada are expected to participate in the 1996 March of the Living, a 16-day educational tour of Poland and Israel scheduled to leave April 13.

"Many of the kids who go on this trip are grandchildren of survivors, and some are even children of survivors," says Joan Stevens, coordinator of volunteer services at Toronto's Jewish Family and Child Service. Stevens has been appointed chair of the 1996 March of the Living.

The first march, staged in 1988 to commemorate the 45th anniversary of the Warsaw Ghetto uprising, proved so effective that marches, expanded in scope and with an altered focus, have been held every two years since.

"As much as possible," Stevens says, "the emphasis is on the life of the Jews in Poland instead of on their death."

About 5,000 Jewish youth from some 30 nations will march along the three-kilometre route between Auschwitz and Birkenau, a path thousands of Jewish victims of the Nazis were forced to march.

Lublin, Krakow, Treblinka and many other sites in Poland where Jews lived and died are also expected to be on the itinerary.

Participants are scheduled to be in Poland for Yom Hashoah and in Israel for Yom Ha'atzmaut.

Joan Stevens

Many of the adult participants are survivors and educators, ready to answer questions or divulge details of their own personal experiences in the Holocaust.

Students 15 to 19 years of age (in grades 10 to 13) are invited to apply to go on the trip. Although the cost is $3,495, subsidies are available, according to Stevens.

Applicants are requested to submit an essay and attend a personal interview in order to qualify. Those who are accepted are invited to several educational seminars before the trip to equip them with basic knowledge and background information prior to departure.

For further details, contact your local Jewish federation or the United Israel Appeal.

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Beth Tikvah Synagogue was recently awarded two gold Solomon Schechter awards at the biennial international convention of United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism in Washington. D.C. Displaying the awards, one in the Music and Drama category for its musical programs and the other for Synagogue Access and Concern for the Disabled, are (from left) Stuart Razin, director of adult-centred activities; Srul Glick, composer in residence; Earl Biderman, president; Cantor Efraim Sapir; and Rabbi Wayne Allen. In addition to wheelchair accessibility, the shul offers a perfume-free section for those with allergies and has instituted outreach to the developmentally disabled and the deaf community. There is also a Jewish school for physically, mentally and emotionally disabled children.

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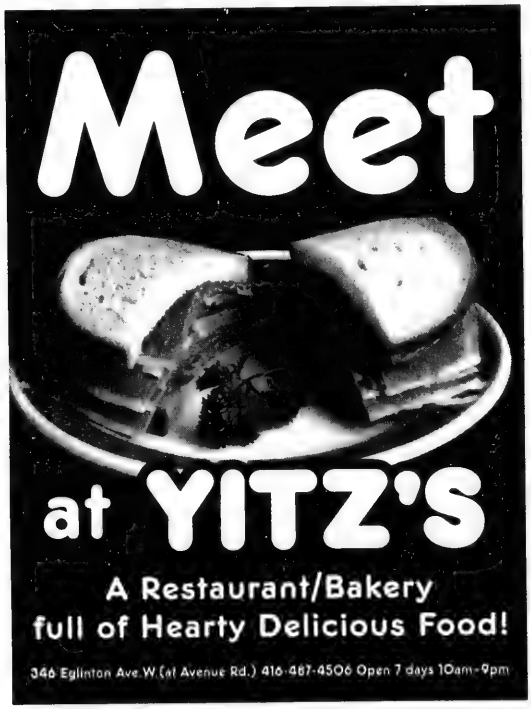
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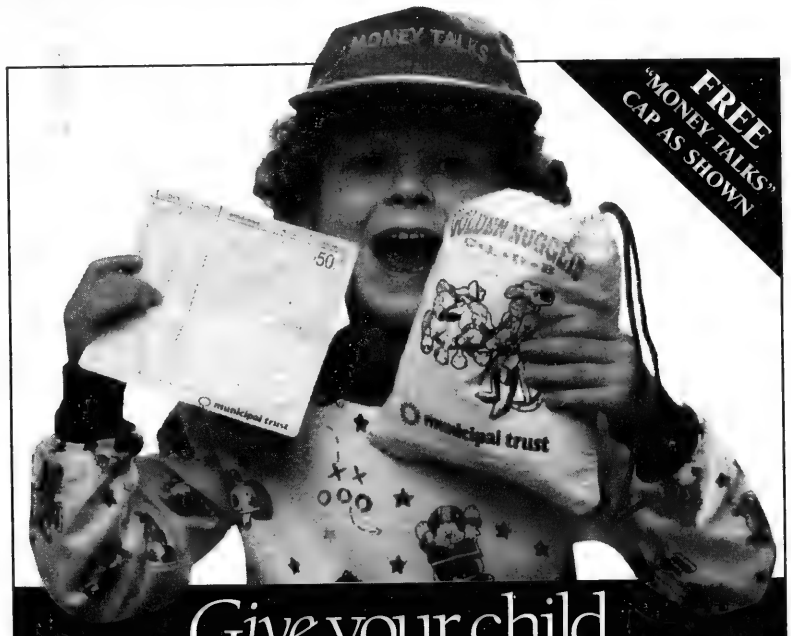

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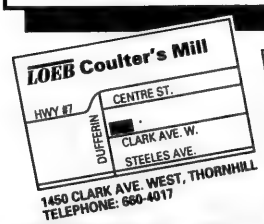

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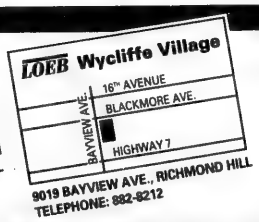

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י. ל. פרץ פאַרלאַג און ביבליאָטעק אין ישראל פייערט 40-טן יובל

אין מדינת ישראל און איבער דער גאָרער יידישער ליטעראַרישער וועלט ווערט איצט אָנגעצייכנט די 40-יאָריקע עקזיסטענץ פון דעם י. ל. פרץ פאַרלאַג און ביבליאָטעק אין ישראל. אַ ספּעציעלע פייערונג איז פאָר-געקומען אין חודש אָקטאָבער אין תל-אביב, אַפּצומערקן די דאָזיקע דאַטע. און באמת איז עס אַ דאַטע, וואָס איז ווערט צו באַציכענען. די פירער פון דער דאָזיקער שיינער יידישער אינסטיטוציע מעגן זיין שטאָלץ מיט זייערע דערגרייכונגען.

דער י. ל. פרץ פאַרלאַג און ביבליאָטעק איז אַנטשטאַנען אין יאָר 1955. צו יענער צייט אין ישראל איז דאָס גרינדן אַ פאַרלאַג אַרויסצוגעבן יידישע ביכער געווען ממש אַ געוואַגטער און אַ פּיאָנערישער אויפטו. עס געדענקט זיך נאָך גוט דער שפּל'דיקער מצב פון יידיש אין דער מדינה אין די פופציקער יאָרן. די באַציאונג צו יידיש סיי פון די אָפיציעלע רעגירונגס אינסטאַנצן, סיי פון די אומאָפיציעלע פירערישע קרייזן, איז געווען, אין פּשוטע ווערטער, אַ פיינטלעכע, אַ בייזווילקע, נוצנדיק דעם אויסרייד, אַז די יידישע שפּראַך וועט שאָדענען די אַנטוויקלונג פון עברית.

היינט צו טאָג זעען מיר אַ ראַדיקאַלע ענדערונג אין דער באַציאונג צו יידיש מצד די ישראל'דיקע אָפיציעלע קרייזן. דאָס איז צו פאַרדאַנקען דעם אויפבלי פון דער יידישער ליטעראַטור אין לאַנד, מיט דער אַקטיווער הילף פון דער יידישער פאַרלאַג באַוועגונג אין וועלכער דער י. ל. פרץ פאַרלאַג פאַרנעמט אַן ערשטראַנגיקע פּאָזיציע. פאַר דעם קומט אָנערקענונג די ערשטע פירער פון פאַרלאַג, פאַר זייער עקשנות'דיקער איבערגעגעבנקייט נישט אַראָפּפאַלן ביי זיך, נישט אונטערגעבן זיך דעם דרוק פון די, וואָס האָבן געוואָלט פאַרמאַכן „דאָס יידישע מויל". עס איז ווערט צו דערמאָנען אַזעלכע פירער ווי משה ארם, יעקב זרובבל, יעקב פעטערזייל, דוד ראָטנ-בערג, משה גערשאָנאָוויטש, לייבל חיין, און נאָך, און נאָך. ספּעציעל דאַרף מען דערמאָנען צווישן די איצטיקע פירער שלמה שווייצער און ישראל שטיין.

די דערפאָלגרייכע טעטיקייט פון דעם פאַרלאַג במשך פון 40 יאָר איז ממש צו באַוואונדערן. די מאָראַלישע און פינאַנציעלע הילף איז געקומען פון דעם פּשוטן יידיש-לייענער. דאָס האָט געהאָלפן אויפצוהאַלטן דעם פאַרלאַג און האָט דערמוטיקט די פירערס אָנצוגיין מיט זייערע טעטיקייטן אויף דעם געביט. קען זיך טאַקע דער פאַרלאַג גרויסן מיט אַרויסגעבן אַרום 700 ביכער במשך פון זיין עקזיסטענץ. דאָס איז אַ קאָלאָסאַלע דערגרייכונג פאַר אַ יידישן פאַרלאַג.

אין די לעצטע יאָרן האָט דער פאַרלאַג אַרויסגעגעבן אַ צאָל ביז גאָר וויכטיקע ביכער. צווישן זיי איז ווערט צו דערמאָנען:

„די געשיכטע פון די לינקע פּועלי ציון אין פּוילן ביז דער צווייטער וועלט מלחמה", פון ב. גארנצארסקי-קדרי; „בריוו פון שלום עליכם" (713 בריוו) אָפּגעקליבן און דעדאַגירט פון א. ליס; „פון אַלטן מאַרק-פּלאַץ", אויטאָביאָגראַפישע זכרונות פון יוסף בולאָוו, צוגעגרייט צום דרוק פון יצחק לודען; אַ זאַמלונג אַרטיקלען פון משה ארם; מ. צאַנין: ווערטערבוך יידיש-העברייאיש —העברייאיש-יידיש; ק. צעטניק: „דער זייגער וואָס איבערן קאָפּ" און „די שבועה"; דר. שמואל ווייסנבערג: „דאָס פּורים שפּיל", מיט אַ העברייאישער איבערזעצונג פון מלך זיוו; און אַ צאָל אַנדערע. און עס זעט זיך נישט אָן קיין פאַרמיגערונג פון זייער איבערגעגבנ-קייט און פון זייערע אַקטיוויטעטן.

אין נאָמען פון אחדות העבודה—פּועלי ציון און פון זרובבל-פעדערמאַן-אַניעלעוויטש צווייג ביים ציוניסטישן אַרבעטער פאַרבאַנד אין טאָראָנטאָ ווילן מיר אויסדריקן אונדזער האַרציקע באַגריסונג צו די פירער און מיט-אַרבעטער פון י. ל. פרץ פאַרלאַג און ביבליאָטעק. מיר ווינטשן זיי נאָך לאַנגע שעפערישע יאָרן אין זייער אַרבעט, יאָרן פון אויסדויער און דער-גרייכונג. מיר, פון אונדזער זייט, וועלן זיך באַמיען, לויט אונדזערע מעגלעכ-קייטן, צו שטיצן אייער אונטערנעמונג. אַזוי אַרום וועלן מיר צוזאַמען הויבן דעם ניוואָ פון יידיש אין מדינת ישראל און אין גלות.

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Paralyzed judge 'living as best I can with ALS'

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Justice Sam Filer, a judge of the Ontario Court, general division, spends a lot of time counting his blessings.

Although completely paralyzed except for a muscle in his cheek and some limited eye movement as a result of Amyotropic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), Filer, 60, is able to concentrate on everything he has in life rather than what he has lost.

A recent recipient of Clarke Institute of Psychiatry Foundation's Courage to Come Back Award, Filer was diagnosed with ALS in 1987 and within a year was using a wheelchair. In 1989, he almost died when his lungs failed and although the attending doctors recommended against placing him on a respirator, his wife, Tony Silberman, insisted they have one surgically connected so he could continue to live.

Filer's only means of communication is to send Morse code impulses through a myoelectric conductor taped to his cheek. The impulses are sent to a computer, voice synthesizer and printout.

In a recent interview at his home, Filer said, "I admit that there was a time when I used to wake up each morning wondering what else I was going to be unable to do, but through Toni's infinite patience, guidance and wisdom, and the love of my four children, I began to focus on those abilities which I still retained, rather than mourn those which I lost."

Despite Filer's disabilities, he works at home three days a week and spends the other two in his judicial chambers. He is also a staunch supporter of civil liberties, human rights, social justice and Jewish community issues. In 1989, he was awarded the Bronfman Medal and that same year, the Canadian Jewish Congress created the Sam N. Filer Award which is given every three years to a person who has demonstrated exemplary service to the Jewish community.

Work, community involvement and human rights are an important

Judge Sam Filer

part of his life. "It is important to me to continue working and to be involved in the community. I share the same needs as everyone else — to be a productive, contributing member of society and to my chosen profession. I enjoy being in the company of colleagues and friends who I respect and who regard me in terms of what I can do, not what I can't."

Filer also enjoys going to the theatre, entertaining friends and watching his 8-year-old daughter Jaime play baseball.

Jaime says proudly, "I'm the only one of my friends who gets to ride on her dad's lap all the way through Marineland."

Reflecting on what he has learned since contracting ALS, Filer says, "Above all, love, friendship, faith in God and a feeling of self-worth, no matter how it's derived, are powerful elixirs, particularly when there is no medical treatment available.

"A diagnosis of ALS need not be accompanied by an automatic death sentence. Inexperienced, able-bodied people, whether doctors or not, are not necessarily the best people to determine whether a quadriplegic who cannot speak, eat or breathe without mechanical assistance, can enjoy a meaningful quality of life. I enjoy doing many things with my family and friends. Recognizing my mind-body connection, I don't think of myself as suffering from, a victim of, or dying from ALS. In truth, I'm living as best I can with ALS."

Winter camp set

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Three Zionist youth movements are joining forces to run a five-night winter camp for 8-to-16-year-olds from Dec. 24 to 29.

Hashomer Hatzair, which has operated the Muskoka winter camp for the past several years, will be working with Canadian Young Judaea and Habonim-Dror on the unique venture.

Although the groups have had joint programs in the past, this is the first time they are collaborating on this type of project.

"I believe that the existence of a joint winter camp will enrich each of our three youth movements and strengthen the alliance between them," said Yehuda Marle, shaliach for Hashomer Hatzair and himself an alumnus of the youth group in Israel.

He credits his Hashomer Hatzair background with fostering a belief in social justice and brotherhood among nations, as well as a strong Jewish identity.

The winter camp, located in Port Carling at a rented Seventh Day Adventist site, is open to youth movement members and non-members alike.

Activities will include outdoor sports such as hiking, skating, tobogganing and snowshoeing, as well as Israeli folkdancing, arts and crafts, Chanukah celebrations and educational programming with an emphasis on fun.

The educational theme for the five days will be the Relationship between Jews: Right versus Left. "I would like [the campers] to understand the different views, but most importantly, how in a democratic society those rifts should be dealt with," Marle said.

A fee of $330 per child includes transportation and vegetarian cuisine. Camp staff will include a registered nurse.

All three organizations run their own summer camps — Camp Shomria (Hashomer Hatzair), Camp Shalom (Canadian Young Judaea) and Camp Gesher (Habonim-Dror).

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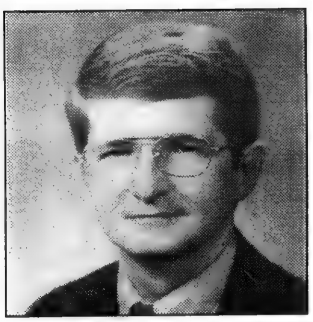

As a prosecutor with the U.S. Justice Department's Nazi War Crimes Unit, John Loftus discovered top secret documents revealing that the Nazis he had been assigned to prosecute were working for NATO Intelligence. He exposed the shocking Nazi scandal on an Emmy Award winning segment of 60 Minutes. His newest book exposes the still classified archives of the Holocaust, how Jews have been systematically wire tapped since 1944 and how Israel was set up in the Iran-Contra Affair by George Bush.

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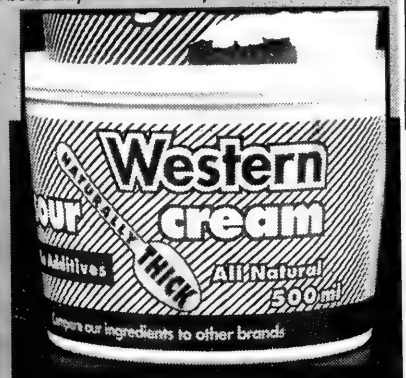

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Jordan Wagman is all smiles after one of his sun treatments at the Dead Sea.

Nothing funny about heartbreak of psoriasis

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — There used to be a commercial for a medication to deal with "the heartbreak of psoriasis." The phrase caused a lot of snickers.

Jordan Wagman, 23, knows there is nothing funny about psoriasis. And that there is a lot of heartbreak.

Ten years ago, he woke up with "two huge patches in my hair." The psoriasis spread, until it affected most of his body.

"I would wake up in the morning in a pool of flakes [of skin] and blood. A hot shower was a novelty — when fissures formed, you can't shower, you can't walk, you can't sit."

Over the years he has been hospitalized four times, and underwent treatment with ultra-violet light, drugs and creams.

"It affects my whole life — it's the centre of my life. My daily life, my whole routine revolves around it.

Although Wagman's is one of the more serious examples of psoriasis, (many have it for just short periods of time, or over a small part of the body) he is one of the three per cent of the population that suffers from this chronic skin disease for which the cause is unknown, and there is no cure.

Skin cells reproduce themselves not in a month, as in healthy people, but in three or four days. Treatment is designed to slow down this reproduction.

Dr. Ricky Kanee Schachter, founder of the Psoriasis Education and Research Centre at Women's College Hospital, said that it appears to have some genetic component, since it is often seen in several members of the same family, and it is sometimes triggered by an infection (such as strep) or by certain drugs.

Stress makes it worse (Wagman cites as examples ordinary school and teenage experiences, such as exams, puberty and the general growing up angst), as does winter, when the lower humidity leads to drying of the skin.

The psychological problems caused by a chronic, often disfiguring disease are not only serious in themselves, but also make the symptoms worse.

What does appear to help is sunshine. And Wagman has found the place to harness it best — Israel, specifically at the Dead Sea.

Wagman discovered it almost by accident. At the end of his tether, he went to a spa he had heard of at the Dead Sea, where he spent a month, "baking in the sun," as he puts it.

Loath to put his parents to further expense, he took off to Ein Gedi, with a tent, stove and mattress. To his surprise, he discovered he had unwittingly camped just outside a solarium owned by Kibbutz Ein Gedi. For two months, he stayed there, spending seven or eight hours a day in the sun.

"When I left, I was 90 per cent clear. Two weeks later, I was completely clear."

Helen Taylor, nursing director of ambulatory dermatology at Women's College Hospital, explained that because the Dead Sea is the lowest point on earth, the ultra-violet wave length is the longest, and thus both the most effective for psoriasis, and the least likely to cause skin cancer.

To Wagman, though, skin cancer "is the lesser of two evils."

Wagman is so excited about his discovery, that, together with Fisher-Fremont Travel's Bonnie Horowitz, herself the mother of a young woman with psoriasis, he is trying to organize a group tour to the Dead Sea for next April.

Going as a group, he explained, will not only make it more affordable, but will allow greater supervision.

"Even if [the symptoms recede] for one day, five months, or five years, that's something."

Technology centre launched

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — ORT Canada has launched a pilot project in North York that brings a new component to the Toronto-based fundraising group supporting worldwide ORT schools and educational programs.

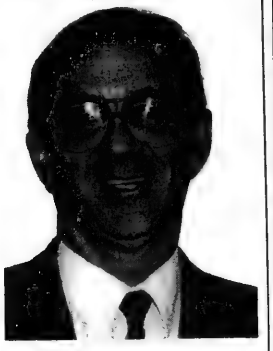
A Creative Technology Centre, set to open at Nelson A. Boylen Collegiate Institute in the fall of 1996, has been established by ORT in partnership with the North York Board of Education, which sent four principals to London last year for training.

The centre, which will provide students with a hands-on opportunity to develop practical computer skills, will serve as a prototype for future centres.

Although ORT has established a reputation for working with disadvantaged students, that aspect is not the main focus of their work, said Gideon Meyer, director of education for the London-based World ORT Union.

"We still do that, but our main thrust is comprehensive education with a very strong emphasis on science and technology," said the native Tel Avivian, in town to launch a fundraising campaign for the new project.

In England, ORT is recognized as a consultant to the British Ministry of Education on the introduction of modern technology into schools, Meyer pointed out.



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In implementing its new project, ORT Canada is joining a trend among American ORT "friends" groups such as those in Atlanta, Chicago, Los Angeles and Miami which have "become operational" over the past decade.

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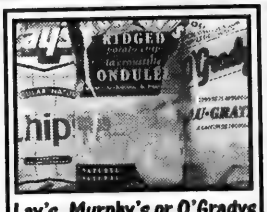

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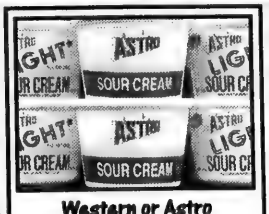

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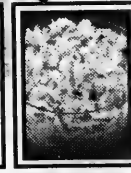

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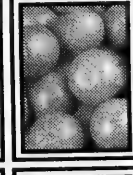

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Quebec groups join forces

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Bernard said the FEDERATION CJA/CJC-Q consultations across Canada will take place as part of the work of CJC's national unity committee, and involve the tripartite coalition that includes the Greek and Italian communities.

Like the Jewish community, they will stage their own meetings across Canada with their respective communities "to deal with the Canadian unity problem in a tolerant and understanding fashion," Bernard said.

"If we don't get the rest of Canada interested in solving the problem, the problem will never be solved, because there will never be enough public support for any concession to Quebec.

"If the premiers don't have the sense that the people they represent have a willingness and interest to deal with the issues, the issues will never be dealt with," he said.

Briefly, Bernard said other aspects to the community plan of action will include:

- "Continuing and intensifying" CJC-Q/coalition rapprochement trips to Quebec regions.
- Responding in a timely manner to each and every episode of ethnocentric sentiment expressed in a "very aggressive manner," which did not take place previously.
- And seeking to maintain the "level and frequency of our interactions with government."

FEDERATION CJA indicated that the plan of action will also include promoting the community's employment programs for young people and providing greater exposure to "French language and the Quebec culture" in the Jewish day school system.

Bernard suggested that although the issues of sovereignty and ethnocentrism have tested their relationship, the Jewish community has been "remarkably successful in being able to work with government on all other agenda items."

Bernard said ethnocentric sentiments have been a "huge factor" in contributing to Jewish community anxiety, to the point that more Jews might have been open to voting Yes had such "exclusionist" views not been expressed.

He was also pessimistic about the situation improving unless all sides of the debate make accommodations.

"French-Quebecers have to radically change their attitudes towards minorities within Quebec and towards the rest of Canada," Bernard said.

"The rest of Canada must radically change its attitude towards Quebec [to allow for recognition of] the specificity of Quebec.

"And the Jewish community needs to feel more comfortable about their place in Quebec society."

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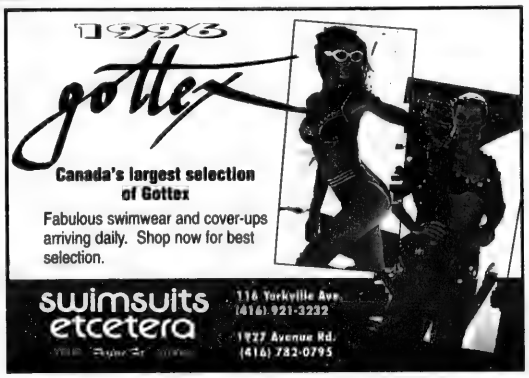
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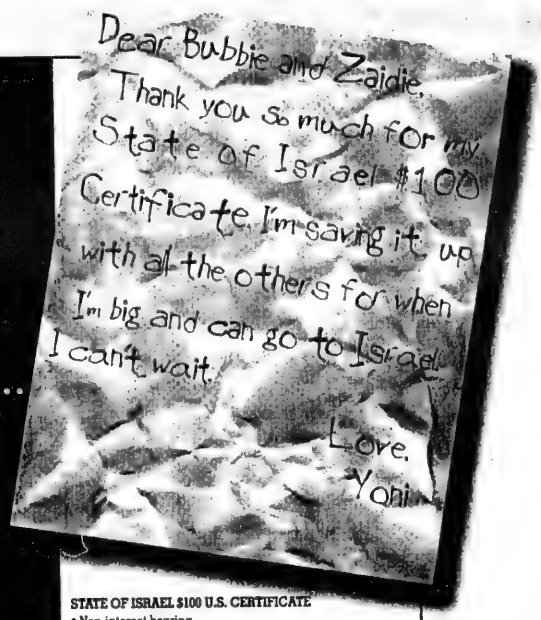
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Batia and Dov Dekel

New JNF shaliach feeling at home

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Less than three months into his job as the new Jewish National Fund's (JNF) emissary to central Ontario's Jewish communities outside Toronto, Brig.-Gen. Dov Dekel already feels at home.

He's here with his wife, Batia, and their three younger children, daughters age 2½ and 17, and a son, 11. In Israel they have a daughter, 19, in the army; another, 22, who studies alternative medicine; and a son, 25, a medical student.

The retired Dekel finds himself a civilian for the first time he joined the Israel Defence Force 29 years ago.

He is still in shock over the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, whom he knew well and recalls as a man who "always went directly to the details without any great formalities."

A veteran of the 1967, 1973 and "Peace for the Galil" wars, Dekel served as a paratrooper from 1966 to 1982 and as brigade commander in the Lebanese security zone from 1983 to 1986.

He was military commander in Judea and Samaria from 1986 to 1987, served as second division commander on the Lebanese border from 1988 to 1990 and was division commander on the 300-kilometre-long border with Egypt until 1994.

Dekel says he was also involved in the initial secret negotiations with the PLO that led to the Oslo accords.

He chose to work for the JNF, he says, because he sees it as Diaspora Jewry's strongest connection with Israel.

He talks about Israel's continuing need for support, especially now if the peace process is to continue, and the importance of Israel's supremacy in the Middle East economically, militarily, industrially and in education and agriculture, adding that a secure Israel means security for all Jews everywhere.

Dekel has already visited the Jewish communities in London, Windsor, St. Catharines, Oakville and Kitchener, and plans to visit others.

Everywhere, he makes a point of going into classrooms, "because for me," he says, "the connection between young people and Israel is very, very important."

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From coast to coast

Labor camp survivors meet 50 years after liberation

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Ottawa Correspondent

OTTAWA — On Parliament Hill three weeks ago, a guest speaker at the unveiling of a postage stamp commemorating the end of the Holocaust, Philip Riteman, a Holocaust survivor from Nova Scotia, began his brief remarks with an itinerary of his trip through hell: Auschwitz, Dachau, Lansburg.

David Shentow, a survivor living in Ottawa, caught his breath.

"The minute he mentioned Lansburg, I looked at my wife and said, 'We have something in common here,' " says Shentow. "It's the first time in 50 years I have met someone who was from Lansburg ... Nobody mentions Lansburg because no one knows about it."

As soon as the public ceremony concluded, Shentow approached Riteman. A tearful hour followed, as the two compared notes and memory fragments.

"I was shocked when he came to me," says Riteman. "I couldn't speak. I was in tears. I wondered if we knew each other."

Lansburg was one of a number of satellite camps in the mountains near Dachau where prisoners were used as slave labor in factories producing war material. The two men don't know if they ever met at Lansburg. At the time, they were only teenagers and were moved often.

"I was in a daze. I was like a zombie," Shentow says of his years in the camp. "I didn't even know who was standing beside me. I was so petrified, I was so scared, I didn't even know who was talking to me. The whole thing was like a nightmare."

But they know from comparing the numbers on their arms that they arrived at Auschwitz within a month of each other. As young teenage boys, they were spared the gas chambers to do the heavy work. Riteman remembers carrying loads of bricks and sand to build the crematoria. Shentow was sent with a group of 4,000 to clean up the rubble that remained in the Warsaw Ghetto after the uprising.

Both men had also been at Dachau. Lansburg was one of the last stops before they were liberated on April 29, 1945, Shentow's birthday.

They remember that the camp looked like a series of little roofs resting on the ground. Everything else was subterranean. They recall the steps leading to the factory, the deep mud on the floor when it rained, and the cold.

"We lived like rats, underground," Riteman says.

At one point, there was a call for volunteers to go to the railway station in town and clear the tracks of snow. The event stands out for Shentow because he remembers what it was like to see normal village life for the first time in several years. He was even able to beg some bread from a woman on her way home with groceries, while the guard warmed himself inside the train station.

Riteman wasn't assigned to shovel snow, but he remembers the call for volunteers, always a terrifying event because no one knew whether the guards were collecting people for work or for the gas chambers.

Riteman and Shentow agree that had liberation come a day or two later than it did, they would probably not have survived.

"It was like taking the pieces of a very faded photograph and then refocussing them, re-evaluating them," says Rose Shentow of the meeting between her husband and Riteman.

After the war, Riteman and Shentow both discovered they were the only ones in their families to survive and both came to North America after being located by relatives. And although it clearly pains them, they both speak to student groups about their experiences during the Holocaust.

"When people talk about the Holocaust, they always talk about the big camps, they never talk about the small ones," says Shentow.

If Riteman hadn't mentioned Lansburg in his speech, the two men would probably have exchanged nothing more than greetings. Now they plan to stay in touch.

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Rabin: 'A symbol for all Jews'

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — An Israeli general who worked closely with Yitzhak Rabin said the murdered prime minister was not just a prime minister to the Israelis. "He was in every sense a symbol for all Jews."

Brig.-Gen. Itzchak Fuchs, the Jewish National Fund shaliach in British Columbia, told a memorial meeting here at Schara Tzedeck Synagogue that "as a military man and paratrooper I fought in the Six Day War under Mr. Rabin's command. Later when he became defence minister, I had the honor to serve and be in close relationship with him while negotiating with the Jordanians and the Palestinians. I learned to appreciate his courage, wisdom, honesty and determination, not only in war times but also in peace. He took a risk for peace and he paid for it with his life."

Fuchs said Rabin will be remembered as a soldier, a prime minister and a peacemaker. "How tragic it is that his peace efforts were interrupted by shots from a gun. But the gun did not stop the legacy he left us: to make peace and not war."

The memorial, arranged by Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region (CJC-P) and the Jewish Federation of Greater Vancouver, attracted 2,000 mourners — the biggest crowd ever for a Jewish public meeting here.

Among those who paid tribute to Rabin were B.C. premier Mike Harcourt; Vancouver Mayor Philip Owen; Vancouver MP Edward McWhinney; Dr. Michael Elterman, CJC-P chair; and Rabbi Mordechai Feuerstein.

Among the dozens of condolence messages which poured into the Congress office were those from the Canadian Croatian Congress, the B.C. Bosnian Association and the Hellenic Canadian Congress of B.C. All expressed hope that the peace process will continue.

"May God bless his soul and guide us all on to the path lighted up by Yitzhak Rabin," said the Hellenic message.

Sudbury, Soo remember PM

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The day after Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated, a single rose was left on the doorstep of Dr. Jacques Abourbin, a member of Sudbury's Shaar Hashomayim Synagogue and of Sudbury Interfaith Dialogue.

With the rose was a one-word message: "Shalom."

"I was deeply touched by the way all faiths in the community responded," Abourbin told *The CJN*.

Many non-Jewish citizens joined in services for Rabin in other Ontario cities.

At the memorial in the Sudbury synagogue, 170 representatives of the Jewish, Roman Catholic, Baha'i, United Church, Hindu, Islamic, Sikh and Serbian communities took part.

As people filed into the service, they passed a table where they could buy a tree to be planted in Israel in the prime minister's memory.

"Waging war is easy," said Muslim representative Dr. Sahid Mecci. "Making peace needs courage and vision."

Father Simon Davis referred to Rabin as "God's servant of peace," and expressed his hope that the peace process would not "slip beyond our grasp."

Rev. John Mathew of St. Mark's United Church, head of Interfaith Dialogue, helped organize the service. "We all have the same longing, we are all saying the same thing, 'Lord, we need help,' " he said.

Rabin's eulogy was delivered by Sudbury businessman Mitch Speigel.

A memorial service at Congregation Beth Jacob in Sault Ste. Marie, was attended by 125 people, including two members of the provincial legislature, Tony Martin and Bud Wildman. Many clergy and non-Jewish neighbors also attended. The service was led by Jeff Arbus.

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From coast to coast

Reporter paints gloomy picture of post-referendum era

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — For the last few hours leading up to the Quebec referendum, Jason Moscovitz, *CBC Television News* chief political correspondent, anguished over what he would say to viewers if the Yes side were to win.

"In the end, I couldn't think of anything to say," he admitted. "I decided to go with my instinct if the question had arisen."

The veteran Montreal-born CBC correspondent added that he was not the only one without a contingency plan if the Yes side won.

The longtime CBC correspondent and recipient of the Hy Solomon Award from the Public Policy Forum for excellence in public policy journalism brought a rather gloomy view of post-referendum Canada's future to the Jewish Foundation of Manitoba's (JFM) 21st Annual Luncheon held recently at the Westin Hotel here.

Up until Lucien Bouchard took charge of the Yes campaign in early October and turned it around, Moscovitz recalled, the conventional wisdom in the rest of the country was that the No vote would rest comfortably between 54 per cent and 60 per cent.

Recurring message

When Bouchard assumed command of the Yes forces, Moscovitz was covering Prime Minister Jean Chrétien on a tour of Western Canada. The prime minister's recurring message was that there was nothing to worry about — even as the polls started favoring of the Yes side.

"I filed my report stating that no one in Western Canada was excited or nervous about the coming referendum," he recalled. "Fortunately, I included a quote from Gordon Gibson, the former Liberal leader in British Columbia, who cautioned that we had better be right not to worry, because no one in the country was prepared for a Yes vote."

While he said that Parizeau's infamous post-referendum remarks were appalling, Moscovitz put them in the context of a French-speaking people trying to survive the past 350 years in an English-speaking North America.

"Quebecers are quite insulated and really have a 'them' and 'us' outlook," he said. "In my own experience, however, I have always found the Québécois to be a tolerant people. Parizeau's first wife was Polish. There is no excuse for what he said, but I can understand the hurt of losing a close campaign."

Moscovitz warned against viewing the Parti Québécois as the principal driving force behind separatism in Quebec. He reminded his audience that Quebec's provincial Liberal Party introduced the first language laws and is also demanding profound changes to Canada as it is.

He predicted that Bouchard will not have an easy time of it as premier of Quebec. Because he will not have won his position in a leadership race, he will have no natural ties of loyalty to him among any members of his cabinet.

"Neither federalists nor separatists can buy the next round," Moscovitz said. "Both sides are broke. They can only try to blame each other for the cuts that have to be made."

The JFM, by contrast, has proven to be the answer for many local Winnipeg Jewish and non-Jewish organizations and institutions faced with the need for funding special projects. The foundation's capital fund will reach $20 million this year thanks to the new Mark and Dorothy Danzker Fund, the JFM's largest single gift.

Among the more notable recipients of foundation grants this past year have been the Sharon Home, for a study of the feasibility of building a Jewish seniors care home in the south end; the Beth Israel Synagogue, to pay for repairs to its Torah scrolls; the Winnipeg International Children's Festival and the Health Sciences Centre.

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DEADLINE REMINDER

What's New and About People deadlines: Thursday, Dec. 7, is deadline for Dec. 21 issue. As there will be no issue Dec. 28, items that would ordinarily appear in that issue must be included in Dec. 21 column. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, Dec. 7

SOLEL TRIP TO ISRAEL

Solel Congregation's A Trip to Israel Through Reform Judaism's Eyes will be led by **Rabbi Lawrence Englander** in July 1996. Information evening 7:30 p.m. at Solel, 2399 Folkway Dr. Mississauga. **Shirley Herman** c/o Solel 905-820-5915 or **Arlene Cohen** 905-542-1985.

Saturday, Dec. 9

ISRAELI FOLKDANCE

Marco Ben-Shimon presents an Israeli folkdance Chanukah party with New York teacher/choreographer **Danny Uziel**, 8 p.m., Bernard Betel Centre, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Program includes requests for old and new Israeli dances for all levels, Chanukah refreshments. $12. 905-771-0363.

Sunday, Dec. 10

VIOLIN RECITAL

Holy Blossom Temple's Musical Heritage Series features Toronto Symphony Orchestra concertmaster **Jacques Israelievitch**, accompanied by **John Greer**, 3 p.m., at temple. Tickets (at door) $15, seniors, students $10. 789-3291, ext. 503.

SEXUALITY IN THE '90S

Young Members Group of Beth Tzedec Synagogue for singles, 20s and 30s, presents Sexuality in the '90s: Are Jewish Values Relevant? with **Rabbi Mitch Cohen**, 7:30 p.m. $8 advance, $10 at door. RSVP **Marlene** 781-3511, ext. 34.

CONCERT CABARET

In celebration of Jerusalem 3000, Shaarei Shomayim adult education is holding a concert cabaret evening with **Moshe Ginz**, chazzan of Beit Jacob, accompanied by pianist **Judy Peleg**, 8 p.m. Admission free.

CHANUKAH CONCERT

Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Young Families Group presents **Paul Zim** and the Spinning Dreidel Band with the Beth Emeth Children's Choir, 10:30 a.m., Beth Emeth. $10 in advance, $12 at door. Tickets at synagogue office 633-3838 or Negev or Israel's.

Monday, Dec. 11

EDITORS DEBATE

Journalists **Haroon Siddiqui**, *Toronto Star* and **Lorrie Goldstein**, *Toronto Sun* explore Group Rights vs. Individual Rights in Creating a Just Society, at the annual Alan Coatsworth Program, 8 p.m., Temple Sinai. Vision TV's **Rita Deverell** is moderator. Sponsored by Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region; Young Maccabees, Canadian Council of Christians and Jews, and Temple Sinai. **Steven Shulman** at Congress 635-2883, ext. 175.

STAMP-COLLECTING

Canadian Association for Israel Philately focuses on The Headaches and Pleasures of Topical Israel Stamp-Collecting with **Prof. Albert Rose**, 7:30 p.m., Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. **Joseph** 635-6313.

EYE OF THE BEHOLDER

Rebbitzen Rena Schochet discusses The Eye of the Beholder: Modesty, Mysticism and Spirituality, 8:30 p.m., 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. $5. 905-886-5730.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

SYNAGOGUE LEADERSHIP

Beth Tzedec Congregation presents The Dynamics of Synagogue Leadership with **Rabbi Jerome Epstein**, executive director, United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism; **Michael Applin**, management consultant; and **Dr. Elaine Cooper**, psycho'ogist, 8 p.m.

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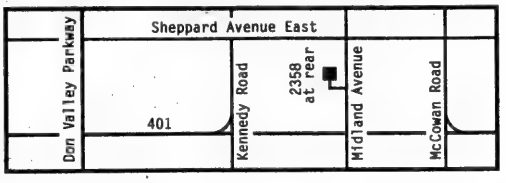

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Life is like a dance, you just have to know the steps

Greeting cards capture the rich imagery of Yiddish folk sayings

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Capturing the rich imagery of Jewish folk sayings in pen and ink drawings was a challenge for a Toronto human resources consultant who "doodles" on paper as a hobby.

"You would be suprised at how bawdy some of those sayings are and how many are at variance with today's society," said Marvin Schiff.

But Schiff persevered and the result is a package of eight lighthearted all-season greeting cards (there are five illustrating folk sayings and three Mazel Tov cards) being sold for $12 in aid of Yiddish education in Toronto.

Schiff's figures leap off the page, particularly the two apron-clad women wearing babushkas, who raise their skirts slightly and have a mischievous glint in their eyes, to illustrate "Life is like a dance, you just have to know the steps."

The translations are credited to *Words like Arrows*, by Toronto author Shirley Kumove.

"We think the boxed cards will make wonderful Chanukah gifts because there is lots of space for letters or notes," said Sam Black of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto's Yiddish committee. Other members are Frances Straus and Elie Moidel.

Schiff, a former professor of journalism at Carleton University in Ottawa and former *Globe & Mail* reporter, is married to Eda Zimler Schiff, president of Friends of Yiddish.

The cards are available at Israel's and Lasting Impressions. For information, call Frances, 416-635-1145 or Bella, 416-498-0106.

What's New

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RABBI STERN SERIES
Rabbi Moshe Stern's series concludes with Invasion of Another Person's Territorial Rights — The Halachah of *Hasagat G'Vul*, 8 p.m. Shaarei Tefillah Congregation.

KADDISH
Kaddish: Its Origins and Mystical Significance is the topic of **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin's** lecture, 8 p.m., Chabad Lubavitch of Markham, 55 Guardsman Rd., Thornhill. 905-886-0420.

Wednesday, Dec. 13

BEREAVED FAMILIES
Bereaved Jewish Families' Family Night, with film *A Child's Grief* followed by discussion, 8 p.m., Adath Israel Synagogue. **Maureen Feder** 638-7800.

JUDAIC PAPER CUTS
At the Pomegranate Guild of Judaic Textiles, **Ruth Warzecha** talks about the history of paper cuts, focusing on Jewish paper cuts, 8 p.m., National Council of Jewish Women, 4700 Bathurst St. Bring exacto-knife or scissors. **Haya Nativ** 633-2664 or **Malcah Sufrin** 886-8142.

Thursday, Dec. 14

JEWS OF HOLLYWOOD
Monty Charness and **Jerry Gladman** discuss The Jews of Hollywood, 8 p.m., Beth Sholom Synagogue.

And What Else Is New...

CHANUKAH PARTY
New Leadership Division of Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation is sponsoring a Chanukah party and concert for young families, with The Treetop Kids, "clowning around" with **Larry Solomon**, a coloring contest, music by **Bryan Charendoff**, loot bags; 10 to 11:30 a.m., North York Public Library, 5120 Yonge St. $12. Proceeds to Neonatology Intensive Care Unit, Shaare Zedek Medical Centre. 781-3584.

CHARITY BAZAAR
Charity bazaar offering new items, below wholesale prices: toys, gifts. clothing, food, cleaning products, baby items, hardware, housewares, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday, Dec. 10, and Tuesday, Dec. 11, 333 Wilson Ave. Proceeds to Yeshiva Bnei Zion of Bobov Toronto.

WHY GO TO CHINATOWN?
A fun educational evening for Jewish singles of all ages co-sponsored by Bloor JCC and Kolel: A Centre for Liberal Jewish Learning, Sunday, Dec. 24, with kosher Chinese buffet, lecture and discussion with **Rabbi Elyse Goldstein**, and choice of Israeli dancing, a film, health club or a swim; $25 advance purchase only. 905-709-1900 or 924-6211.

KOFFLER GALLERY
On view at the Koffler Gallery through Jan. 21 is Isaac Applebaum: Recent Photoworks combining photographic images with texts, fabric and printed materials.

At the Loggia Gallery through Jan. 21 is Arizona Topaz/Topaze Brulee, a series of 40 drawings by Toronto artist **Corinne Carlson**

WEST TORONTO GROUP
West Toronto Jewish Community Association. **Sharon** 236-2045.

Oneg Shabbat service Friday, Dec. 15, 7:30 p.m., Swansee Town Hall, 95 Lavina Ave.

Chanukah party Sunday, Dec. 17, 11 a.m., Swansee Community Centre, 15 Waller Ave. Members $2, non-members $1, children free.

CHILDREN'S CONCERT
Eric Nagler concert Sunday, Dec. 24, 11 a.m., Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue. Tickets $10 at Negev and Israel's until Dec. 14. First come, first serve seating. All profits go to the synagogue. 789-3950 or 787-1631.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION
Chanukah celebration Monday, Dec. 18, 7-11 p.m., Harlequinn Restaurant, Sunnybrook Hospital, Section E1, with live music, entertainment, kosher refreshments. Tickets $18 at General Wingate branch, Canadian Legion, 782-5824, or Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda Synagogue, 633-3838 or Pastoral Services Office at Sunnybrook, D Wing-132. Proceeds to help complete the Sunnybrook Jewish Chapel.

AISH HATORAH
Living in the Material World, Monday, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, 949 Clark Ave. W. 905-764-1818.

Obse(x)ssion, **Rabbi Aryeh Pamensky**, Tuesday, Dec. 12, 8 p.m., Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W. 905-764-1818.

A CORRECTION
The recipient of the Sam Rotman Humanitarian Award presented at Senior Care's Volunteer Recognition (picture Nov. 23 column) is Thelma Herman. Sorry.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
Women's Institute of Advanced Torah Study lectures at Shaarei Tefillah Congregation. 905-889-6066.

Monday, Dec. 11, 8-9 p.m. — Hidden Voices, **Chana Weisberg**.

Wednesday, Dec. 13, 10-11 a.m. — The Messianic Era According to the Rambam, **Rabbi Avraham Plotkin**.

CHANUKAH PARTY
Chanukah party Sunday, Dec. 17, 2-4 p.m., Beit Rayim Synagogue, 9711 Bayview Ave., Richmond Hill, with DooDoo the Clown and a magician, dreidels. $10 per family (member), $20 per family (non-member). Bring unwrapped gift to be given to Jewish Family & Child Service.

For Seniors

Earl Bales Seniors' Club Chanukah party Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1-4 p.m., $5 and $6. New Year's eve dinner dance (full course chicken dinner), Sunday, Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., Community Centre. members $30, non-members $35. 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club Chanukah luncheon Monday, Dec. 18, 12:30 p.m., musical program with Ackerman Family and Bernard Betel Creative Choir including **Michael Khinkis**. Kosher trip to Arizona and Las Vegas Jan. 14-31, reservations being finalized. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays, 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Dec. 14, Israel Independence Day video. 661-4689.

LZA Seniors Club tickets available for Chanukah dance Saturday, Dec. 16. Registration is closed for Miami trips. Plans are being made for trips in 1996.

Forest Hill Seniors Art Group invites you to join Wednesday classes (drawing and painting at your own pace), 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Bathurst/Castlefield area, sponsored by Toronto Board of Education. 781-8855.

Young at Heart Seniors special deal for Florida — 30 days at Sasson Hotel, $1160 Canadian. If registered with deposit before Dec. 15, $100 off and no cancellation fee. **Helen** 635-6343.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE
Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

Chanukah luncheon and concert Wednesday, Dec. 20, noon, featuring **Shlomo Aviv**, accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**, members $8. Concert at 1:30 p.m., members $2, non-members $3.

Etrog Club Chanukah party, Wednesday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m., with **Shelley Ovdat, Andre Furs, Michael Khinkis**. Members $6, non-members $8.

The movie *New York, New York*, Sunday, Dec. 10, 2:30 p.m.

Dance to music of Creative Band Sunday, Dec. 10, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 13, singer **Lane Zabrovski**, 1:30 p.m.

at the JCC/BJC

Chanukah run Sunday, Dec. 17, begins 8 a m. at the BJC. **Eitan Mintz** 636-1880, ext. 257.

Babysitting is available at the BJC Sundays 9 a.m. to noon, as well as during the week.

BJC is now booking birthday parties for January, February and March 1996.

BJC two-week free trial offer for Health Club and athletic facilities until Jan. 31 includes personal assessment and program. 636-1880, ext. 373.

Winter registration for BJC athletic programs begins Dec. 10. Programs start week of Jan. 7.

Bloor JCC Good Age Club presents the Rockettes of the Second Mile Club, Thursday, Dec. 14, 2 p.m., members $1, non-members $2. 924-6211.

BGU ANNUAL MEETING
Ben-Gurion University (BGU) scientist, educator and founding faculty member Prof. Yosef Mizrahi (centre, standing) was guest speaker at the recent annual general meeting of Toronto chapter, Canadian Associates of BGU. Pictured with him are, seated (from left) Israeli Consul General Jehudi Kinar, and Bruce Bronfman, president, New Ben-Gurion Associates. Standing (from left) Paul Jacobs, president, Toronto chapter; and Rabbi Jordan Pearlson, national president, CABGU.

ANNIVERSARY
Ben and Selma Karp celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary at a dinner dance at Beth Tikvah Synagogue, attended by 175 people including their two daughters, their son and spouses and eight grandchildren. To mark the occasion, the Karps donated a yahrzeit tablet to the synagogue. [Ursula Liane photo]

SHE'ARIM FUNDRAISING TEA
Ruth Kelman (second from right) was recently honored at the Dr. Abraham Shore Academy, She'arim Hebrew Day School fall tea, the Parents' League fundraiser for children with learning disabilities, held at the home of Toby Feldberg (second from left). Also shown are co-presidents Marci Tenenbaum (left) and Judy Zauder.

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Amir threatens to 'turn the country upside down'

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Confessed assassin Yigal Amir last Sunday accused Israel's General Security Service (GSS) of murdering one of Yitzhak Rabin's bodyguards immediately after Rabin was shot.

"Why don't you publish that they [the GSS] killed one of Rabin's bodyguards?" Amir shouted to reporters during a remand hearing in Tel Aviv Magistrate's Court, saying that the truth about the assassination would "turn the country upside down."

The exchange fuelled rumors of a wider conspiracy in Rabin's murder, specifically, that authorities killed a Rabin bodyguard who was helping Amir.

Amir said a bodyguard who shouted, "They're dummy bullets!" during the shooting was killed.

Police and the GSS have said it was Amir who shouted "dummy bullets!" during the shooting to put police and bodyguards off guard.

"If the truth gets out," continued Amir, "I have information that can turn the whole country upside down. I can say something that will destroy everything. Until now this whole affair has been a masquerade. The whole system is rotten."

National Crimes Squad chief Dep.-Cmdr. Yoram Rudman dismissed Amir's claims as "total nonsense and drivel," as did other police sources.

A rumor that one of Rabin's bodyguards committed suicide about a week after the assassination has been proven false. The rumor apparently started among right-wing elements and spread to the United States, where it was reported on CNN.

Amir, his brother Haggai, and co-accused Dror Adani will probably be indicted this week.

Judge Dan Arbel asked Amir, who has chosen to represent himself, if he had anything to say.

"I did not think they would start killing people," Amir muttered, and continued talking about the peace agreement.

As he has done before, Arbel cut him off. "You are not the foreign minister," the judge said.

"They are killing people, don't you understand?" a nervous-looking Amir said.

"You are killing people," Arbel replied, remanding Amir for a further four days.

Police also asked for a further eight-day remand for Amir's brother, Haggai, who is suspected of conspiracy to murder, illegal possession of ammunition and explosives, and failing to prevent murder.

Haggai Amir was silent during the proceedings.

After an indictment is presented, police and the District Attorney's Office must show all confidential evidence to the defence.

Rabin's shloshim marked

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — A 200-strong delegation of Jewish leaders from the Diaspora arrived here Monday to mark the 30th day since the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

They were invited by Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Jewish Agency Chair Avraham Burg to participate in the state's *shloshim* memorial ceremony on Tuesday.

Attending from Canada were Harvey Wolfe, incoming president of United Israel Appeal (UIA), Canada; UIA Canada executive director Steve Ain; Julia Koschitzky, chair of Keren Hayesod's board of trustees; and Moshe Ronen, chair of Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario region.

"We need peace and unity in the House of Israel and among the Jewish people," Peres wrote in his invitation to the leaders, who will came from North and South America, Britain, Scandinavia, Western and Eastern Europe, Turkey and South Africa.

"Now is the time for the Jews of the Diaspora to demonstrate their commitment and ability to create a renewed spirit of unity with the Jews of Israel and face the future of the Jewish people together."

Diaspora leaders were scheduled to hold a wreath-laying ceremony at the Mount Herzl graveside and participate in the opening of a photographic exhibit dedicated to Rabin's life and work.

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The Israel Postal Authority released a special memorial stamp to commemorate the shloshim of Yitzhak Rabin. The Postal Authority has never before attempted to release a stamp for the shloshim of any of Israel's leaders or distinguished individuals. For more details on the stamp, see the brief on page 2.

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Bombing suspects arrested

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

BUENOS AIRES — In what may be a breakthrough, Argentine police last week arrested 15 people, including several soldiers, in connection with the bombing of the Jewish communal headquarters in 1994, which killed 86 people.

Among those arrested last Friday were soldiers who, along with the other detainees, were said to have links to terrorist groups.

They include nine sergeants, seven of them on active duty, and several civilians.

Also detained were two former non-commissioned officers discharged for participating in a Dec. 3, 1990, military rebellion.

Judge Juan Jose Galeano, the official in charge of the investigation, ordered more than 50 searches in several areas of greater Buenos Aires, including the Campo de Mayo army base, the largest in Argentina.

Galeano said he was trying to establish the source of the explosives used in the July 18, 1994 bombing, which also left least 300 wounded.

"We caught a gang that sold weapons stolen from the army," Galeano was quoted as telling the Buenos Aires daily *Clarin* last Saturday.

"For the first time, we have a more or less firm lead on the explosives that may have been used in the attack."

Although many arrests have been made in connection with the attack, the suspects were later released and charges dropped. The only person still being held is Carlos Telleldin, charged with selling the van used in the bombing.

The United States and Israel have blamed Iran for the attack and Galeano last year issued a warrant for the arrest of four former Iranian officials. But he dropped the charges after the Supreme Court ruled there was insufficient evidence linking them to the blast.

A source close to the investigation said in an interview that the latest arrests "might be a major breakthrough, a step in the right direction, the key to finding who gave support to the bombers."

Police Commissioner Angel Salguero, who conducted the searches, said the group now under arrest "combines different elements: extreme rightists, drug dealers and traffickers of assault weapons. They are linked to other groups capable of terrorism."

During the searches, police found 75 hand grenades, 110 detonation caps, seven rocket-propelled grenades, 60 blocks of plastic explosives, handguns and more than two pounds of marijuana.

One of the suspects was found in possession of false identifications, including fake police and judiciary officials' badges.

Jewish leaders here and abroad have complained about what they say is the slow pace of the investigation, which has to date provided no satisfactory explanation for the attack.

An earlier attack on the Israeli embassy in Buenos Aires also remains unsolved — a car bombing in March 1992, which killed 29 people and left more than 100 injured.

Austria to compensate survivors

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

NEW YORK — The Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria is encouraging all Jewish Nazi victims in and from Austria to register for claims from a new fund set up by the Austrian government.

Successful claimants will receive a one-time payment of $7,000 (US) each from the National Fund of the Republic of Austria for the Victims of National Socialism.

Austria officially established the $50 million fund June 1 in connection with the 50th anniversary of the re-establishment of the republic.

About 25,000 to 30,000 former Jews of Austria are alive from the World War II period, according to the World Jewish Congress.

WJC executive director Elan Steinberg said the fund was "too little, too late," because the applicants are elderly, some of them over 100.

Although the sum was initially intended as a hardship fund, the Committee for Jewish Claims on Austria "succeeded in persuading the Austrian government to provide a payment to every surviving Austrian Jew," according to committee president Israel Miller.

Miller said even though the committee "is pleased with the establishment of the fund, we continue to press the Austrian government to increase the basic benefit."

Victims are eligibile if they:

- were citizens of Austria and living in Austria as of March 13, 1938;
- had been permanently living in Austria for a period of 10 years as of March 13, 1938, or were born as children of such persons in Austria within that period;
- before March 13, 1938, lost their Austrian citizenship or their place of residence of at least 10 years because they left the country due to the imminent march of the German armed forces into Austria; or
- were born before May 9, 1945, as children of such persons in concentration camps or under comparable circumstances.

Applicants can contact their local Austrian consulate or Austria's embassy in Ottawa.

Applications also can be sent to: Dr. Heinz Fischer, President of the Austrian Nationalrat, Parliament, A-1017, Vienna, Austria.

A MERKAVA SHACHARIT

An Israeli soldier prays in the early dawn outside his Merkava tank as his unit waits for orders to enter south Lebanon. Katyusha rockets fired by Hezbollah guerrillas rained down on the north last week. The IDF retaliated. [RNS photo]

Refusing *get*, domestic violence linked

By JUDITH S. ANTONELLI
The Jewish Advocate

BOSTON — Yechiel Abramov, a Russian who immigrated to Israel and then the United States, was recently convicted by an Illinois court of conspiring to kill his wife, Angela Litvak.

Richard Rosenthal, briefly a member of a Framingham, Mass., synagogue, is accused of killing his wife, Laura Jane Rosenthal, bashing in her face and cutting out her heart and lungs.

N.Y. lawyer Joel Steinberg, in a nationally known case in 1989, abused his wife, Hedda Nussbaum, and beat to death their 6-year-old daughter, Lisa Steinberg.

Yet when Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated by an Israeli Jew on Nov. 4, many Jews and newscasters bemoaned the killing of one Jew by another.

That's a perfect example of the level of denial that still surrounds domestic violence — and its too frequent outcome, domestic homicide — in the Jewish community, said female participants on a panel at the General Assembly of the Council of Jewish Federations, held here late last month.

Evelyn Brook, president of Montreal's Coalition of Jewish Women for the Get and vice-president of the International Coalition for Agunah Rights, spoke about "post-marital abuse."

A man's refusal to grant a *get* (Jewish divorce), as it has been understood over the centuries by rabbis, can give abusive men yet another form of control, she said.

"It is the man who initiates and executes the [divorce] ceremony," Brook said. "Jewish divorce is no-fault, in that there are no arguments or settlements. But the power in the ceremony lies with the husband, and he can forever control the wife.

"What's the difference between that and a man stalking his wife? Nothing."

A battered woman can flee to safety in a shelter, but the *agunah* (a woman denied a *get*) is "shackled to a doorjamb. Everywhere she goes she is an *agunah*," she said.

It is extremely important to obtain the *get* before a civil divorce, said Brook, adding that a man who refuses to give a *get* should be ostracized by his community.

He should not be invited to dinner and his business should be boycotted, she said. He should not be called up to recite the blessing over the Torah, honored at awards dinners, or allowed to serve on the boards of federations, synagogues and Jewish communal organizations, she also said.

Jill Goldberg Reitman of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto described the process used in her community of putting a clause in federation bylaws that prohibits a man from serving on the board if he has refused to give his wife a *get*.

"We need to tell our rabbis that we are prepared to cooperate with them to put the spotlight on the man and not take it off," Brook said. "People will say, 'He's such a good guy. It's not our business.' It is our business. He is not only abusing his wife, he is also misusing Jewish law for evil, evil ends."

"The first thing we need to do is get real about who lifts hands against whom in the Jewish community," said Nancy Schwartz Sternoff of the Baltimore-based Counselling, Helpline & Aid Network for Abused Women, also known as CHANA.

Incidents of domestic abuse greatly increase around Jewish holidays, just as they do for Christians around Thanksgiving and Christmas, she said.

"The food is not good enough, the house is not clean enough, the children are not dressed well enough," Sternoff said, listing common excuses of batterers at Passover and other supposedly "happy" times.

Rabbi Julie Ringold Spitzer, author of the book *Spousal Abuse in Rabbinic and Contemporary Judaism* emphasized that one in five Jews "have some connection to this issue."

She herself thought she had no family history of domestic abuse; yet when her mother read her thesis, tears came to her eyes, and she told Julie that her sister — Julie's aunt — was a survivor of domestic violence.

"Now I know why my 15-year-old cousin came to live with my grandparents," recalled Spitzer, who has spoken on this subject for 13 years.

"Ten years ago I shared statistics and defended them. Today I don't have to defend them because people are more willing to believe them."

Yet statistics are not the point, Spitzer said, quoting the Talmudic adage that to save one life is to save the world.

"There are countless women who can't go to synagogue anymore because their batterer sits on the board. There are women who can't sit at a family seder and listen to their sexual abuser make a blessing over the matzah and maror. For these women, the family, the synagogue and the holidays are unavailable."

When a battered woman leaves her husband, his attempts to control her do not stop, and may even escalate, she said.

PALMACH EULOGY

Leah Rabin embraces Prime Minister Shimon Peres at a ceremony at Yitzhak Rabin's grave honoring the fallen prime minister as a fighter in the Palmach, the pre-state strike force founded in 1941. Hundreds of Palmach veterans gathered at the grave to pay their respects to Rabin, who was a founding member and one of the chief commanders of the Palmach. [RNS photo]

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Netanyahu facing an uphill battle

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

These are not the best of times for Benjamin Netanyahu, the embattled leader of the Likud.

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

Netanyahu faced sharp internal criticism of his leadership skills prior to Yitzhak Rabin's assassination. After the murder, Netanyahu's problems multiplied. Rabin's outspoken widow, Leah, singled him out for having contributed to the climate of verbal violence before the shooting.

Still others charged that Netanyahu had been too closely linked with the forces of extremism, which spawned the likes of Yigal Amir, the confessed murderer.

In the wake of Rabin's funeral, Netanyahu launched a counter-attack, claiming that he had been unfairly impugned and rejecting the charge of collective guilt which had been levelled against the nationalist religious camp by the left.

In a bid to restore confidence in himself, Netanyahu called for a higher level of political discourse and action against "the minority which supports violence and murder."

But his soothing words have had remarkably little effect so far on his popularity. Shimon Peres, Rabin's successor, is riding a wave of sympathy and has pulled considerably ahead of Netanyahu in public opinion polls. Before the assassination, Netanyahu and Rabin were running neck-and-neck.

More importantly, surveys indicate, support for the peace process has risen, as more Israelis reach the sober conclusion that the Oslo accords are too deeply entrenched to be undone.

Netanyahu, having taken the pulse of the electorate, realizes that he cannot win the election in November 1996 unless he convinces Israelis that he is in tune with the mood of the country.

As a result, he is trying to moderate his image from that of a diehard opponent of Oslo to that of a cautious politician who can manage negotiations with the Arabs better than the Labor party.

Netanyahu adopted this seemingly pragmatic approach prior to Rabin's assassination, and observers expect him to highlight it in next year's election campaign.

No longer is Netanyahu threatening to suspend, much less scuttle, the Oslo accords. Instead, he is implying that he may not honor the Labor party's obligations to the Palestinians should the PLO breach the terms of its agreements with Israel. Moreover, Netanyahu has stopped saying that he will not negotiate with PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat, whom he nevertheless regards as a terrorist.

Despite the change of tone, Netanyahu's vision of peace with the Palestinians remains strongly rooted in Likud ideology.

He offers them extremely limited autonomy, without territorial contiguity. He believes that the Israeli army should retain ultimate responsibility for security throughout the West Bank, and he favors the construction of new settlements and the expansion of existing ones in Judea and Samaria.

Rabin was contemptuous of Netanyahu's proposals, describing them as "a joke." Certainly, the PLO — Israel's negotiating partner — would perceive them as totally unacceptable and as an unmistakable sign that the Likud was trying to freeze the peace process in its tracks.

Benjamin Netanyahu

As the election draws closer, Netanyahu is also expected to reiterate his claim that the government's slim majority in the Knesset is based on "the representatives of the PLO."

By that, he is referring to the Labor party's so-called "blocking" majority, composed of Israeli Arab members of the Knesset who unequivocably back the peace process.

Israeli Arabs, as well as Jewish liberals, widely believe that Netanyahu is sowing the seeds of racism by openly questioning the loyalty and integrity of Israel's Arab citizens. Netanyahu, for his part, denies that his statements are divisive.

Netanyahu, however, has more pressing problems on his plate. The Likud is riven by divisions and personal rivalries. Ariel Sharon, for example, has declared his candidacy for the prime ministership (Israelis, in 1996, will be able to choose the prime minister in direct elections).

And much to Netanyahu's chagrin, Rafael Eitan, the head of the right-wing Tsomet party, and David Levy, who left the Likud in a huff to form his own party, have also expressed an interest in the job. With Sharon, Eitan and Levy in the race, Netanyahu's chances of defeating Peres may evaporate.

Peres, meanwhile, is cutting into Netanyahu's natural constituency by trying to convince Israelis that he is as security minded as the late Rabin.

At the moment, Netanyahu faces an uphill battle to beat Peres. But his fortunes may brighten if a major act of Arab terrorism occurs on the eve of the election. This would harden opinion and give Netanyahu a reasonable opportunity of winning.

The Week in Israel

Nov. 27

• The leadership of the National Religious Party was sharply divided in the wake of the announcement by its chair Zevulun Hammer that the party should come to terms with and support the Oslo agreements.

• The Bank of Israel announced that it will not raise the interest rate in the month of December.

Nov. 28

• *Ha'aretz* reported Egypt has indicated to the countries involved that it wants them to start planning a phased withdrawal of the multilateral force stationed in the Sinai.

• At the economic development meeting in Barcelona, Tunisia's foreign minister, Habib ben-Yehiye, promised Ehud Barak that his country would soon send its diplomatic representative to Israel.

Nov. 29

• *Ma'ariv* reported that the Central Elections Committee may require David Levi to submit anew the 100,000 signatures which accompanied his official declaration for the forming of a new political party. After an investigation, the committee found that certain required procedures had not been followed by the Levy camp.

Nov. 30

• Two border policemen were kidnapped by Black Panther vigilantes of Fatah in Jenin. The kidnappers took the hostages to a nearby refugee camp after IDF security forces captured one of their leaders, Samir Zakarneh. The hostages were released after Israeli and Palestinian authorities interceded.

• Rabbi Eliezer Melamed, secretary of the Rabbinic Council of Yesha, was brought in to the national police office in Petach Tikvah for questioning arising from a statement he allegedly made accusing the government of being "partners in murder." He was released the same day without conditions.

Dec. 1

• Two soldiers were injured, one seriously, by Hezbollah rocketfire in south Lebanon.

JERUSALEM 3000 EVENTS

• Six hundred people were expected to attend the 43rd International Congress of UIPGH "Clefs D'or" in Jerusalem.

Arms purchase 'a lie'

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Russian defence minister Pavel Grachev last Sunday angrily denied a report that Moscow had agreed to buy weapons from Israel.

"This is a complete lie," Grachev said during a tour of military bases in Israel's north.

Grachev, speaking two days after he signed a memorandum of understanding on defence cooperation with Israel, was referring to a broadcast on Israel Radio's Russian service that Moscow planned to buy missiles and tanks from Israel.

"I must say that this broadcast was not friendly and did damage," Grachev said.

He maintained that Russia and Israel did not sign any secret agreements or additional documents, other than last Friday's two-year defence accord. He said both countries will explore cooperation, but have not committed to anything specific.

"There are interests, but there is no formal agreement," said Grachev. "We want to cooperate with all the countries in the region and not only with traditional partners. We would like to start cooperation for the specific purpose of consolidating real peace in the region."

A Russian defence source said that despite appeals by Prime Minister Shimon Peres, Moscow is determined to proceed with the sale of nuclear reactors to Iran.

The source, who is accompanying Grachev, said Russia will ensure that Teheran uses nuclear technology for civilian purposes, similar to the United States' effort to curb North Korea's nuclear program.

Babes in arms?

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — He can't yet walk, but he's already been called up by Israel's army for reserve duty — as a driver.

For eight-month-old Elihu Ben-Shoshan, crawling is more his speed these days, preferably with a pacifier planted firmly in his mouth.

Nevertheless, an Israel Defence Force order recently arrived in the mail at his Carmiel home, ordering the baby to show up for duty as a driver in a month.

"I burst out laughing, I couldn't believe it," his mother Michal Ben-Shoshan told the Israeli daily *Yediot Achronot*. "What, they've started drafting babies into the army?"

The IDF explained that thousands of similar orders are issued every week and that mistakes sometimes occur.

Poverty growing

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — One in eight Israelis lived below the poverty line in 1994, the National Insurance Institute announced last week.

According to the institute, 671,500 people lived under the poverty line — defined as those with a monthly income of less than $780 (US). Roughly 42 per cent of them were children.

The statistics showed that 23,000 more people lived in poverty than in the previous year.

Labor and Social Welfare Minister Ora Namir said government policy had failed to reduce the number of poor.

She added that a program she initiated last year to fight poverty had only a "marginal" impact.

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Those on your gift list with an interest in dance will enjoy *Modern Ballroom Dancing* by Victor Silvester, a book that provides a complete guide to the theory and practice of ballroom dancing. Each dance is described, detailed and illustrated with clear diagrams of the steps. Perfect for would-be ballroom dancers.

Aspiring ballerinas will want to read *Step-By-Step Ballet Class* by the Royal Academy of Dancing. From the basic positions of the feet, to exercises for the most advanced grades, the guide to ballet is a great reference for anyone with an interest in learning the art.

History buffs should receive *A Historical Atlas of the Jewish People From the Time of the Patriarchs to the Present*, edited by Eli Barnavi. With hundreds of maps, photographs and drawings, accompanied by chronologies and commentaries, it is a book for everyone interested in the history of our people.

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A World War II story with a different twist, is *When The Stars Went to War* by Roy Hoopes. In it, hundreds of movie stars tell not only of the pictures they made out of the war bond tours, but also of their personal experiences, life in Hollywood, their romances and the combat some of them saw.

Chanukah is not the time of year to get out into the garden and start digging, but the gardeners among us can dream of warmer days while browsing through such books as *The Canadian Gardener's Guide to Foliage* and *Garden Design* by Marjorie Harris. Filled with photographs of some of the most beautiful gardens across Canada, the book delivers a wealth of information on the key to gardening artistry — good design. *The Canadian Gardener's Year*, also by Harris, is a diary for the gardener with advice on how to plan and maintain a healthy, attractive garden.

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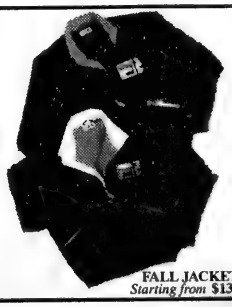

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Cookbook's eclectic recipes delight vegans, carnivores

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

A cookbook is an ideal gift. It never goes stale, it has an indefinite shelf life and it brings enormous pleasure.

The latest cookbooks to roll off the presses satisfy virtually every taste and palate:

•*The Arabian Delights Cookbook* (Fitzhenry & Whiteside, $20.95)is tailor-made for readers who place a high value on Middle Eastern dishes.

Anne Marie Weiss-Armush, the author, ranges far and wide. From salads and soups to meat and poultry, her eclectic recipes hit the right note.

•*Food of the Sun: A Fresh Look At Mediterranean Cooking* (Raincoast Books, $29.95) is a handsomely-illustrated primer on the foods of the Middle East, North Africa and Greece.

Alastair Little and Richard Whittington provide the text and the recipes, while David Gill and Alison Baratt serve up the photographs and drawings.

•*The Vegetarian Table: France* (Raincoast Books, $26.95) celebrates the cuisine of the countryside.

Georgeanne Brennan's recipes run the gamut from appetizers to entrees and are based on seasonal ingredients. With her book, you, too, can add a French touch to your repertoire.

•*Vegetables* (Raincoast Books, $12.95) is a vegetarian's delight, though carnivores will also enjoy it. Lisa Lintner's offerings, from chilled Thai avocado soup to snow pea salad with hazelnut dressing, sound positively mouth watering.

Tasty Indian, Thai, Malaysian curries

•*Diane Clement at the Tomato* (Raincoast Books, $14.95) is admittedly an odd title for a book. But wait. It's well worth a good perusal.

Clement, a partner in Vancouver's Tomato Fresh Food Cafe, is a fount of knowledge when it comes to low-fat haute cuisine. Examine her inventive recipes — all 110 — and you'll understand why her restaurant is so popular.

•*The Complete Seafood Cookbook* (Raincoast Books, $39.95) is precisely that. Bettina Jenkins' tome, replete with bright photographs, is the last word on the topic.

•*In & Out of the Kitchen* (Raincoast Books, $25) is expressly written for a person who doesn't want to spend more than 15 minutes making a presentable meal.

If you think that's an impossible task, read Anne Willan's recipes for starters and snacks, speedy salads, light lunches, main courses and desserts.

•*The Curry Cookbook* (Raincoast Books, $19.95) introduces a novice to the manifold delights of Indian, Thai and Malaysian curry.

Your teachers are Charmaine and Reuben Solomon, who have spent a lifetime immersing themselves in the subject.

•*A Taste of Indochina* (Raincoast Books, $29.95) distills the aromatic flavors of Thailand, Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia.

Beautifully illustrated, and written by Jan Castorina and Dimitra Stais, this attractive book is sure to please.

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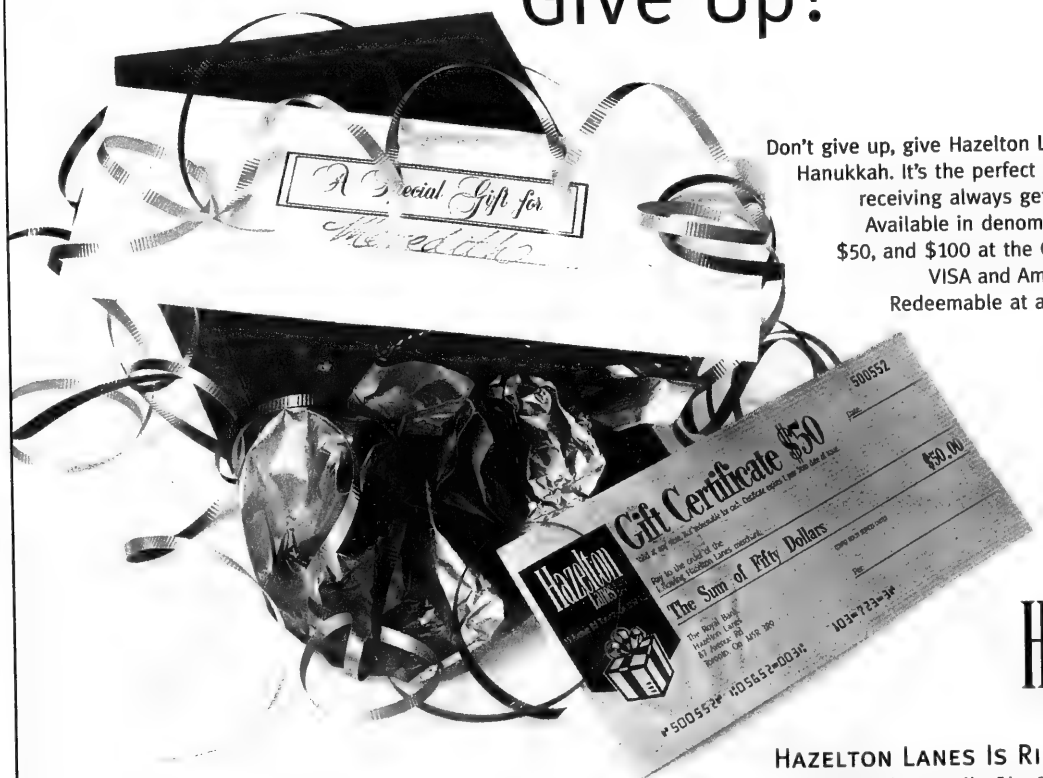

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Gadzooks! Zots are cool

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

Looking for something a little out of the ordinary for the young people or the young at heart in your lives? Zibbers Inc., distributor of a vast array of gift items, is sure to have what you want.

Little ones will keep busy for hours with Toobers & Zots, a large-scale construction toy made out of colorful foam. The Toobers, named for the two-inch to four feet long foam tubes, bend easily into any shape imaginable. The Zots are an assortment of shapes such as stars, circles, squares, triangles, donuts, crowns that go with the Toobers like beads. Try and put them away!

The Levitron is an anti-gravity top that is sure to awe both kids and adults. Without using any string, wires or electricity, the top, when spun properly, actually floats in mid-air. Budding scientists will discover that the Levitron is able to levitate in mid-air by harnessing the lifting power produced by two opposed permanent magnets and is stabilized in space by using the gyroscope effect, which spinning produces. The American Association of Physics Teachers has called it a great toy. Not many toys can boast that rating.

Another educational gift is the Pet Plant, a plant that grows in a 'magic gel.' Great for all ages, the plant comes complete with package of seeds, seed planter, growth chamber, magic gel, birth certificate and free club membership. The non-toxic gel contains everything the plant needs to live and grow and the plants come in 32 varieties and five fluorescent colors.

Families will get into the mood for fishing with Fishin' Time, a family game for ages six and up. Players manoeuvre their fishing boat onto a fishing spot and try to catch a fish (draw a card). The card indicates the weight of the fish, so the player who catches the most pounds of fish in a designated time wins the game. Great game for a rainy cottage day.

In Master Magician, by Sandy Ransford, kids ages 8 to 14 learn the secrets of staging a magic show that will leave their friends begging for more. Included in the kit are a top hat, silk scarf, magic wand, pack of cards and a false thumb as well as all the props needed for magic coins, balls that disappear and tricks with ropes and rings.

Dolls Kids Can Make, by Sheila McGraw, is a book that shows kids how to make dolls for themselves, personalize them for friends and develop an appreciation of the craft of dollmaking. Included are ornaments to create soft crib toys or Little Red Riding Hood and Big Bad Wolf dolls.

Directory lists stores, services for children

By JOSEPH SERGE
CJN Supplements Editor

Help!...We've Got Kids makes an excellent gift for anyone who has children.

This 190-page book contains over 1,260 listings of stores and services geared towards children. Four hundred listings are all new and the rest have been updated since the last edition published last year.

Among the categories are hotlines, amusement centres, birthday party places, bookstores, photographers, festivals, parks, sports and recreation centres and a host of others.

The two authors, Elisa Morton Palter and Shari Wert, both parents of young children, found when they moved to Toronto a few years ago, there was no place to gain access to information about places providing services for children.

"There's always the Yellow Pages," Palter said in an interview, "but a lot of places don't advertise in them." That's why she and Wert decided to publish this directory. Their first edition published last year sold 14,000 copies in just three weeks.

Palter frequently drives up and down the city's streets looking for any new places that may have opened, to include in her next edition. She also asks readers to call her up (444-7678) if they know of any places not mentioned in this directory.

The listings in the book are not paid for, so stores are not left out if they are unable to pay. All the stores and services in this directory are in the Greater Toronto Area.

There are valuable coupons in the back and a handy index to make it easier for you to find what you're looking for. All in all a wonderful gift for any parent.

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Holiday Gifts

These children's books should keep parents happy

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Nearly everyone agrees that, theoretically, books are the perfect Chanukah gift for children — they are educational, inspirational, and, theoretically again, entertaining.

The problem is that very often, you have to choose between books that adults approve of and those that kids do.

Four books that should make everyone happy are *How Tzipi the Bird Got Her Wings*,(1995) and *Abraham's Great Discovery* (1991), both by Bernard Zlotowitz and Dina Maiben, published by NightinGale Resources; and two new Canadian works, *Just Stay Put; a Chelm story* retold and illustrated by Gary Clement (Douglas & McIntyre, 1995) and *The White Stone in the Castle Wall*, by Sheldon Oberman (Tundra, 1995).

How Tzipi the Bird Got Her Wings is a lush, beautifully illustrated and touching account of a lonely little bird who, because she had no wings, could not fly down to play with the other animals.

All the animals are having such a good time in the garden of Eden that they think they are too important, or too busy to keep it clean.

Only Tzipi is willing to help G-d, and for her goodness, is rewarded.

The colors are rich oranges, reds, purples, greens and blues, and the whole book is a genuine delight.

By the same authors, *Abraham's Great Discovery* tells the story of the patriarch Abraham as a little boy, trying to figure out where G-d is, if He is not in the statues and idols that his father has made.

The black and white sketches convey the feeling of an ancient city, and the idols have suitably snobby expressions.

Eventally it is in nature and the goodness of human beings that he finds G-d — "God is the love we know and the warmth we feel/ God is the kindness and the sweetness we enjoy."

Just Stay Put is a retelling of a well-known tale of the silly citizens of Chelm. Mendel, a poor Chelmite, dreams of visiting Warsaw, the glamorous (to him) big city. When he can no longer stand his mundane existence, he takes off for Warsaw — only to discover that it is exactly the same as Chelm.

(No, I am not going to spoil your fun in finding out how that comes to be the case.)

Kids will enjoy the well-told ridiculousness of the story, and the well-done pictures. Adults will appreciate the echoes of Chagall in the artwork.

Bet you didn't know that in the huge wall surrounding Toronto's Casa Loma there is one white stone. Well-known author Sheldon Oberman has invented a moving story about how it got there, managing to paint a picture of the vast economic and social differences there were in Toronto's prewar society, without descending into mawkishness.

The illustrations, by Les Tait, are based on buildings that are still standing in the city, including Cabbagetown streetscapes and the Yorkville fire station.

The legendary Henry Pellatt emerges as a sympathetic and understanding charactor — traits that one doesn't necessarily associate with his public personna.

Illustrations from How Tzipi the Bird Got Her Wings (l) and The White Stone in the Castle Wall (r).

At Home In Canada opens interesting doors

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

Nicole Eaton and Hilary Weston open some rather interesting doors in *At Home In Canada* (Penguin Books. $55), their rather handsome coffee-table book.

With the able assistance of photographer Joy von Tiedemann, the two ladies celebrate the diverse, sometimes surprising, ways in which Canadians of means live.

Altogether, we're ushered into 23 homes, from Mordecai Richler's stately cottage overlooking Lake Memphremagog in Quebec's Eastern Townships to Rosalie and Isadore Sharp's exquisite sukkah in a Toronto ravine.

One of Canada's most accomplished men of letters, Richler works and entertains in the cosy home he shares with spouse Florence.

He is seen in his study, mulling over his electric typewriter, and in his rec room, contemplating a snooker table. A photo of Richler's wife, cutting herbs on the porch outside her kitchen, graces the last page of the Richler segment.

The chapter devoted to the Sharps, who are in the hotel business, turns on their sukkah, which is described as "an elegant conservatory floating among ... trees."

The Sharps — ranging from Isadore to his grandchildren — are portrayed as a close-knit family true to Jewish traditions.

At Home In Canada, the kind of book you can peruse endlessly, lends itself well as a gift to someone who appreciates architecture and interior decorating.

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Broadcaster pays dues en route to Panthers perch

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Back when he was growing up in the 1960s in Toronto, Jeff Rimer was like most kids his age — a hockey nut.

He watched the game on TV, followed every player move, lived and died with the Maple Leafs. He fondly remembers how Leafs great Frank Mahovlich used to sneak him into Maple Leaf Gardens to watch the morning skate and would buy him a Coke and give him a souvenir stick as well.

His late father, an immigrant to Canada who grew exasperated by the devotion Jeff gave the sport, "was always on me about watching too much hockey," Rimer recalled. "He always said, 'Is Frank Mahovlich going to give you a job?' "

Well, not exactly, but close.

Unlike most kids who have to put their love of sport on the backburner while they go out and get a real job, Rimer has parlayed his love of the game into a hockey-related career.

Jeff Rimer

At 44, Rimer is the voice of the Florida Panthers, the team's play-by-play man on the Sunshine (television) Network.

Rimer feels he's got the best of two worlds, earning a living by broadcasting games developed in the frozen north, while living in the palmed splendor of the summery south.

"To me it's not work, it's a job I enjoy. How many people get to say they enjoy their work?" Rimer said.

Rimer's resume suggests he's paid his dues getting to his plum position.

At 15, Rimer moved to Calgary and attended Mount Royal College, where he studied broadcasting.

He worked part time in radio and TV and hosted a sports talk show on a local cable station.

"I just knew this is the business I wanted to be in," he said.

From Calgary he moved to Lethbridge, where he became a jack-of-all-trades, doing the TV news, weather and sports at night and radio sports at other times.

After a year learning the business, he was recruited to the CBC's Edmonton office.

In 1976, he got a big break when he was assigned to broadcast the CBC's gymnastics coverage at the Montreal Olympics.

The exposure helped Rimer develop new contacts and with his wife Ferrel, a Los Angeles native, the couple moved to Southern California.

For a time, Rimer tried his hand at freelance work in Los Angeles, but he grew anxious at the lack of full-time employment. He then accepted a job working with Dick Irvin at CFCF in Montreal. There he hosted Expos and Canadiens games, as well as some radio talk shows.

In 1984, the former manager of CFCF enticed Rimer to Baltimore, where he spent 10 years as sports director of WBAL Radio. During that time, he joined the Washington Capitals' broadcast team, in a round-about sort of way.

Larry King (yes, *that* Larry King) used to host Caps' hockey and conduct interviews. One day, "he literally handed me the mike and introduced me as the new host" of the show, without consulting the station's management, Rimer said.

Management evidently liked what they saw, and Rimer spent about 10 years as play-by-play man with the Caps.

With expansion to Florida, Rimer moved down to the Sunshine State. "I felt it was a great opportunity to work with an expansion team and a great organization," he said.

Teamed with color commentator Denis Potvin, the former Islander great, the pair provide exciting and erudite coverage.

Despite suggestions the Panthers are for sale, Rimer believes Florida is a great hockey market with lots of potential, thanks to the many transplanted northerners who reside there.

"I'd feel a lot better here if I knew the team was going to stay. I definitely feel they are going to stay. I think something will be worked out, " he said.

In their third season, the Panthers are making great strides on the ice. "The Panthers will continue to surprise more people. This team is for real. As well as they've played in the past, I think they're a playoff team," he said.

Meanwhile, unlike his late father, he's encouraging his 17-year-old son, Josh, to make broadcasting a career. Josh already works as the floor director in the intermission studio at Panthers games. If only his grandfather could see them now.

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Bowler snags title

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL – Question: where does the best female tenpin bowler in the world live?

The answer: Montreal. Debby Ship of Cote St. Luc returned from the 13th world tenpin championships in Reno, Nevada after beating out some 250 other women from over 60 countries, including Israel.

Ship set a women's world single record with a six-game total score of 1,318.

"It still hasn't sunk in," says Ship, 35, who lives in Cote St. Luc and has been bowling seriously for about a decade. "I finished way beyond my expectations."

Ship, a gold medal veteran of the Maccabiah Games, went to Reno as a member of the six-man and six-women Canadian national team.

She carried back not only the world crown, but also the eight bowling balls (she owns 30!) she shleps with her to tournaments (and which cost her excess baggage charges).

Each ball is weighted and drilled differently to accommodate the subtle variations that can affect the movement of a bowling ball down a lane – including the type of oil used to leave that gleaming lustre on the surface.

That is what a lot of people still don't understand about bowling, says Ship. Outside the bowling world, her feat went almost unnoticed, at least in the local printed press. To many, the sport still conjures up a blue-collar image of beer guts or a B'nai Brith boys' night out.

But in fact, said Ship, who bowls right-handed, tenpin bowling takes fitness, discipline, timing, a positive attitude, technique and above all mental focus.

"Besides hand-eye coordination, you need strong arms and strong legs," she says. "It's a technical sport more than anything else."

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Much music a holiday treat

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

Music has to be one of the most appreciated — and long-lasting — gifts there can be, not only for children at this Chanukah season, but for adults anytime.

We enjoy music not only for its own sake (and both the tapes in this review are exceptionally good to listen to), but to bring back the good times of the past. Which is not a bad thing at all.

Just in Time for Chanukah is a beautifully done tape by singers Margie Rosenthal and Ilene Safyan of Portland, Ore. They have lovely voices, which is not always a given in children's music, and they have chosen their material well.

Traditional versions of such songs as *O Chanukah, Mi Yimaliel* and *Mo'az Tsur* will have everyone singing along, and are great to introduce well-known Chanukah songs to a new generation.

They have also chosen new melodies, a touching *Yodim Atem*, a bouncing *Eight Candles* and *Take a Potato* that will surely have younger children singing the verse "Take a potato pat, pat, pat/Fry it in a pan with fat, fat fat" over and over.

I especially liked *The Ballad of Judah Maccabee*, where the story of Chanukah is set to a country and western beat.

The popular neo-Klezmer group Tzimmes has done it again. Their superb tape *Sweet and Hot* of a few years ago has been followed recently by a CD, *A Lid for Every Pot*, and it's every bit as good.

The team of Yona Bar-Sever, Moshe Denburg, Myrna Rabinowitz and Julian Siegel combine the well-known with original in a combination that makes you try to figure out how to get to the next piece as quickly as you can while still savoring the tune you are listening to.

There is a moving *Oyfn Pripetshik*, a sparkling *Yome Yome*, which tells the story of a father trying to figure out how to make his daughter happy — until he figures out that what she wants is a husband — and a new (to me) Yiddish tune *Tayere Malkele*.

Ladino, Yiddish, Hebrew, Klezmer — the combination is delightful.

Listen especially to *Rachav Hayam*, Hebrew lyrics by Moshe Denburg and Simon Ophir set to the traditional folk tune *O Waly*.

Just in Time for Chanukah and *A Lid for Every Pot* are available in Jewish book stores.

The cover of the Just in Time for Chanukah album.

Nostalgic songs help while away the hours

By SHELDON KIRSHNER
CJN Staff Reporter

The holiday season is as fine a time as any to sit back, relax and listen to good old-fashioned Jewish songs in Hebrew.

If you're like me, you'll be carried away on a cloud of joy by these mostly familiar melodies, now available on four new cassettes.

The tapes in question, produced by Intersound International of Scarborough, Ont., are entitled *Horas & More, To Life — Le Chaim! Party Favorites* and *Let's Dance*.

The nostalgic and infectious songs are performed by a group called David & The High Spirit, which acquits itself respectfully.

Ranging far and wide, they run the gamut from *Dayenu* and *Bashanah* to *Eretz Eretz* and *Avinu Malkeinu*.

Klezmer tunes and Spanish-accented music interpreted in Israeli style are thrown in for good measure.

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Shohat, Peres At Odds

JERUSALEM– Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres was to meet late last week with Finance Minister Avraham Shohat to review the Defence Ministry's financial needs for next year.

Calling the meeting "critical" and hinting at a possible confrontation, Shohat said Peres, who's also Defence Minister, should realize as former finance minister that Israel's power lies primarily in a sound economy.

Shohat said he hopes Peres will know how to strike "the right balance " between economic and military needs.

IKEA Furnishes Israel

LOS ANGELES – IKEA, the popular Scandinavian-based furniture company, has decided to enter the Israel market.

Last year the Simon Wiesenthal Center investigated IKEA's corporate policies after reports that the company founder and chairman, Ingvar Kamprad, was associated with Sweden's fascist movement in the post World War II years.

IKEA was also investigated for possible complicity in the Arab economic boycott of Israel.

Bank Optimistic

TELAVIV – The economic growth which has characterized Israel since 1990 is expected to continue, experts at Bank Hapoalim say.

Rafi Ben-Ami, chief representative for the bank in Canada, said the bank expressed confidence in the ongoing momentum of economic development at a rate of 5 to 6 per cent of GDP annualy.

The peace process, the wave of Soviet immigration, economic reforms,d technological developments and former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin's policies all contributed to the economy's boost.

Honor For Canadian

TORONTO – David Eisenstadt, founding partner of The Communications Group Inc. of Toronto, has been elected into the Public Relations Society of America's College of Fellows.

Eisenstadt is only the second Canadian to receive this honor. The College of Fellows has 292 members.

David Eisenstadt

Textile designs finding niche

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — When Tandy Zeisler was unable to find the type of clothing she wanted for her children in stores she started making the clothing herself. She enjoyed this creative outlet so much she ended up leaving a business administration career.

Zeisler enrolled in an interior design course, but when she began decorating homes she couldn't find the bedding she was looking for. Two years ago she took a silkscreening course and began creating her own fabrics.

Today the mother of three heads Home & Company, her own textile design company, which she runs out of her Thornhill home.

She uses natural and non-toxic material for her product line which includes hand-painted or handscreened bedding, drapery, floor cloths, pillows, throw cushions, chair pads, furniture, picture frames and children's furnishings.

She also paints children's clothing, silk and cotton vests for adults, wall murals and she continues to do decorating.

This month was a milestone for Ziesler. She started designing for a major bedding manufacturer. "I was very excited," she said. "I approached them a year ago. They finally had work for me to do. I'm hoping they'll eventually buy my designs."

Her work appeals to people who want something different, Zeisler said. "I like to create things that you're not going to find anywhere else. People want different bedding, especially for their children. They like the fact that they can have input into the design and colors."

Home & Company's children's bedding — there are prints of jungle animals, ballerinas, cowboys, construction equipment and other children's themes — can be found at stores that sell children's furniture such as The Bunk House, Frankel's Fine Furniture and A Room of My Own.

Zeisler also sells her products to Perkins and Pape, the Arts on King and at gift shows. This year she landed a booth at the One of a Kind Show now running at Exhibition Place .

She started marketing her products at craft shows 1½ years ago and within six months she was practically selling out at all the craft shows she attended.

One of her big sellers is her hand-painted children's denim jacket, she said. "I can't stop painting jean jackets. They're in such big demand that I have people on a waiting list."

Zeisler plans to expand into the American market — she started attending trade shows in the United States — and she's also eyeing the licensing market, she said.

She also wants to increase production, she said. "I know it could be a bigger business. It's still a cottage industry [and] everything could be automated easily."

Right now she does all her work on what she describes as a "simple" silk screen light table, but she plans to change her equipment when she moves to a commercial space early in 1996; she's outgrown her home studio, she explained.

In a perfect world Zeisler would leave the marketing and production to a partner and she would just attend to the creative end of the business, she said. "I'd be thrilled never to leave here and just keep designing and painting. The most gratifying thing is seeing something in my mind and being able to make it.

Flying Chanukah Fest

On Sunday Dec.10 centuries-old music is brought to life to celebrate Chanukah by Toronto's Juno-nominated Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band led by trumpet player David Buchbinder.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

Beam Me Up, Hershie: DLZ Media, a publishing house in Oregon, is about to release the first issue of an intended quarterly series of Jewish science fiction books called *The Stars of David.*

According to editor D. J. Kessler, the series will be going far beyond a short story anthology or anything else in this subgenre published in the past.

"Not since Jack Dann's *Wandering Stars* in 1974 and his follow-up sequel, *More Wandering Stars*, in 1981, with introductions by Isaac Asimov, has anything come along with such a fresh and bold approach," Kessler said. "We've asked our authors to let their minds soar into the future, answering the question, 'What possibilities might develop for the Jewish community?' "

One story in the first volume is *Can Androids Be Jewish?* by Joe Sampliner. In it, Josh Kominski, a university professor from one of Earth's colonies, becomes the manager of a mining outpost run by 4,900 androids who convert to Judaism.

Another story, *Miriam's World*, by Sol Weiss, focuses on Captain Ben Goldberg and the IDF's frontier fleet, as an alien force attacks the Israeli frontier some 20,000 light years from Earth and some 900 years in the future.

Planned stories include *A Time Travelling Kibitzer*, in which a time-travelling rabbi anonymously visits his Jewish relatives in the past, and *Aliyah to the Stars*, in which three American families rediscover their Jewish roots and head for Israeli colonies in space.

The book (roughly 400 pages) is $15 US if ordered before Dec. 15 (otherwise $18 US). The series is rated PG (parental guidance) and contains no graphic violence, sexual content or obscenity. Write DLZ Media, 2300 Oakmount Way, Suite 205A, Eugene Ore. 97401, or phone 1-800-497-7568.

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Violinist at Holy Blossom: In a change from the usual evening format, the Holy Blossom Temple's Musical Heritage Series showcases Jacques Israelievitch, the outstanding concertmaster of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, in an afternoon concert.

Israelievitch has appeared as a soloist around the world, and was knighted by the French government last year. Sunday Dec. 10, 3 p.m., 1950 Bathurst Street, Toronto. Tickets (adults, $15) available at the door, or call 416-789-3291, ext. 503.

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Pope Wins Jewish Award: A representative of Pope John Paul II accepted an award in Boston last month for extraordinary contribution to the historic dialogue between Jews and Catholics.

The Pope received the 1995 National Jewish Book Award for the book *Spiritual Pilgrimage: Texts on Jews and Judaism, 1979-1995*, which presents his various writings, homilies and speeches on the importance of Judaism and the Jewish people.

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Narayever Singers: The Narayever Community Singers, under the direction of Toronto musician Brian Katz, have been celebrating the rich diversity of Jewish music since 1991, when a group from the Narayever Synagogue (an egalitarian congregation on Brunswick Avenue in Toronto), first assembled. The choir is seeking new members. It meets Thursday evenings, 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., except the first Thursday of the month. 416-656-5995.

Katz and Allan Merovitz, lead vocalist of the Flying Bulgar Klezmer Band, perform their *hartzedike lieder* (heart songs) at the Mezzetta Cafe Restaurant, 681 St. Clair Ave. W. at Christie, Wed. Dec 13, with sets at 9:15 and 10:30. This is their last Toronto performance before their second European tour.

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In Brief: Hot bedcovers by 10 cool artists are the subject of A Cold Winter's Night at the York Quay Gallery, Harborfront, Toronto, Dec. 8 to Jan. 7.

Paul Brodie, saxophone, and Glen Montgomery, piano, perform From Ragtime to Bernstein, featuring the works of Milhaud, Srul Irving Glick, Berlin, Joplin, Rodgers, Arlen, Gershwin and others. Sat. Dec. 2, 8 p.m. Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, North York.

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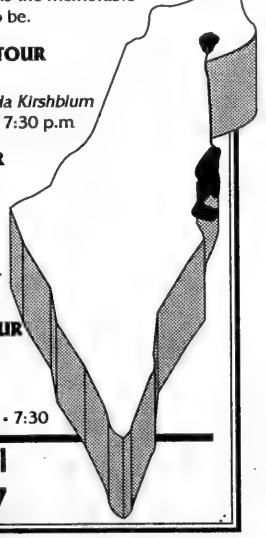

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Business Profile

Furniture firm's customers get 'wow' service

IKOR sales boom 1,275 per cent in five years

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Igor Korenzvit doesn't have a magic formula to account for the success of his upscale office furniture business. In fact, the idea of such a recipe is anathema to him.

"The business environment is changing very quickly. You have to be on top of it, and if you're very good, a step ahead," said the 49-year-old president of IKOR Integrated Facilities Inc. "The things that worked for us a year ago, or even six months ago, don't work any more."

Judging by the company's elegantly appointed 14,000-square-foot showroom on Lawrence Avenue West, Korenzvit has continued to find out what works.

IKOR's 1994 sales of $11.6 million — an increase of 1,275 per cent over the previous five years — are all the more remarkable given the decline of the furniture market in North America over the same period, its worst in recent memory.

In the Toronto area, industry sales plummeted from $300 million in 1989 to $160 million in 1994.

IKOR's clients over that period included major corporations and financial institutions. Their largest project was a $3.2-million installation completed in 1993.

That year IKOR ranked 13th on the Profit 100 list of fastest growing Canadian companies. In 1995 it ranked 53rd. What's significant, Korenzvit pointed out, is that IKOR was the only furniture company on the list.

When he started his business 11 years ago, Korenzvit worked alone out of part of a 120-square-foot room not far from his present location.

Bonnie, his wife of 20 years and IKOR's vice-president, joined him early on.

Korenzvit attributes their "unusual and successful" business relationship to their having separate responsibilities and complete trust. "We definitely would not have a business of this size if both of us were not participating," he said.

Today IKOR has 15 full-time employees and up to 20 people working on installations. The company represents about 60 manufacturers, the majority of which are American.

Because of Canada's free trade agreement with the United States, American furniture has become more affordable in Canada. Many Canadian furniture companies could not compete, Korenzvit explained. Before the agreement came into effect, duty charged on American furniture was as high as 25 per cent, he said.

Although he has no formal business training, Korenzvit feels the structured education he received in his native Kiev has served him well. A graduate of Kiev Polytechnical University, he holds master's degrees in both mechanical and electrical engineering.

He immigrated to Canada in 1973 and worked as a junior engineer for one year before landing an intermediate and then a senior engineering position in the corporate world.

After a two-year stint with a local furniture dealer, where he was able to use his expertise in facilities planning, Korenzvit decided to open his own business.

Igor Korenzvit, president of IKOR Integrated Facilities Inc., had sales of $11.6 million in 1994. [Barry Shainbaum photo]

From the beginning, he has eschewed advertising, relying solely on word of mouth. "I think if people buy because they see your big ad, there's no loyalty to the person they're buying from."

Korenzvit does his best to ensure that loyalty isn't a one-way street. Posted above his desk are The 10 Commandments of IKOR, a copy of which has been distributed to each employee. Each rule is a reminder of how to treat clients well and why this is important.

Korenzvit's policy is to make each client feel like the only customer, and he's made a point of hiring like-minded employees. He believes in giving people more than they expect, a notion he describes as "wow" service.

But the high quality and esthetic appeal of IKOR's furniture is equally important. A number of the pieces can be found in New York's Museum of Modern Art.

Eye-catching bentwood chairs, sleek tables and a striking European-designed table thermometer resembling a liquid-filled sculpture are among the items combining function and beauty.

"When I see nice furniture, for me it's like looking at a nice painting," said Korenzvit.

"I don't feel I would be able to give good service without good quality and good design furniture. [We offer] very good service for a very good price."

His prices might seem steep to the uninitiated: $350 would be the minimum for a good desk chair, Korenzvit advised.

His own chair — made by the American-owned company Knoll — is in the $600 range.

Rolling backwards in the chair to demonstrate its features, Korenzvit noted that although more expensive chairs are available, "in comfort, this is as good as they come."

His chair seat can be raised or lowered at the touch of a button, as can the back which has a lumbar support to minimize muscle strain. The back can also be tilted backwards or forwards. Unlike lower-priced chairs, this one features only a minimal upward seat tilt when the back is tilted backwards. Even the casters are specially designed so as not to mar the carpets.

Anyone who says a good chair is too expensive is "missing the boat," according to Korenzvit. If a chair is not comfortable, not only will it need to be replaced sooner, but the person using it will take more frequent breaks, he explained. The cost of new furniture would be made up in increased efficiency, he said.

Most aspects of Korenzvit's business relate to efficiency in one way or another. His company offers complete service from office design through installation to warranty service if necessary.

On a smaller scale, IKOR was among the first in Toronto to offer built-in adjustable computer mousepads and keyboards that take up no desktop space.

About 10 per cent of the company's business is custom work, but IKOR's wide variety of modular pieces mean that office spaces can be customized without specially designed pieces.

For Korenzvit, working efficiently is a matter of common sense. A proponent of recycling, he encourages suppliers to use minimal packaging. "There's no sense putting chairs in boxes, for example. Why not just put blankets around them? They save money, we save money and the environment benefits."

Despite IKOR's size, the company doesn't need a large garbage bin, Korenzvit pointed out. All cardboard is sent for recycling, and IKOR's waste "is literally just a few garbage bags."

Perhaps it's Korenzvit's appreciation for efficiency that allows him to work a 60-hour week — he once logged 98 phone calls in a single day — and still make time for community involvement.

A member of the board of directors of the Community Hebrew Academy of Toronto and Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv University, he is also a vice-president of Jewish Vocational Service and serves on the committee of Project Renewal. (Among the organizations supported by IKOR are Bathurst Jewish Community Centre, the Hamilton Opera and the Hospital for Sick Children.)

"For me, sleep is like a waste of time," he said.

It surprises Korenzvit to read how many business owners, when asked about their goals, list expansion or "being the biggest in Canada."

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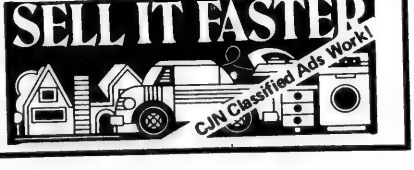

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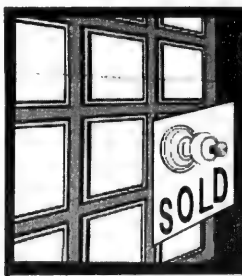

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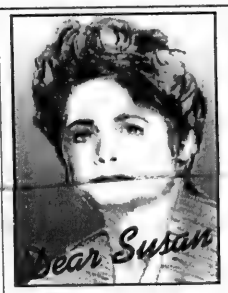

Dear Susan,

I have recently decided to end my marriage after two years of marital therapy. My husband refuses to believe our marriage is over. He will not attend marital therapy because he blames the therapist for the deterioration of our marriage. I have just become involved with another man and my 15-year-old daughter overheard a conversation I had with him. What should I do?

Dear Reader,

I would recommend that you and your husband return to marital therapy and explore why each of you has acted the way you have in derailing both the therapy and the marriage. This should include a frank exploration of how the two of you, as individuals and as a couple, have dealt with past losses. As part of this exploration, you must examine the way in which the coping strategies of your families of origin have impacted on your own strategies. It appears that both you and your husband have problems coping with loss: your husband in his refusal to let go (separation anxiety), and you in your haste to start a new relationship (complicating bereavement). You need to examine and work through these problems before you can resolve the end of your [illegible] in appropriate manner.

As the rejected party, your husband deserves the right to move through a grieving process. You have complicated his grieving, as well as your daughter's, by introducing a third party before they have had the opportunity to come to terms with their new reality. You have also deprived yourself of the opportunity to mourn the loss of your marriage. Before you can properly accept the stresses and responsibilities of a new relationship, you must ensure that you have achieved an appropriate closure of your current relationship. This can only come about if you focus on what is important now: processing your feelings related to the ensuing divorce and allowing the family to reorganize itself.

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Susan Leventhal is a family, marital and individual therapist, who has been practising for more than 17 years.

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Hoffman, David on November 19, 1995

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Szenicer, Morris on November 23, 1995, late of 169 Overbrook Place

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Miller, Morris on November 24, 1995, late of Tucson, Arizona

Kurtz, Florence on November 25, 1995, late of 1035 Eglinton Ave. W.

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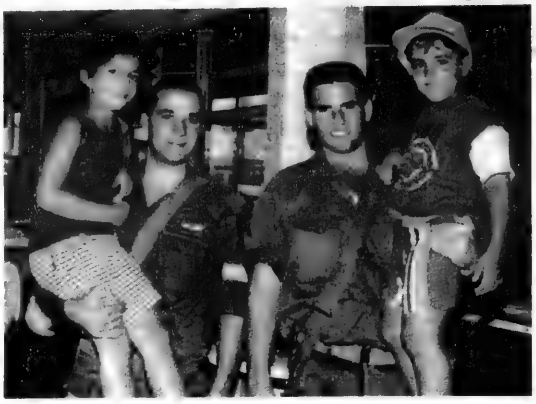
By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter



The Israeli soldiers who serve as counsellors at the Summer Camp for Widows and Orphans form strong bonds with the children.

TORONTO — Over 20,000 Chanukah candles — one to an envelope — have been sent across Canada for the ambitious annual campaign of the Association for the Soldiers of Israel.

In contrast to Canadian winter temperatures, the Israeli project supported by the campaign is heartwarming.

Every summer, the IDF provides respite for widows and children of soldiers killed in the line of duty, in the form of a summer camp.

Toronto volunteer Carol Baratz was so moved by a 1987 visit to the camp that she successfully undertook to convince board members in Toronto to earmark the proceeds of the Chanukah campaign for this project.

Since 1988, she and Fira Rotenberg have co-chaired the campaign.

The summer camp, located for the past two years in a military facility in Hadera (previously in Netanya) and staffed by soldiers on a volunteer basis, costs the equivalent of $300,000 to run for five weeks.

Last year, the Toronto-based project raised close to $100,000.

One elderly woman in Winnipeg responded a number of years ago with a $1,000 donation and a heartfelt note describing her feelings about the Israeli soldiers. Since that time she has donated a total of $20,000 and has maintained a warm two-way correspondence with Baratz.

During their five-day stay at the camp, almost 2,000 widows every summer are treated to day trips, swimming, fashion shows and performances by major Israeli entertainers such as Yehoram Gaon. Counselling is also available.

Baratz was struck by the number of very young widows and the fact that participants represent every war in Israel's 47-year history. Some of the women were widowed as far back as Israel's War of Independence in 1948. She also noted that Druze widows were among those attending.

One mother of two, youthful and stylish-looking, says on an association video that she didn't want to be identified as a widow, but that attending the camp recharged her batteries "which had almost died the day of the tragedy."

"[Going on vacation by themselves] is not the same as being with a group of women all in the same position," said Suellen Boyd, administrator for the association in Toronto.

Children, housed separately from their mothers, participate in typical camp activities like sports and arts and crafts. Youngsters have said that being with others who have lost a father helps them realize that they have experienced the same difficult emotions.

The counsellors are soldiers who have a special relationship with the children, becoming like father figures to them, said Baratz.

"The army staff is incredible," she said. "They put the children on their shoulders, they sing, they dance."

Unfortunately, the need for the camp is still growing, she added. "We have to hope peace will come."

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Shai L'Chayil, an established association project, is being run to coincide with Chanukah for the first time. A combination fundraising/educational project, the goal is to link students with Israeli soldiers through letter-writing.

SINGLES EVENTS

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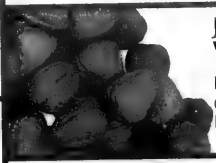

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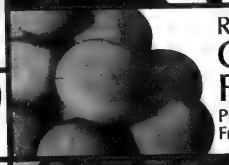

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'Silent majority' rallies

Jewish Telegraph Agency

NEW YORK — Last Sunday morning's rally at Madison Square Garden marked for some the awakening of the "silent Jewish majority" in America that has long supported the Arab-Israeli peace process but was not moved to express that support until last month's assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin.

The overflow crowd was clearly a relief to rally organizers, who had wrangled intensively in recent days over a program that would not alienate opponents of the peace process.

Although not everyone at the gathering belonged to the Israeli government's peace camp, all seemed bent on demonstrating their support for Israel, Jewish unity and the pursuit of peace.

An estimated 14,000 people, including more than 40 members of the U.S. Congress and a host of other dignitaries, braved freezing temperatures, tight security and logistical snafus to enter the arena and pay tribute to the memory of the slain Israeli leader.

They were exhorted to honor Rabin's legacy of peace, by Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres, U.S. Vice-President Al Gore and Rabin's widow Leah, all of whom underscored the close friendship between the United States and Israel.

Peres drew the loudest applause when he called for broadening the circle of peace to include Syria and Lebanon and when he called for Jewish unity.

"When you have two views, you don't have to become two people," he said.

"We do recognize the right of the opposition to oppose us," he said, but Jews should "be united against murder, against violence, against curses. Let's argue, not hate."

Peres underscored Rabin's courage in pursuing peace in the face of intense opposition. He said Rabin walked through "streets of hatred, squares of chaos, avenues of accusation."

Although Rabin was "not indifferent" to what was being said, "he did not change his mind," Peres said, and "paid the highest price" for it.

Israel's Ashkenazi Chief Rabbi Yisrael Lau, meanwhile, called on Jews everywhere to draw on their tradition of love, respect for human life, solidarity and brotherhood.

Religious Jews "know what it means to appreciate human life" and have to think about "our failure," said Rabbi Lau.

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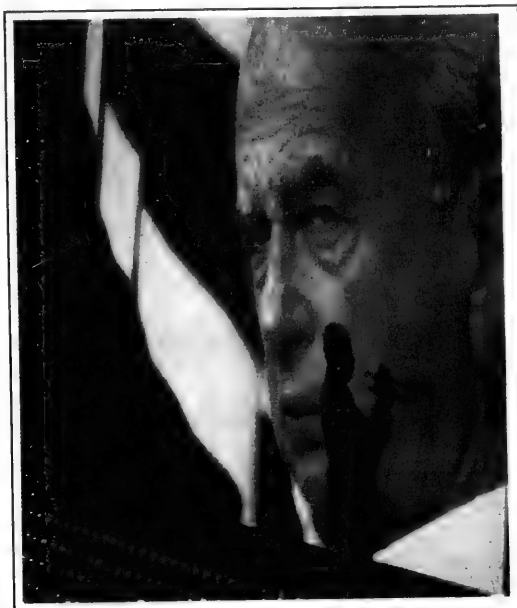


A SOLDIER'S TRIBUTE

The shadow of a solitary bugler is cast upon the portrait of Yitzhak Rabin at a ceremony last week in Jerusalem marking the end of the shloshim and honoring Rabin as a founding member and commander of the Palmach. *[RNS photo]*

The poetry of Chanukah

Editorial

It was a deliciously impossible task to choose "winners" of *The CJN's* Chanukah poetry contest. But ultimately, despite the impossibility, "winners" had to be chosen. The assignment fell to a small panel of judges, who through instinct and "feel," selected the final six. They are published on the front page of the Chanukah Greetings supplement in this issue.

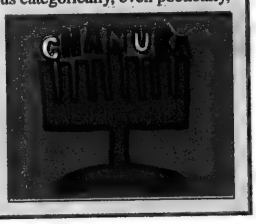
The CJN received hundreds of poems, many of them carefully crafted, lovingly drawn excursions into unique personal experiences and openly shared emotions. We felt privileged to be invited to join those excursions and we delighted in our readers' creativity and imagination.

In addition to publishing the official "winners," we deemed it worthy to publish some of the poems in the space reserved each week for letters to the editor. And because we ran out of space to accommodate even more poems, we have listed certain "honorable mentions" on the back page of the supplement.

Imagery and irony, allusion and rhyme, these reliable poetic devices were richly evident in the poems sent to us, each an attempt – some clumsy, some polished – to capture and convey a sense of Chanukah. But then, the story of Chanukah lends itself to poetry. It has so many interconnected and interwoven aspects.

Prose is the usual fare of our lives, the routine and the reliable, which we depend upon to provide balance and stability. But poetry is a spark we glimpse; or if we are truly fortunate, we touch, every now and then, an inspiration, a higher notion. Much like a poem we remember and cherish, Chanukah is the sum of its many compelling aspects. Few against many; courage against submission; the force of an idea against the idea of force. There is the poetry of a candle's flame compared to the prose of the sun's rays; the poetry of light compared to the prose of darkness. There is the poetry of a child learning, touching the generation which came before, compared to the prose of a child learning, touching no one. There is the poetry of commitment compared to the prose of indifference.

Chanukah, then, tells us categorically, even poetically, that life means choice. Like our forebears, we can choose to live our lives only as comfortable thoroughfares of prose; or on occasion, we can challenge ourselves to seek a different road, to aspire to the poetry of a life lived not only for ourselves but for a higher purpose. Happy Chanukah.



POEMS

In the Chanukah Greetings supplement in this issue we publish the "winning" and other poems sent in by our readers in response to our Chanukah poetry contest.

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The News In Brief

CANADA

CJC Appeals on Pollard

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) president Goldie Hershon has written to the United States' Ambassador to Canada, James Blanchard, asking him to convey to President Bill Clinton CJC's "strong hope and desire that the harsh sentence meted out to [imprisoned spy for Israel] Jonathan Pollard soon be commuted."

Hershon pointed out that both former prime minister Yitzhak Rabin and current leader Shimon Peres have made pleas to Clinton for commutation of his life sentence for passing secrets to Israel.

"We believe the timing is right for President Clinton to pardon Mr. Pollard," Hershon wrote. "It is in no one's interest to keep Jonathan Pollard incarcerated any longer."

Hebrew U. Program

TORONTO — The Hebrew University of Jerusalem is instituting a one-year pre-medical specialization program for overseas students, to begin in 1996.

The program will include participation in a research project. Applicants need a 3.0 or higher grade point average and at least one (preferably two) years of university. An advanced proficiency in Hebrew is recommended.

For details, call Michael Litvack at 416-485-8000 (1-800-668-3956 in Ontario and Quebec), or fax 416-485-8565. E-mail address is 75477.201@compuserve.com.

Israel Youth Programs

MONTREAL — The Youth and Hechalutz department of the Canadian Zionist Federation is "extremely pleased" to report that participation in Israel Experience programs in Canada in 1995 was up by 22 per cent over last year.

The two groups which sent the largest number of participants from Canada this year were Bialik High School's Grade 9 trip and Canadian Young Judaea's Biluim Israel.

For information on Israel programs or for a copy of the Youth and Hechalutz department's 1996 edition of the *Complete Guide to Israel Programs for Youth in Canada*, dial 416-398-6931.

ISRAEL

Soldier Killed in Lebanon

JERUSALEM — An Israeli soldier was killed and six others wounded last Wednesday as fierce fighting raged in southern Lebanon.

Three South Lebanese Army soldiers were wounded and at least three gunmen, believed to be from the Amal Shi'ite movement, were killed.

Sgt. Eran Tsabag, 20, was the 23rd IDF soldier to be killed in Lebanon this year.

Talks on Jerusalem

JERUSALEM — Senior Israelis and Palestinians have been quietly discussing the future of Jerusalem for the last year, in preparation for the final-status talks scheduled to begin in May, a Palestinian negotiator said last Wednesday.

"Over the last year, there have been talks in different places, including in Jerusalem," said Ziad Abu Zayyad.

This was the first mention of such talks by either a Palestinian or Israeli official. Israeli leaders have been insisting that Jerusalem would not be discussed with the Palestinians until the final-status negotiations begin.

Those close to cabinet minister Yossi Beilin acknowledge that they have been drafting plans on Jerusalem and discussing them with their Palestinian counterparts.

Tsaban Rapped

JERUSALEM — Absorption Minister Yair Tsaban was severely criticized last week by Orthodox MKs for having participated in the Reform wedding in the United States of an Israeli couple who could not marry according to Halachah here.

Tsaban emphasized that his presence at the wedding in Atlanta was personal, and that he had not represented the government.

"I'm in favor of civil marriage and each person being able to marry according to his conscience," Tsaban said. "There is no option but to permit civil marriage, at least for those not eligible for religious marriage. The days of the Orthodox monopoly are over."

IAF Invites Women

JERUSALEM — Israel's air force has invited female soldiers to try out for its pilot-training course.

Last week's invitation came in the wake of a High Court of Justice ruling in November, which said 23-year-old Alice Miller must be allowed to take the qualifying exams for the course.

The South African-born Miller began her legal battle to become a pilot two years ago.

Israeli air force officials argued that because of pregnancy and motherhood, women do not serve long enough in the air force to justify the investment in making them pilots.

Brig.-Gen. Yisraela Oron, chief of the army's women corps, told *Ma'ariv* that other combat units would be opened to women in the near future.

Granddaughter's Deal?

JERUSALEM — Noa Ben-Artzi, the granddaughter of Yitzhak Rabin who gave a heart-rending eulogy at his funeral, has reportedly received a $1 million (US) advance for a book on her relation ship with the slain Israeli prime minister.

Ben-Artzi, 18, will write under the name Noa Rabin, it was reported.

The Rabin family denied reports that Ben-Artzi had signed a contract or received money, the Israeli daily *Ma'ariv* reported.

But the deal was confirmed by Marek Halter, a French writer and friend of the Rabin family, who said he will work with Ben-Artzi on the book, to be published in French and English in the spring.

WORLD

Sculptures Removed

BERLIN — A group of Holocaust memorial sculptures that have been vandalized repeatedly were removed recently from public display.

The 16 sculptures at Berlin's Anhalt train station — in memory of the deportation of Jews during World War II — have been seriously damaged because of recent incidents.

In October, there were three cases of vandalism at the memorial within a week.

Police have five suspects but say they do not think the incidents were motivated by anti-Semitism.

Sculptor Stuart Wolfe said that eight of the 16 sculptures were so badly damaged, they are ready for the garbage dump.

Bicycles for Rwandans

NEW YORK — Rwandans are "gearing" up for their Chanukah gift from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC).

The JDC is sending 1,000 bicycles to Rwanda so providers of badly needed services, such as social workers and nurses, can better reach people in need, the organization said last week.

The JDC has been providing extensive assistance to war-ravaged Rwandans for more than a year.

Dr. Ruth Westheimer launched the project at a special Chanukah celebration at Rwanda's UN mission.

In addition, bicycle cooperatives will be established in Rwanda so that people will be able to use this means of transportation for such tasks as purchasing food, the JDC said.

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CJC urges restraint in peace process debate

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

National executive fails to reach consensus on national unity issue

TORONTO — In the wake of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, leaders of opposing factions in Israel and the Diaspora were asked to tone down the language of their debates in a resolution approved unanimously at the recent Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) national executive meeting.

While it was not in the resolution, Canadian Jews were also asked by CJC president Goldie Hershon and by Stephen Victor, head of the Canada Israel Committee (CIC), to refrain from criticizing the Israeli government.

"It is not our role to comment from the sidelines," said Hershon. "We know that words can have consequences, dire consequences."

"As Canadian Jews, we must support the government of Israel with one voice," Victor said.

A motion supporting the current peace process and the Israeli government's method of pursuing it was introduced from the floor by Herb Rosenfeld of Toronto and approved unanimously.

Before the vote on Rosenfeld's motion, David Rotenberg of Toronto said "vast" numbers of Jews in Canada do not support the Oslo accords, but he said he would not amend the motion.

"The Orthodox community has condemned the assassination and I resent the implications of some of the remarks made here about the Orthodox community," he said.

Rosenfeld also called for a moment of silence in Rabin's memory, to which chair Renee Bellas agreed.

After a lengthy debate on national unity, the executive decided to postpone any action until the CJC regional groups have given their views. Requests for more information on the issue were made by many Western and Atlantic community members, including Len Dolgy, Edmonton; Michael Lazar, Winnipeg; Michael Peters, Victoria; Bob Levin, Kelowna, B.C.; and Fred Kuttner, Fredericton, N.B.

But National Unity chair Max Bernard of Montreal made an impassioned plea for Canadian Jews of all regions to set aside their differences in an effort to keep Quebec in Canada.

Bernard said he agreed with Prime Minister Jean Chrétien's proposals for distinct society status for Quebec and regional vetoes.

The debate revealed deep concerns about national unity among executive members in Ontario and Quebec, as well as other regions.

"This is not a Quebec Jewish problem but a Canadian Jewish problem," said Joyce Eklove of Toronto.

"If we can't come together as Jews how can we expect the rest of Canadians to do it?" asked Keith Landy of Toronto, a national officer.

"The Jewish community should take a position," said Milton Harris of Toronto. "We need to stand up for a constitutional amendment."

Bernard said, "There is a tremendous amount of anxiety in Quebec," and "a poisoned atmosphere" exists following the close vote in the referendum and remarks by Premier Jacques Parizeau. People under 35 are deciding whether to stay in the province and businesses are making contingency plans in case the situation becomes worse, he added.

"You can cut the tension in Quebec with a knife," said national treasurer Frank Schlesinger of Montreal. "Is it in the interests of the Vancouver Jewish community to see the Montreal community diminished?" asked Schlesinger.

Montreal delegates to the recent General Assembly in Boston "were battered and bruised" by the attitude of many Canadian delegates who implied that they "would not support any special favors for Quebec," said Jack Silverstone of Montreal, CJC national executive director.

Plans for the first Louis Lenkinski lectureship on March 21 in Toronto, in memory of the late CJC officer and labor leader, were announced in a tribute by Rabbi Jordan Pearlson. Lenkinski's wife Helen and son Dr. Lionel Lenkinski were present.

Establishment of the Alan Rose Fund for International Human Dignity in honor of the former CJC officer was announced. The first event will be a symposium on Israel and Arab relations in the Spring of 1996.

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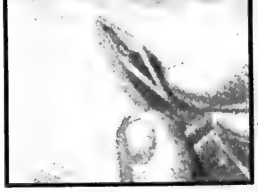
From the editor's desk



Community unites to mark shloshim

Due undoubtedly to the cold rain which fell intermittently all evening, and to a surfeit of community memorials marking the shloshim of Yitzhak Rabin, approximately 150 people were in the auditorium which had been prepared to accommodate twice the number. But the modesty of the number of people on hand did not diminish the impact of the ceremony, which was pointedly and painfully focussed on the man who had been murdered 30 days before and which embodied, in direct but unpretentious manner, the pressing aspiration of the murdered man's people: unity.

The service was sponsored by a number of organizations representing a broad spectrum of political philosophy and religious observance: Associated Hebrew Schools, Netivot Hatorah Day School, Ulpanat Orot, Yeshiva of Hamilton, Yeshivat Or Chaim, Betar/Tagar, Bnai Akiva, Habonim/Dror, Hashomer Hatzair, Israel Aliyah Centre, Jewish Campuses Service, Mizrachi Organizations of Canada, National Conference of Synagogue Youth/Orthodox Union, One Israel/Canadian Friends of Yesha, Young Judaea, Youth & Hechalutz Department/WZO.

The service had a dual purpose which was succinctly but eloquently expressed by the chair of the program, Rabbi Yitzchak Witty, executive director of the Board of Jewish Education for the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. It was "to pay honor to one who was a defender of Jews, who was so often in his life prepared to lay down that life so that others would live in peace ... and to remind ourselves of the unity of klal Israel, that there remains always more which unites us rather than which separates us."

What followed Rabbi Witty's invocation was a thoughtful weaving together of more than a dozen different strands of observance and dedication into one bold fabric of community commitment. Elements of a traditional service were joined with the non-traditional.

In keeping with the inclusive nature of the memorial, two eulogies were delivered, one by Simon Rosenblum of Peace Now, the other by Rabbi Pinchas Brumer, the Hebrew Studies principal at the Associated Hebrew Schools Junior High.

Rosenblum spoke of Rabin and of the political process he had set in motion. He praised Rabin as "one of the great Jews of history ... Though not all shared Rabin's views," he said, "all mourn his death with passion and conviction." He called upon the assembled "to protect Rabin's legacy," which he defined with precision. "Mainstream Zionism has always supported, for practical reasons, the partitioning of this hotly-contested piece of land. The continued occupation of the West Bank is a threat to Israel's democratic nature and to its moral dimension." It was a heartfelt, sincere speech. But because it was also "political," it covered a terrain which, though very important, had been already well travelled.

Rabbi Brumer's eulogy was a cry from the heart, tearing, as it were, a corner of the national garment, and pleading for a national response. He spoke in a rhythm which was biblical in its cadence; and he built a spiritual structure which was biblical in its symmetry.

He started by speaking about the physical consequences of the murder. "There are no words of consolation for Leah Rabin and her family; there are no words of consolation for the members of the cabinet ... for the members of the Knesset ... for the Israeli public ... for the Jewish people ... for myself.

"I never thought anyone of us would live to see the day when the word 'hate' would take on real meaning between Jew and other Jew. We have reached the point where absolute hatred has taken place, where brutal murder has taken place against a prime minister, a leader, a hero."

Then he spoke about the murder's spiritual consequences. "There are no words of consolation for the Torah. Some madman, angered by his own mad vision, by his hatred, decided to be judge, jury and executioner, to hold up the holy Torah to shame and to ridicule. The Torah has been dragged through the mud. That we should live to see the day when the Torah has been dragged through the mud..."

But he did not shy away from the truth. "We have to come to terms with this terrible tragedy, though we do not yet fully understand what or why it happened."

As a prescription, he drew from the depths of his faith. "Rav [Avraham] Kook pointed out that people tend only to see one aspect, one side of the larger reality. Thus, they prefer to remove or to dismiss what they cannot see ... The fate of the people of Israel rests with the State of Israel. But the fate of the State of Israel rests with God. God will decide that fate not on the basis of how we behave politically, but rather how we behave toward one another."

At the end of the evening, what was imparted was the message of who took part. Theirs was an act of example, not merely a statement of intent. - MBD

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Baycrest Centre's "Art & Soul" art auction co-chairs Karen Ehrlich (left) and Avra Goldhar flank Toronto artist Ian Leventhal and one of his creations. The recent auction raised $70,000 for Baycrest's Community Recreation Program, which will provide programming to isolated seniors in apartment buildings near Baycrest.

Display disappoints JSF

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — A Palestinian Solidarity Day exhibit at York University on Nov. 29 has resulted in controversy on the North York campus.

Mike Nadler and Ira Haberman, president and executive vice-president respectively of York's Jewish Student Federation (JSF), issued a news release expressing "disappointment" with the display mounted by the York Arab Students' Association (YASA) at the East Bear Pit of Central Square.

Maps, books and leaflets at the display "perpetuated myths about Palestine, Palestinians, Israel, Israelis and Zionism," according to the release.

The Jewish students took particular exception to "negative references to Israel and its Jewish inhabitants" and to a map of "historical Palestine" which did not acknowledge the existence of Israel.

The Jewish and Arab student groups have a relationship which is "usually good," said Nadler, although similar problems have arisen with past YASA displays.

In fact, Mona Hewaydi, a coordinator for Palestine Solidarity Day, stopped in at the JSF to borrow display boards prior to the event, even offering not to post material of which the Jewish group didn't approve. (YASA did not end up using the JSF's boards for Palestine Solidarity Day.)

Hewaydi was disturbed by a Dec. 6 article in the *Excalibur*, York's student publication, which she termed "insulting to both sides."

She said she was misquoted in the article, which indicated that she had said, "We weren't concerned if we were offending anyone, we were presenting facts." Hewaydi was indeed very concerned about the possibility that people would be "hurt or insulted," she said.

She also took exception to the illustration accompanying the *Excalibur* article, which depicted "two people with ugly faces hollering at each other."

YASA's decision to remove the offending map "had nothing to do with the material being inappropriate," but rather with repeated JSF complaints, according to Hewaydi. She stressed the "historical" aspect of the map and noted that it was one of two maps, the other of which "openly acknowledged the State of Israel."

Both groups indicated a desire for future dialogue, to be pursued after this month's exams are over.

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Reform Jews sign social justice document

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Two members of the London Jewish community with ties to the Reform movement have signed a document calling on the Ontario government to show greater concern for the province's disadvantaged citizens.

And in Kingston, members of the city's Reform congregation have been circulating a petition calling on the members of the Ontario legislature to "take into account the suffering of the underprivileged residents of Ontario."

Stephen State, assistant professor at Huron College in London, and Rabbi Joel Wittstein of London's Temple Israel signed the interfaith document titled, *Call For Social Justice*.

State, the former national action coordinator of the Canadian Council for Reform Judaism (CCRJ), said the London document was "designed to get people to reflect on [budget] changes and the direction of public policy from the perspective of their faith communities.

"I feel strongly that the Conservative economic agenda is undermining a sense of community and that is at odds with Jewish mitzvah and practice. It's the wrong policy direction ... It's leaving things to the marketplace."

Pointing to the biblical injunction requiring farmers to leave the corners of their fields unharvested, State said, "The Torah said the surpluses from our fields belong to the poor ... Welfare respects the notion of entitlement of need.

"There's also a long tradition in Judaism of the ethical treatment of employees," he said.

The two-page document recognizes the need for fiscal responsibility but also states, "Paramount is the need to move our focus from individual materialism to the spirit of interdependence and moral obligation.

"We cannot allow an undue burden to fall on the poor, the unemployed, the marginalized, the young, or the challenged in our society; nor can we deprive any person or group of the basic right to share in the wealth of the province. The measure of a society is the way in which we care for the least advantaged."

Moving to specifics, the document asserts several "rights," including:

- the right to adequate social services and assistance;
- the right of workers to freedom of association and to pursue forming a union without fear of persecution.

The document is signed by members of the London United Church, the Roman Catholic Church, the Ontario Federation of Labor, and by State and Rabbi Wittstein.

In Kingston, Marion Marks, chair of the social action subcommittee of Congregation Iyr Ha-Melech, said she began circulating a petition after the Ontario government announced a 22 per cent cut to welfare recipients.

The petition asks the legislature to consider the suffering of the underprivileged in Ontario, particularly children, to rethink the cutbacks and postpone the promised 30 per cent tax rebate.

The petition was circulated among members of the congregation at an interfaith meeting, and in an international student house at Queen's University, Marks said.

"I thought it was very wrong morally to take money away from the poorest people and at the same time promise a rebate of taxation," she added.

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Israeli society ostracizing religious Jews: rabbi

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It only takes 40 shekels to "buy stigma" in Israel today — 20 for a *kippah sruga*, the knitted yarmulke that is the symbol of the religious Zionist, and 20 for a tallit katan, whose fringes are an outward sign of Orthodoxy.

That, said Rabbi Mark Dratch, was the finding of a non-religious reporter for the Israeli newspaper, *Yediot Achronot*, after he completed an undercover assignment.

Speaking to an audience of over 200 at a Toronto Emunah Women Salute to Volunteers dinner held recently at Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue, Rabbi Dratch told of the reporter's experience.

The reporter found himself ostracized by the non-religious and distrusted by the religious, who feared he was an undercover agent of the Secret Service.

In the popular world press, Rabbi Dratch said, Orthodox Jews are "now part of the list of people who kill — people who can't be trusted."

It has become easy for people to point fingers at the Orthodox, he said — to demand that the yeshivot hesder — "the cream of Israeli youth" be closed.

The tension between the religious and non-religious did not begin overnight, he said. But "the assassination is an excuse for many people to say what's on their mind."

It is wrong, he said, to dismiss the hostility as politically motivated or due to prejudice. Rather, Orthodox Jews should work at following Torah in a way that brings honor.

"Even if what we are doing is right, even if our principles are above reproach, we must behave in a way that makes people respect us and think well of us.

"We must be clean and above suspicion in the eyes of Israel and of G-d," he said.

The challenge facing religious Zionists, he said, is to balance meticulous observance of Torah with the imperative of *shalom bayit* (family peace).

Dinner honorees Lou and Dorothy Zeifman, who have been active in the Jewish community and Shaarei Shomayim, and have been respectively past president of Toronto Mizrachi and president of Toronto Council of Emunah, were praised by Max Shecter and daughter Lilli Tammam for their "spark of leadership" and for "believing that by getting involved we can make a difference."

In his reply, Lou Zeifman urged the audience to "dedicate Chanukah to the pursuit of shalom between our own people and between all peoples."

Dorothy Zeifman, in an emotional response, noted the challenge to volunteer organizations to raise money in difficult times. "We are always searching for solutions. We can't look back," she said.

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Govern, don't bully

The right to govern is not the right to bully. Premier Mike Harris seems to have become confused on this point. How else can one explain the government's objectionable use of its majority last week to attempt to strong-arm through the Legislature Bill 26, a 211-page document purporting to amend more than 40 statutes? Many of the amendments were substantive and not of the "housekeeping" variety. The bill has been criticized by a wide array of informed citizenry, including the Privacy Commissioner of Ontario, the Ontario Medical Association, the Ontario Teachers' Association, religious groups and various social activists. All describe the bill as being far too invasive.

Graham White, professor of political science at the University of Toronto and veteran observer of Queen's Park, describe the bill thus in the *Globe and Mail*: "There has been nothing with this kind of sweep before in this province or others."

As if to prove the point, one need only have observed what was probably thought to be observably impossible, namely, the sight of the two opposition parties banding together to prevent the sergeant at arms from expelling Liberal MPP Alvin Curling from the chamber, and thus thwarting the government's immediate legislative objective.

Given the size of the government's majority, there is no doubt it will eventually push ahead with its program and its policies, as is its democratic right. However, it must be reminded that parliamentary democracy also reserves an important role for the opposition. They speak for and represent the views of the electors who did not vote for the government, as is their democratic right too.

The government should govern, not bully.

Within weeks, Syria?

With the end of the shloshim of Yitzhak Rabin, Shimon Peres steps into the spotlight. He has cobbled together a new cabinet and is still exploring ways to broaden its base. He has spoken clearly on the record about his vision of a Middle East at peace and of the economic potential which peace would unleash.

For the time being, Israeli public opinion seems solidly on his side. A poll published last week by *Ma'ariv* indicated that Peres would attract 55 per cent of the direct vote for premier as compared with 31 per cent for Benjamin Netanyahu.

Political columnists have been speculating that the prime minister wants to capitalize on this rare popularity by achieving a breakthrough in peace talks with Syria. Indeed, the Syrian "track" was one of the major items Peres discussed with President Bill Clinton earlier this week in Washington. Writing in *Ha'aretz* last week, veteran observer Joel Marcus stated, "It is hard not to see that something is happening between Peres and [Hafez al-]Assad. We should not rule out the possibility that very soon ... a dramatic development will erupt like boiling lava in the heart of the freeze created between Israel and Syria. That, at least, is what Peres wants. That, at least is what Clinton wants. Both face elections that will decide their political fate...Peres' aim is a big move, if Assad is really willing to go with him. To reach this, Peres wants to shake up the entire structure of the talks."

In an interview with *Yediot Aharanot*, Peres gave no indication how he would "shake up the talks," but he did attempt to clarify his position regarding negotiations with Assad. "The Syrians should offer Israel what's really important for her – an end to the state of war in the Middle East, a solution of final borders, water, security and economic content in our relations."

The question which columnists are asking is this: In trying to move quickly to find common ground with Syria, is Peres taking the people to where they psychologically and emotionally already are, or to where he believes they will be? But until Assad steps up and forward, the question is merely academic. As Marcus rightly pointed out, the approach of 1996 elections will be a determinative factor. Thus, if Assad decides to act, he will likely do so within the next few weeks. But then again, he may not.

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Dry Bones

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CHANUKAH POEMS FROM OUR READERS

For Avi

365 days ago
the first night of Chanukah.
we announced your impending arrival,
sharing our precious news
with those who had brought us
into the world.

we glowed with our news
and expressed it
via a poem,
a few stanzas of verse.

that Chanukah night
we had lit only one candle
and the shammash,
yet the room
was made much brighter
by our words.

smiles, tears, embraces,
exclamations of delight,
captured in our memories
as we awaited our miracle.

Avshalom Joseph.
born June 14.

Avshalom.
"Father of Peace."

Joseph.
"He shall add."

you do reflect your name.
a peaceful child
who has added to our lives
a certain magic,
a happiness that knows no bounds.

and as we will celebrate
our first Chanukah together,
we will be watching
your "lichtig" face,
your bright eyes,
and we'll smile as we say,
"Shehechiyanu v'kiymanu v'higiyanu lazman hazeh".

Pearl Saban

Chanukah

The best holiday ever,
I hope peace will come here and stay forever.
Candles shine
In all there are nine
On Chanukah we give God our word
That our tradition will not be forgotten;
it will be observed
We all have our way
That's how it will stay.
We go to different synagogues and pray different ways,
But the message God sends us stays.

Lesley Black, 10 years old

Chanukah

It's fun
You get to light candles
You get gelt
My zayde comes
But not this year
Cause he died.

Noah Mintz, 5 1/2 years old.

The Chanukah Answering Machine

Hello, today is Chanukah
I'm sorry we can't take your call
We're either celebrating Chanukah
Or we're just not home at all.
Another word for Chanukah
Is the festival of lights
We celebrate Chanukah for eight long nights
Chanukah is the holiday Jews like to keep
Anyway just leave your number at the beep.

Ira Parker, 10 years old

Chanukah Candles

Eight little candles
All in a row.
It's a holiday - Chanukah,
Don't you know?

On the first night, one
On the second night, two
Eight little candles
Burn the whole night through.

Mira Kates Rose, 8 years old.

Chanukah: Eighth Night

eight nights hot, flames leap
blue sparking yellow, herald
miracle's last blaze.

Carol Ritch

Chanukah

Presents, chanukiot and chocolate gelt
I'll never forget how the latkes smelt

Everyone remembers the Maccabees' war
When they fought for their freedom and more

I look and see the candles glow
I glimpse outside and see the snow

What is Chanukah all about
It's my favorite holiday without a doubt

The holiday lasts eight days a year
We remember how the Maccabees fought without fear

We light the candles one by one
My brothers and I find it so much fun.

Ari Sargon, 12 years old

WISDOM OF THE AGES:

A candle for one provides light for many.

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Perspectives

Senesh a symbol of cost of building Israel

By GARY LEVINE

The story of Hannah Senesh — or at least the bare bones of the story — is known to every school child in Israel and, one would hope, to all students of modern Jewish history. She is a symbol to many of the terrible but indispensable cost of the building of the Jewish homeland, of "the match consumed in kindling flame."

But for all of that, the fact is that in many ways, Senesh was a very typical young woman.

Born in Budapest in July 1921, the daughter of a well-known Hungarian writer, Senesh's family was economically comfortable and largely assimilated. Her father died while she was still quite young, but she was very close to her mother and her brother George and her youth seems to have been spent happily. She attended an excellent school where she had many friends, Jewish and non-Jewish, and was always near the top of her class academically. She shared her family's dedication to culture, read widely and regularly attended the theatre, the opera, the ballet. She was, as well, popular in the great flurry of parties and dances which made up the social life of her peers. Both with and without her mother and brother, she spent frequent holidays at the country estates of friends and relatives.

In her diaries, which she kept faithfully from the age of 13, she writes of the books, the parties, the plays, boyfriends and girlfriends, school and holiday. She speaks as well of her growing interest in poetry and the successes of her early poems.

"Today was the last day of school," she writes just before her 16th birthday. "I got As in everything, but what I'm happiest about is that my poem, *Dance of the Moments*, was awarded 10 points. Saturday I went to the Berzenyi ball. It was very pleasant and I danced a great deal."

But the political times were changing in the Hungary of 1937, and while a certain separation between Jews and non-Jews had always existed, the growing influence of Hitler on European life had become more and more evident.

In September 1937, Senesh was elected by her class to the school's literary society, only to have the election set aside by the society which, Senesh writes, "clearly indicated that they did not want a Jew — me, that is — to become an officer, which hurts me very much."

Gradually, as the position of the Jews in Hungary began to be threatened and then to deteriorate, Senesh's reference to the politics around her and to herself as a Jew become more frequent in the diaries: the German occupation of Austria in March 1938; the debate on "The Jewish Bill" in April of that year, which reduced the economic participation of the Jews of Hungary and identified the "relegation (of Jews) to the background" as "a national duty;" the Munich Agreement in September.

"I don't know whether I've already mentioned," she writes in her entry of Oct. 27, 1938, "that I've become a Zionist."

No, she had not mentioned it before; and, while she claims in retrospect that her belief in Zionism was "a somewhat gradual development," it seems clear the it was her self-respect and strong sense of independence which guided her to the only political option available that would permit her to retain her pride and dignity in a world which was rapidly conspiring to deny her, as a Jew, any value as a human being.

From this point on, her diary turns more and more to her desire to be in Israel, to her plans for aliyah. Protestations of "the only thing I'm committed to, in which I believe, is Zionism" appear frequently. She participated more and more in local Zionist groups, dedicated herself to learning Hebrew and finally applied to the Girls' Agricultural School in Nahalal, Palestine. She received her letter of acceptance on July 21, 1939.

"I've got it, I've got it — the certificate! I'm filled with joy and happiness! I don't know what to write; I can't believe it. I read and re-read the letter bearing the good news; now I can't find words to express what I feel. I have no feeling other than overwhelming happiness."

Senesh arrived in Israel Sept. 19, 1939.

For two years in the Nahalal school, she attended classes on farming and worked in the fields, in the orchards, in the chicken coops. The young poet, the somewhat pampered young woman of Budapest, threw herself unstintingly into the agrarian life of the young country. The sense of this wondrous new world waiting to be fulfilled motivated her and captivated her.

Hannah Senesh as she appeared on her arrival in Haifa, Palestine, Sept.19, 1939 and relaxing at Sedot Yam (inset). Photos from *Hannah Senesh*, Shocken Books, 1973.

"I was so strongly aware of the beauty of youth in everything I did and saw; in song, in laughter, in boundless energy, in my overwhelming desire to see and absorb everything, to enjoy all the wonders of the Land, to glory in it."

She writes of wanting to live on a kibbutz, of wanting to be a poultry farmer instructor in an agricultural school, of wanting to write and to teach children.

After completing her education at Nahalal in 1941, she joined the kibbutz at Sedot Yam, which was in the midst of planning to build its permanent settlement at Caeseria. Her skills and enthusiasm were much appreciated there and within a short time she had been appointed to a number of administrative positions.

In all of this — the development of her Zionist fervor, her aliyah and her life in the fields from 1939 to 1942 — how different was Senesh from so many young men and women who came from the insecurity of a growingly hostile Europe to build the settlements and to farm the fields of Jewish Palestine?

There is a picture of her, taken in Haifa on her first day in her new country. Her face is fresh and innocent, her smile young and confident and very happy. How many other young men and women came off the boats at Haifa with the same youth and confidence on their faces, the same joy and enthusiasm in their hearts?

She was in so many ways very much like so many others. Yet, in other ways, she was altogether extraordinary.

Perhaps it was, more than anything else, the unshakable commitment she felt to whatever she set out to do. She would not turn back; she would not reconsider. The commitment, once undertaken, was a holy cause and must continue, no matter what the hardship, no matter what the sacrifices. One of her comrades wrote:

"She was fearless, and none of us was as positive as she that our mission would succeed. Never once did she consider the possibility of failure; never once did she allow us to become dispirited or discouraged. She would explain with iron logic how we could extricate ourselves from any predicament and her inner conviction would reassure us."

The mission was an attempt to organize Jewish resistance in and aid Jews to escape from her native Hungary.

At the end of 1942, after she had spent a year at Sedot Yam, the war in Europe and the annihilation of Jews continued to intensify and Senesh became desperately concerned about the future of her mother, still in Budapest, and the other Jews of Hungary. She joined a parachute unit — the only woman in the unit — organized by the Haganah and attached to the British army, and trained to work behind enemy lines.

The unit was parachuted into Yugoslavia in March 1944 and worked there with Tito's partisans. Senesh became almost a legend: the woman in the British army uniform fighting with the Yugoslav partisans.

In June, Senesh crossed over to Hungary. By that time, the Germans had occupied the country and the deportation of Jews had begun in earnest. At that point in time, the mission was, at best, very dangerous, and perhaps even futile, but she would not be dissuaded.

"We are the only ones who can possibly help. We don't have the right to think of our own safety; we don't have the right to hesitate. If we don't go for fear of our lives, a million Jews will surely be massacred."

She was captured shortly after crossing the border. The Gestapo very much wanted to know the radio codes with which she was supposed to communicate with the Allies, but she would not tell them. She was physically tortured over five months of captivity. At one point, her mother, whom Senesh had not seen for five years, was brought to the prison and Senesh was told that failure to reveal the codes would result in her mother's torture as well. Senesh refused to cooperate.

On the morning of Nov. 7, 1944, Senesh was informed that she had been sentenced to death. She asked for her right of appeal and was refused. She was told that she might request clemency. She responded, "Clemency — from you? Do you think I'm going to plead with hangmen and murderers? I shall never ask for mercy."

She was given time to write farewell letters to her family. She wrote a number of letters; none was ever delivered. At 10 a.m., she was escorted to the prison courtyard, and her hands were tied behind her to a wooden post. An officer stepped forward with a blindfold, but she refused it with a shake of her head.

She was shot by a firing squad of three. She was 23 years old. Someone delivered her body to the Jewish cemetery in Budapest, where she was buried. In 1950, her body was moved to Israel and is buried in the military cemetery on Har Herzl.

Hannah Senesh, the pretty young girl with the confident smile in that 1938 photograph, inspired the people of her generation, perhaps because they saw in her their own youth, their own spirit, their own passion and struggle; and they saw in her sacrifice the love of the Jewish people for which they lived and for which they, too, might be called upon to die.

But heroes are products of their time, and it is with some fear that we wonder how much the sacrifices of Senesh would be valued today. How much would selfless dedication count in what some have termed the "post-Zionist" era?

In her last days in Yugoslavia, before she crossed over to her death in Hungary, Senesh handed her comrade Reuven Dafne what would become her most famous poem:

Blessed is the match consumed in
in kindling flame
Blessed is the flame that burns
in the secret fastness of the heart.
Blessed is the heart with strength to stop
its beating for honor's sake.
Blessed is the match consumed
in kindling fire.

Do we value the "flame that burns in the secret fastness of the heart"?

In 1944, an Israeli television play written by Motti Lerner presented Senesh as a cowardly informer. Lerner explained that he knew that Senesh had never been accused by anyone of having informed, but he felt it important to undermine the concept of "Jewish self-sacrifice to the point of death." It was, he felt, no longer neccessary, even destructive, to view the Zionist ideal in such naive terms. Zionism in our time is perhaps more complex than that, more pragmatic, composed of complicated socio-economic realities and religious demographic projections. Besides, nothing is as simple as good and bad any more, as simple as right and wrong.

We have learned the lesson elsewhere, certainly. Richard Nixon taught Americans that presidents need not be noble. One shudders to think what it is Canadians might come to learn from our current analysis of the leadership of Brian Mulroney. And now, in what may be the deepest abyss in the history of the modern Jewish state, the political movements on the right and left seem to pause only long enough in their besmirching of each other's patriotism to bury our assassinated prime minister.

Perhaps in this brave new world, we have indeed outgrown the naive heroine who would offer up her life to the ideals which burned fire in her soul.

How tragic for us all if we have.

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Opinions

What the rabbi meant

By Jean M. Gerber

About the third session with my rabbi years ago in my conversion class of one, Rabbi Samuel Schafler rebuked me sharply. I had been trashing, in my youthful way, what I saw as the hypocrisy of my future people.

"It is not enough to love Judaism," he thundered, "You must love Jews — all Jews. It's easy to love Judaism. But Jews — it doesn't matter whether you agree with them or not, or even if you like them; but you must love them."

Well, I never understood what he meant until that terrible November *motza'ei Shabbat* when Yitzhak Rabin was murdered by a Jew who clearly did not love his fellows. In the wake of Rabin's *shloshim*, it is only now that I understand fully what Rabbi Schafler was trying to teach me.

Because I clearly have not been able to love Jews, all Jews. I first realized it in Israel when we were pushed, spat on and crowded off the sidewalk by gangs of young black-coated men. When my son was nearly trampled underfoot at the Kotel by yeshivah students rushing to get on the first bus after havdallah on *motza'ei Shabbat*. When our daughter was attacked outside the Jerusalem youth hostel, by a crowd calling her and her friend harlots and sinners. (They were checking in for the night and are anything but harlots and sinners.)

I did not love Jews when my religious friends, gentle people who combine the best of religious and secular learning, were insulted and threatened for "looking" religious (the same friends who took us to hear a Chick Corea jazz concert in Jerusalem and continue to teach us many zmirot and insights in Torah). Nor did I love Jews when it was time to vote on Who Is A Jew, and the worst insults were hurled at Jews by Choice who did not seemingly meet the standard of the rabbanut.

No, I did not love those Jews. I resented them, then feared them, then hated them when they threatened my children and my friends.

How I miss Rabbi Schafler, to whom I might have now turned and asked for the secret of how to find that love he was so insistent upon.

In 1974, we enrolled our son in Paula Ben-Gurion school, a newly-opened elementary school which housed both a *memlachti* (state secular) and a *memlachti-dati* (state religious) school. He was in the *dati* part. After about a week, he informed us that there were two schools there — one for Jews and one for non-Jews. How was this, we asked. Well, he answered, the others aren't wearing kippot. For us as Anglo-Saxons, this was funny, then sad, then tragic, as the magnitude of the chasm between the two segments of Israeli society became manifest.

We could always, however, come back to North America and enjoy the vibrant pluralism that characterizes North American Jewry, can't we — *can't we?*

It would seem not. Just as I worked my way towards a thriving distaste for the others, so they were coming towards me, like two trains in the tunnel, each without lights on. So we have collided finally, and are left bleeding and dazed by the force of the impact of our two loads of hatred.

Over the years, I have tried not to tell Israel what to do; it is there, we are here, and while the government has not always been to my point of view, they are after all the government of a sovereign country. We rejoiced at the peace process, celebrated each step forward, shared the anxiety of many that terror and danger would accompany it and hoped our friends' lives and children would be spared.

Now to find out that when we rejoiced, others despaired — a horrible word, implying all hope lost, the Temple in ruins, the people banished once again — is to look into minds that seem to occupy another universe. It is beyond heartbreak. It is as if two alien spirits were inside one writhing body, like Jacob and Esau inside mother Rebecca, except that we are both Jacob *and* Esau.

And then to find that my own community is split by the same poisonous division, that some called Rabin a traitor and despaired — this is almost too much to bear. To think that in Canada there are those who despaired at peace breaking out stunned me. Now we have to find a way back to that sense of community which crumbled without our noticing.

It is because I could not learn the lesson 30 years ago, and because the rabbi could not teach it to each and every Jew in the world, that we stand on this precipice, almost lost to each other. And *that* fills me with dread, with terror, almost with despair.

Exploring the family album

By Arnold Ages

When Lionel Trilling, the eminent American literary critic, was completing his PhD in English literature at New York City's Columbia University in the 1930s, he inquired of one of his advisers whether he might obtain a teaching position at the university.

Trilling was told in no uncertain terms that the answer would be negative because as a Jew he was an outsider. Since English literature was largely the product of English Protestantism, a non-Christian like him could never be attuned to the resonances of a culture and civilization in which he did not grow up and which was so different from his own. A PhD in English was not enough.

This thinly veiled variant of the classical anti-Semitic argument did not, fortunately, deter Trilling (he became both a professor at Columbia and a major literary critic), but his case came to mind recently when I mentally reversed the circumstances and asked whether a non-Jew could possibly teach Jews anything about Torah. The question is especially relevant in an age when conformity in matters religious is becoming more and more rigid.

Before answering the question directly it must be observed that Jews have already learned much from non-Jews. When the rabbis of the Talmud referred to biblical passages, they did not cite chapter and verse when quoting passages. But today it is a commonplace for all rabbis to provide such references — which originate in a Christian division of the Bible.

Again, it should be noted that until the present century and before the rise of Israeli scholars, the foremost lexicographer of the Hebrew language was probably Heinrich Gesenius, whose 19th century dictionary of Biblical Hebrew and Aramaic went through 16 editions in German and numerous others in English translations and is still used to this day as a valuable source for our knowledge of Hebrew and Semitic languages.

It should also be noted that in the 1937 Hertz edition of the Chumash executed by the man who became the chief rabbi of the British Empire, the author quotes freely in his commentary from 27 non-Jewish Bible scholars. Nahum Sarna similarly quotes from at least that many non-Jewish scholars in his 1989 Jewish Publication Society commentary on Genesis.

How do we then relate to non-Jews who explore the family album we call the Hebrew Bible? It depends, of course, whom we are talking about. Jews can learn little about Torah from Christian scholars for whom our Bible is a merely a trampoline and proof text to be ransacked for passages trotted out to validate another religious system. The litmus test for the non-Jewish interpreter of our sacred texts is his/her ability to see the text in its own terms — without parachuting in a conceptual environment which is totally foreign to the text.

In the last 100 years, such scholars have been few and far between. Gesenius was a rare exception. Today, however, there are more and more non-Jewish scholars who are able to look at the Hebrew Bible as both antechamber and sanctuary and address its particular genius in refreshing and innovative ways.

Some of these scholars, having pursued advanced studies in rabbinical seminaries in the United States and in universities in Israel, are utilizing their knowledge of Hebrew, Bible, rabbinics and Jewish history to extract new nuances from ancient texts. Their approaches, of course, are obviously not the traditional rabbinic ones, but they are often valuable supplements to the existing Jewish understanding of the text.

In this context, names such as Victor Hamilton and Gerald Janzen come to the fore. Their recent magisterial studies of Genesis (Eerdmans) are models of intellectual probity and depth of Hebraic learning. Their searching analyses of the world in which the fathers of the Jewish nation lived are illuminating. The works of G. J. Wentham, Richard Nelson and Timothy P. Ashley on Leviticus and Numbers are praiseworthy in their respective efforts to see and recognize the civilization of ancient Israel for its intrinsic values as a unique human collective.

The emergence of this school of non-Jewish scholars who are sensitive to the resonances of Torah is a welcome development. They will help in the future to neutralize some of the anti-Jewish flavor that has crept into Christian approaches to Jewish scripture.

A history like no other

By Rabbi. Gunther Plaut

Hershel Shanks is an American who is in love with Jerusalem. He is also the founder and editor of *Biblical Archaeology Review*, a popular, richly illustrated journal that is read by Jews and Christians alike, and possibly by some Muslims as well.

Archeology is one of the cultural pastimes of Israelis. No wonder. From childhood on they are exposed to the biblical landscape — both on the printed page, which tells of ages long gone by, and in their environment as well. Lectures on archeology are usually packed. I remember once going to a talk by Yigal Yadin who, before he entered politics, was one of his nation's most renowned archeologists. I arrived about half an hour before the announced time of the lecture and barely found a seat in the large hall.

Of all the exploratory excavations in Israel, those taking place in Jerusalem inevitably attract the most passionate attention. Being himself possessed with that passion, Shanks has produced a splendid book, which I just finished reading.

Entitled *Jerusalem: An Archaeological Biography*, the volume combines pictures and text in a captivating mix.

The opening chapter starts with the pre-Israelite inhabitants of the city. They were Jebusites, a Canaanite people who managed to defend their stronghold against all attempts of the Israelites to dislodge them. Not until David's time was the feat accomplished, but how it was done is a fascinating tale all of its own. (Joab, the king's officer who brought it off, was rewarded for his feat by being appointed general of David's army.)

Not that everything about this story and the others in the book is clear and uncontested. On the contrary, many archeological digs lead scholars to differing conclusions. In fact, that's one of the reasons their work is so interesting, for one's sleuthing talents are constantly challenged.

When you finish this book, writes the author, you will understand a good deal about the 23(!) conquests which the city endured, and you will see:

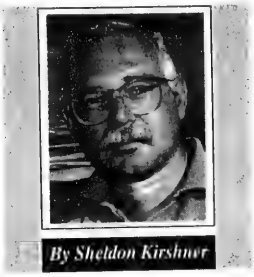
- How the Israelites conquested the city from the Jebusites — three times (twice before King David managed to hold onto it).
- How the Assyrians devastated it after the Israelite confederation broke apart.
- How the Babylonians destroyed it.
- How the Persians defeated the Babylonians and ruled Jerusalem.
- How Alexander the Great conquered the world and Hellenized Jerusalem.
- How Alexander's heirs fought over the city until the Maccabees established an independent Jewish state once again, ruled by the Hasmonean dynasty.
- How King Herod ousted the Hasmoneans and killed their descendants.
- How, after Herod's death, Roman prefects and procurators controlled the city.
- How the Jews revolted and the Romans retaliated and destroyed the city.
- How the Jews revolted again and the Romans banned the Jews from Jerusalem and rebuilt it as a Roman city with a new name.
- How the city became Christian under Byzantium.
- How the Muslims ousted the Christians.
- How the Crusaders ousted the Muslims.
- How the Muslims ousted the Crusaders.

That's how far the book goes, all 256 large-size pages of it. It will make a good read and a fine gift.

The Kirshner File

A saga of life's uncertainties and changes

Bizarre and poignant stories have emerged from the rubble of the Third Reich. Some are stranger than fiction.



By Sheldon Kirshner

Eric Koch's is one of them.

"A writer looks for a subject and this subject was in my blood," said Koch in an interview.

The topic whose murky depths he plumbed was his family closet, or more precisely, the skeletons in it. Peering deep into its recesses, Koch — a German Jew who has resided in Canada since 1940 — was startled to learn of two long-lost, illegitimately-sired, half-Jewish relatives in Nazi Germany.

Hilmar, Koch's step-cousin, was a tragic figure who was consigned to Auschwitz because he was unable to prove his Aryan paternity.

Odette, his half-sister and the wife of a Nazi party member, died of natural causes without realizing that she was of partial Jewish ancestry and that she was related to Koch.

A former Canadian Broadcasting Corporation producer and administrator, Koch relates this incredible, convoluted and touching tale in a new book, *Hilmar and Odette* (McClelland & Stewart). Koch's Byzantine story, told with the skill of a deft writer, intially unfolds in the early decades of this century.

In 1911, Koch's father, Otto, then unmarried and a partner in his father's jewelry firm in Frankfurt, consummated a love affair with Emmy Herold, a gentile sales clerk. When she became pregnant, Otto's uncle, Louis, introduced Emmy to Baron Moritz von Maucler, a down-at-the-heels southern German aristocrat.

In short order, the baron married Emmy, who named her child Odette. Why a man of his class would marry a supposedly "common" woman like Emmy is debatable. Perhaps he needed money, and Louis may have helped. Odette was raised in comfortable surroundings and her mother never breathed a word of her origins. Maucler, an officer in the German army, was killed on the Western front in 1918.

Koch's father, a war veteran and sportsman, died in 1919, when Koch was three months old. About a decade later, Koch's mother, the widow Ida, met a Jewish businessman named Emil Netter. They were married in 1930.

The plot thickens when one of Netter's sisters, Helene, accompanied her mother, Anna, to Switzerland in 1919. There, one morning, she found her daughter in bed, unconscious, drugged and apparently raped. A year later, Helene gave birth to a boy, Hilmar (originally Robert), whom she gave up for adoption to a Luthern minister and his wife, Hugo and Hedwig Wailke.

How can Koch be certain that Helene was impregnated by a non-Jew? "If there was a rape, the statistical probability is that the rapist was *not* a Jew," he said.

The apparent rape, however, may have been a concoction to cover up an illicit love affair, he speculates. If this is the case, Helene's paramour was probably a Jew. But no one will ever really know the truth.

In any event, Hilmar, uncircumcised, arrived at the Wailke household without a baptismal certificate.

Hedwig Wailke was a stereotypical stepmother in that she disliked her adopted son, Hilmar. In March 1939, six months before the war broke out, she informed the authorities that Hilmar was actually a Jew. She was neither a Nazi nor an anti-Semite, Koch suggests. But she was doubtless affected by Nazi propaganda.

Once the war had erupted, Hilmar volunteered for the Wehrmacht. He was rejected, having been declared unworthy because he could not prove his father had been a racially pure specimen of German manhood. As a result, he was classified as a *mischling*, a half-Jew, with all its dangerous consequences.

In 1941, Hilmar met Brunhilde, a German woman. Her father, an anti-Nazi, was murdered in Hitler's euthanasia program. Hilmar and Brunhilde fell in love, but the couple was not permitted to wed as he was of Jewish ancestry. Nevertheless, they lived together and had two children, whose legitimacy was recognized after the war.

Hilmar's precarious existence was dealt a fatal blow in January 1944, when he was declared a *Volljude*, or full Jew. Toward the end of the war, he was sent to Auschwitz, then brutally marched to the Mauthausen concentration camp. He died in July 1945.

By contrast, Odette enjoyed a charmed life, never being considered a *mischling*. After all, on the face of it, she was a pure-blooded, aristocratic German.

In January 1939, she married Hanns Arens, a freelance writer, editor and bookseller who had joined the Nazi party in 1937 and contributed occasional articles to the *Volkische Beobachter*, the leading Nazi daily of the day.

A guest at their wedding had been Hans Hinkel, an official in the Ministry of Propaganda charged with purging the arts and media of Jews. Being Hinkel's friends, Odette and Hans hobnobbed with Nazi bigwigs.

Koch — who left Germany bound for Britain in 1935 and was later interned as an "enemy alien" in Canada — stumbled upon Hilmar and Odette by chance.

In 1951, Koch's mother received a letter from a lawyer in Switzerland informing her that she had been named one of Anna Netter's heirs, but that the will had been challenged by Brunhilde Netter, Hilmar's wife.

Eventually, Koch's curiosity was piqued by Hilmar's plight and, in time, he made a point of meeting Brunhilde and her daughter, Gudrun, who had tried unsuccessfully to enlist in the Israeli army.

Koch first learned of Odette in 1985 from a relative in Germany, an aging cousin in Frankfurt who had been 18 when Otto Koch died.

With the assistance of Mia von Maucler, the last surviving scion of this ancient clan, he tracked down Odette in Munich. Koch visited her in 1989, but refrained from divulging any sensitive family secrets.

"She would have been shocked out of her mind had I told her she had been an illegitimate child," said Koch over coffee and cake in a Toronto cafe. "The worst blemish in German society is to be of humble origin. Besides, it would have been a terrible piece of news to someone who had flirted with the Nazis."

In fact, Koch intended to break the news to Odette sooner or later. To his regret, she passed away before he could bring himself to do so.

Originally, Koch wrote *Hilmar and Odette* in German. But when his publisher in Germany unexpectedly rejected the manuscript, he turned to McClelland & Stewart, which had published several of his previous books.

Koch is a regular visitor to Germany because his daughter — a translator — lives, and feels completely at home, there. "I don't quite understand this, but I have no criticism of her."

Reflecting on the erratic course of German history, of which the lives of Hilmar and Odette were merely a footnote, Koch recognizes that the efforts by Jews to be accepted by Germans were essentially in vain.

"What occupies my mind constantly is whether we were living in a fool's paradise. Did we all kid ourselves that there was a real German-Jewish symbiosis?"

Still and all, he remains convinced that Jews in pre-Hitlerian Germany did not delude themselves by the desire to integrate into German society. "Our ancestors were not wrong to think that the symbiosis could work. What German Jews achieved was amazing. Hitler and the Holocaust were not inevitable. You can't predict the future, ever."

He may be right. The saga of Hilmar and Odette is vivid proof of life's uncertainties and vicissitudes.

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'Nothing has changed' for prominent Likud hawk

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — As Ariel Sharon sees it, the drubbing Israel's right wing has taken since Yitzhak Rabin's assassination has been an exercise in intellectual dishonesty.

And despite one of the most painful episodes in Israel's history, nothing, Sharon says emphatically, has changed for Jewish settlers in Judea, Samaria, Gaza and the Golan Heights.

"It was a terrible thing. Every assassination is a terrible thing. But we have to distinguish between grief, pain and sadness, and our real problems. They have not changed," Israel's hawkish former Likud defence and housing minister told *The CJN* in an interview last week.

Sharon, still a Likud MK, was in town to raise money for YESHA — the Council of Jewish Communities in Judea, Samaria and Gaza. His visit was sponsored by One Israel/Canadian Friends of YESHA.

He was to have addressed a community-wide rally, but it was cancelled because it conflicted with several shloshim memorials for Rabin around the city.

As a former general, like Rabin, Sharon sees events in military terms: "Rabin's death did not make the Golan Heights strategically less important. It did not bring the Syrians to reduce by one tank the 4,800 tanks they have, and it has not stopped [the Syrians' acquiring] Scud-C missiles, which have a range of 500 kilometres.

"Israel is not under less danger now than before. The mountains did not become lower. The terror groups have not stopped terror. We have not known one day of quiet since [Rabin's] infamous handshake in Washington in 1993 [with Yasser Arafat]. Since then, 162 Israelis have been killed [in terror attacks] and 800 wounded. Nothing has changed."

Ariel Sharon

Heavy clouds looming

Sharon's ire is raised when he is asked about accusations that overheated rhetoric from the right contributed to the climate of hate which culminated in Rabin's murder.

"I call it defamation. How can one blame a national camp? For using harsh words? Immediately after [Rabin's death], the Labor party and the left started [posting] stickers saying, 'Yes to Peace, No to Violence.' What is the connection between peace and violence? That says if you don't support this peace, which has brought only bloodshed, then you are for violence. That is a twisted thing."

Sharon is quick with a defence for Likud leader Benjamin Netanyahu, whom he says would make a point at anti-government rallies to call on protesters "not to use harsh words and not to bring out those signs," which showed Rabin in Nazi attire or likened him to Arafat.

"But you have to understand something," Sharon adds. "Tens and tens of thousands of people would participate in those demonstrations. The speakers would stand on a balcony. All the lights are in their eyes. You can't see the people. You can't see the audience.

"It happened to me in Hebron. I noticed a sign that said, 'Rabin is Arafat's dog.' I said, 'Look, if you don't remove it, I won't speak.' And they removed it. But that was very close, where I could see it."

Those who bash the right, Sharon charges, themselves took part in anti-Likud rallies in the 1970s and '80s with signs reading "[Menachem] Begin is a murderer" and "Sharon is a war criminal."

"And no one," Sharon claims, "ever tried to stop them."

The Labor government, "in the most cynical way, is taking advantage of a terrible event in order to attack half the population — Bar-Ilan University [where confessed assassin Yigal Amir was enrolled], the observant and the settlers. It's unbelievable.

"I see heavy clouds becoming thicker and thicker over our democracy ... The nation is divided, not because of [Rabin's] murder, but gradually, step by step, over the last two generations, and becoming wider and wider."

That split has manifested itself most deeply, Sharon feels, between those who have had a Jewish education and have "roots in the land," and "the others," who have become "weaker when it comes to national issues."

But, he notes, there will be no peace with Arabs until there is peace among Jews. On the other hand, he has no compunction in saying that the current government "hates" the settlers.

As for those settlers — 146,000 in the West Bank, 14,500 in the Golan Heights and 6,000 in Gaza, and growing — Sharon has three proposals he says would ensure their security:

- not granting Palestinian autonomy over all Judea and Samaria. Zones where Jews reside, surrounding areas and connecting roads would never be turned over to Palestinian jurisdiction;
- keeping internal security in the territories entirely in Israeli hands, and allowing both pre-emptive Israeli strikes and so-called "hot pursuit" of terrorists in Palestinian areas;
- and removing all Palestinian ministries and government offices from Jerusalem.

In post-Rabin Israel, Sharon agrees that "people should not use harsh terms. But, he adds, "these problems are not within the field of good manners. These are issues of life and death, and no one has the right to try to minimize these problems only because of the grief of this tragedy."

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Ontario cuts forcing re-evaluation of services

By MORRIS ZBAR
Special to The CJN

OPINION

The Harris government budget cuts are deep, distressing for many and disorienting. They have dislodged us from our current course of thinking and forced us to carefully consider how we provide essential services and who should provide them.

It's tempting under these circumstances to develop a sense of isolation, concentrating only on our community and how these dramatic government spending reductions will affect us. However, this is not just a Jewish issue. Many communities are feeling the pinch of altered provincial priorities. We are going to get our point across far more effectively by creating a common agenda.

With drastically decreased government expenditures a tough reality, the fight now is to preserve services delivered by a religious or multicultural community to its own members. Without pro-active efforts, agency consolidation could be the next step. That would mean merging service providers so that, for example, immigration assistance for Jewish newcomers, may not be distinctly Jewish. Maintaining "ethno-specific" services is a priority for everyone affected by Queen's Park policies.

That is why the federation and Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region have arranged meetings with representatives of Anglican, United Church, Catholic, Italian and Chinese organizations to pinpoint positions on which we can all agree regarding not only service delivery but volunteers and fundraising as well.

The Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto recognizes and respects the government's priorities. We look forward to a new partnership with the government based on new realities, and with that in mind, we are developing specific partnership projects for the government and private enterprise to consider.

But we expect, in turn, time to formulate transition strategies. We need advance warning of what is ahead. If we have to continually play catch-up, we can neither respond nor plan properly. We also need a more favorable tax environment with larger incentives for charitable giving.

So, what is the bottom line for the Jewish community and everyone affiliated with us? Over the next few months, in cooperation with our agencies, we will be identifying our most important core services and assessing by what means they can best be delivered.

We will continue our outreach initiatives to colleagues in other communities. We will be exploring new revenue sources and new avenues of private sector cooperation. Most importantly, we will be adjusting to life in this new post-spending society, determined to protect the most vulnerable members of our community.

Morris Zbar is director of Community Planning & Allocations for the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

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Dan's *menshlechkeit* praised

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — More than 900 friends and supporters turned out last week to pay tribute to Toronto philanthropist Leslie Dan, this year's Jewish National Fund (JNF) Negev Dinner honoree.

Proceeds from the 47th annual dinner will establish the Dan Family Arava Development Project dedicated to the memory of Dan's wife Judith, who died in July.

Reclamation of the Arava, part of the Negev desert, will prepare the land for agricultural development.

Dan, president of the pharmaceutical firm Novopharm, was feted as "a man committed to the State of Israel, with vision, understanding, humility, sincerity, warmth, perseverance, optimism, *menshlechkeit* and klal Israel."

Speaking on behalf of his siblings, Michael Dan, Leslie's son, spoke of the "great joy and deep sense of loss our family is experiencing at this hour." He lauded his father's "great accomplishments as a philanthropist and humanitarian," adding, "and he doesn't do a bad job of selling pharmaceuticals."

Of his late mother, Michael Dan said, "She was a remarkable woman who strove to be unremarkable. Just as the Arava Project needs the help of the Dan family, so does the Dan family need the help of the Arava Project — it focuses our attention on one of the anchoring values of our mother's life — her abiding love of nature and natural beauty."

Leslie Dan, a Hungarian-born Holocaust survivor, has of late made donations to a variety of Jewish causes in and around Toronto.

"Having absorbed the teachings of our sacred books," he said in response to the tributes, "I came to the conclusion that I must engage in charitable activities, to the best of my financial position, because that is one of the most important teachings of our faith."

The head table was introduced by Ben Prossin, executive director of JNF Toronto. Avner Regev, executive vice-president of JNF Canada presented a tribute to Yitzhak Rabin.

Others participating in the program included Cantor Tom Schwartz of Temple Sinai; Israel's consul general in Toronto, Jehudi Kinar; Rabbi Arthur Bielfeld, spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El; Sid Halpern, national president of JNF Canada; and Tom Ungar, the newly elected president of JNF Toronto. Dinner co-chairs were Sheila Engel and Jack Gwartz.

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Greater Toronto Area

Devout Christian founded Jewish club

Young Maccabees honor Coatsworth with lecture

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In 1929, Toronto was a largely white Protestant city that tolerated a Jewish minority living in closely-packed quarters between Queen and Bloor streets.

Jews could not get jobs in the city's large retail outlets and they faced restrictions on joining clubs and owning property.

So when a devout Christian war veteran who had ties to the city's elite befriended some teenaged Jewish paperboys and invited them into his Duplex Avenue home, it was an unusual event.

"They had had no contact with Christians," Alan Coatsworth would recall some 33 years later. "I began to invite them into my home, two or three at a time."

Those young Jewish boys invited some of their friends, and before long, a club was born. Coatsworth called it the Young Maccabees because of his admiration for the ancient Jewish warriors, recalled Irving Himel, one of the club's early members.

Altogether, about 150 young Jews age 16 to 25 were members of the club at one time or another.

On Dec. 11, the remaining Young Maccabees, now in their 70s and 80s, along with Canadian Jewish Congress, Ontario region, the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and Temple Sinai's social action committee held the Annual Alan Coatsworth Lecture. Panelists discussed group rights versus individual rights in creating a just society.

The lecture series was inaugurated in 1984 in Coatsworth's memory and to honor his early attempts to foster inter-religious understanding and respect.

Coatsworth, who died in 1967 at age 77, was remarkable in his time for befriending young Jews while not trying to proselytize them. In fact, it was quite the opposite as Coatsworth attempted to enhance the Jewish identity of the young men in the club, Himel recalled.

A statement of the Young Maccabee's purpose makes clear the club's goal was "to deepen the religious instincts of Jewish boys and bid them hold fast to the historic faith of Israel and to inspire devotion to the ideals of Judaism."

The Young Maccabees and Coatsworth exerted a tremendous influence on his life, Himel said. Membership in the club made him a better Jew, because it enhanced his knowledge of the principles behind the Jewish faith.

Alan Coatsworth

Bill Simon, who joined the club in 1933, said, "I derived a certain knowledge of my Jewishness in my formative years ... Coatsworth never tried to get Jews to join Christianity."

A regular feature of Young Maccabees' programs was to invite rabbis, lawyers, writers, musicians and Christian ministers to speak on a variety of topics. Club activities also included sports competitions, especially in baseball and basketball, usually in church-based leagues.

"We played boys we'd never meet except for this club. We [had been] in a Jewish environment, like a ghetto," Himel recalled.

Himel believes the contacts created through sports were like "a breakthrough" into the wider Christian community, something that was one of Coatsworth's main goals.

Several ministers of the United Church who later championed anti-discrimination laws were among those who became familiar with the Jewish community through the Young Maccabees, Himel, a semi-retired lawyer, said.

During the 1930s, Coatsworth helped several young German Jews escape the Nazis. He hosted one of the them, Klaus Goldschlag, in his home while the young man attended Vaughan Road Collegiate. Having won five scholarships, Goldschlag entered the University of Toronto where he studied Oriental languages.

Despite Coatsworth's hope that he would become a rabbi, Goldschlag went on to join the External Affairs Department where he served as a senior diplomat.

"Alan Coatsworth was a rare individual for our times and in the time in which he lived, he was one in a million," Himel said.

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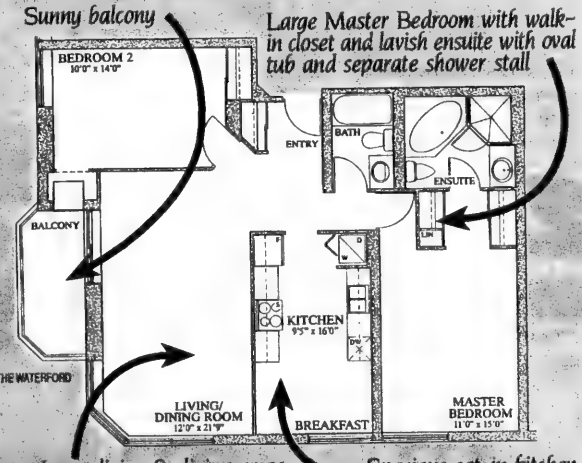

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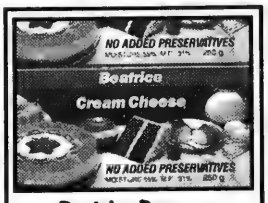

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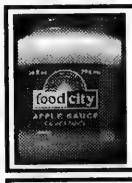

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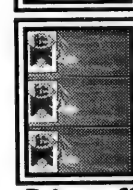

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$30 million & counting for UJA closing

The 1996 UJA Campaign has topped $30 million to date as it heads toward a target exceeding $35 million. It's one of the largest amounts for any December closing. What's more, UJA's first-ever Three Year Vision Campaign has raised more than $16 million for each of 1997 and 1998.

The Campaign officially closed December 6 with a tribute party for canvassers and the community. However, volunteers will continue to call those who have yet to pledge.

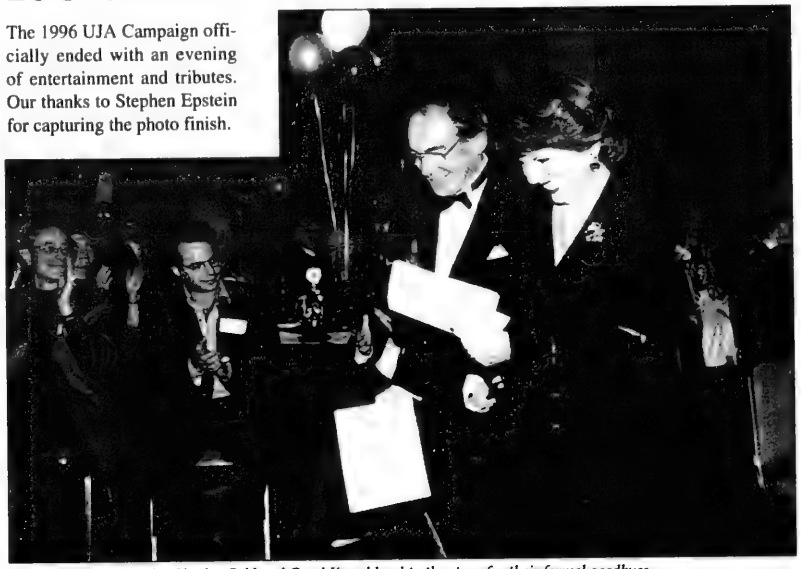
The party was preceded by a blitz day, December 5, in which canvassers mounted a last minute push that pumped an additional $450,000 into the Campaign total.

"Who would have believed that 40% of our donors would have signed up for The Three Year Vision,?" asked Campaign co-chair Carol Kassel in her closing speech to more than 200 party participants. "We wanted to re-invigorate our sense of community and pride," she said. "We realized that we could not do business as usual. You accepted the challenge. You made the vision happen."

"The Three Year Vision is good for the future of this community," declared fellow co-chair Charles Gold, who urged others to assume positions of leadership. "Don't let the challenge pass you by. I suggest that you take a leap of faith."

It's over!

The 1996 UJA Campaign officially ended with an evening of entertainment and tributes. Our thanks to Stephen Epstein for capturing the photo finish.



Step right up. Co-chairs Charles Gold and Carol Kassel head to the stage for their formal goodbyes.

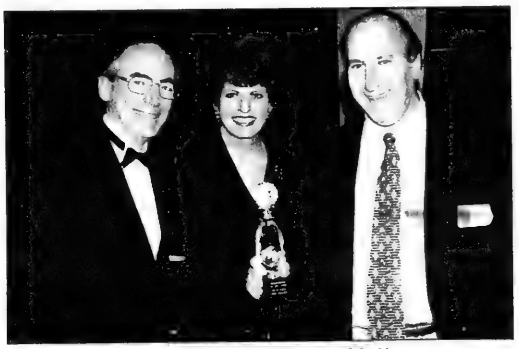
"I'm back," declared Carol to husband Bill, who spent a long year behind the scenes.

A sorting team. Veteran telethoner Lily Tepperman bridges the generations as she shares an award for the best sorter with 11 year old Sarah Brodbar-Nemzer and Jason Kendal.

A mile of smiles from closing event co-chairs Abe Glowinsky with his wife Janice (L) and Judy Engel.

This red robed party infiltrator is none other than "Delta" Dave Engel, whose Delta Force philosophy changed the relationship between canvassers and contributors. Beside him is MC Mark Hebscher, a Q107/Talk 640 sports personality.

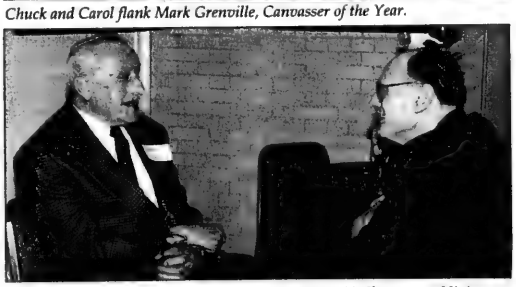
Why is event organizer Lissie Strauss Sanders smiling? She's planning her well deserved vacation.



Chuck and Carol flank Mark Grenville, Canvasser of the Year.

UJA Campaign film star Daniel Proper (R) presents the rookie of the year award to Richard Sadowski who joined Jaqueline Valmont in being accorded the honour.

The party's over. It is time for a rest, as little Leora Newman demonstrates to her mother, Roberta.



Party? What party? Leslie Zack (L) and Murray Hoffman are oblivious to official happenings as they converse in a small corner of the Beth Tzedec corridor.

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Phil Givens created campaign milestone

By Howard English

The year was 1967. Phil Givens had just lost his bid to be re-elected mayor of Toronto and Ben Schneider, then Executive Vice-President of the United Jewish Welfare Fund, thought the time was right to talk with Givens. That conversation led to one of the most successful campaigns in United Jewish Appeal history.

Givens, who died Nov. 30, agreed to chair the 1968 Campaign. His term coincided with the Six Day War, which marshalled a massive community response to the emergency. The result was a $14 million campaign - an astounding $11 million more than the year before.

"That was a turning point in the Toronto community campaign," remembered Dave Marks a former Campaign Director, who worked closely with Givens as the head of business and professional divisions for UJA.

"He brought energy, vigour, good humour, his tremendous knowledge of the community and his ability to get along with virtually anybody," Marks continued. "He was just a super guy."

The legacy left by Givens to UJA wasn't just the amount of money raised, it was the number of contributors as well. "We more than doubled the number of donors," Scheider recalled. There were nearly 24,000 when the '68 Campaign was over.

Those associated with Givens acknowledge that personal fundraising wasn't his biggest strength. "I didn't expect him to cover cards. He didn't have that kind of capacity. I needed a motivator - somebody who could lead the Campaign," Schneider said.

"He brought people in and made sure they did what they were supposed to do," added Marks.

Givens' speaking ability was legendary. Stories from friends and former colleagues about his rhetoric are plentiful. One of his favourite lines, according to Schneider, was "I lost the election and blew my chauffeur."

"No matter how many times he said it, the audience roared with laughter," said Schneider.

"He could speak off the cuff on any subject," remembered David Rotenberg, who was a city councillor when Givens was mayor. The two men talked often when Givens' chauffeur drove Rotenberg home from City Hall. Rotenberg noted how well Givens got along with both Jewish and non-Jewish communities. "He didn't get himself involved in controversy," Rotenberg recalled. "You could disagree with Phil and still be his friend."

Givens returned to politics, this time in Ottawa, after his stint as UJA chairman, but he still maintained his Jewish community connections. "He knew what was going on and he gave us guidance about what to do," said Schneider. "If I needed him to reach a politician, he always came through."

The late Phil Givens, holding his hat, steps off an EL AL jet on a 1967 mission to Israel. Photo courtesy of Ontario Jewish Archives.

Federation committee builds business for Israel

Local business people, seeking more information about Israel's booming economy are discovering how helpful the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto's Economic Development Committee can be.

The committee, which includes members of UJA's hi-tech, investment, real-estate and construction divisions, was created two years ago to increase awareness about business opportunities in Israel. It works closely with all levels of government and their agencies, the Israel Economic Mission and the Canada Israel Chamber of Commerce to build a strong network of information and assistance.

So far, many matches between Canadian and Israeli business interests can be credited to the committee, directed by Meir Klein. It found a Canadian connection for an Israeli auto alarm manufacturer and helped a condominium hotel development in Haifa to get started.

Last year, a committee-organized forum, attended by 600 people, featured former Ontario Premier Bob Rae, who, along with North York mayor Mel Lastman, led successful investment missions to Israel.

Last month, committee members and invited guests were introduced to Yael Varsano-Barzilay, the head of Israel's Toronto-based Economic Mission in Canada. Barzilay thinks the committee is "a great tool to reach people interested in doing business in Israel."

"The Federation's data base and infrastructure combined with our expertise should produce great results," she added.

Economic Development Committee chairman Geoff Pearlstein is excited about the success of past programs and feels "there's a great need for more information about Israel and the region as a whole."

Federation President Sandra Brown called the committee "one of the Federation's best kept secrets."

"Its quiet work", she said, "speaks volumes in terms of returns and the strengthening of the relationship between the Diaspora and Israel."

For more information about the Economic Development Committee, call director Meir Klein at (416) 631-5739.

Gabi Regev, Economic Advisor with Israel's Economic Mission, greets visitors at a forum organized by the Federation's Economic Development Committee.

UJA Meets Minister Wilson

It was a history making meeting - the first time members of a UJA professional division won an audience with the provincial cabinet minister responsible for their profession.

Over 100 doctors from UJA's Physicians Division recently came to Queens Park to talk about the future of Ontario's health care system with Health Minister Jim Wilson. After the Minister presented a brief outline of the government's plans, participants lined up to ask questions about how cuts would affect local hospitals and private practices.

UJA Campaign co-chair Dr. Charles Gold commended the doctors for their "long history of community service" and called the Physicians Division "a pillar of the Jewish community."

Operation Exodus architect, Baruch Gur, a Jewish Agency emissary to UJA, asked the physicians to "remember their responsibilities even during this time of crisis."

Dr. Steven Gottesman, who co-chairs the division with Dr. Howard Price, expressed his appreciation for "an overwhelming response to the program."

So far, the division has raised over $1.5 million for the 1996 Campaign. Many physicians have also pledged for three years.

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Potpourri of participants for mega-mission

Thirty buses will be criss-crossing Israel in February as over 1100 Mission 3000 participants, with 350 from Toronto, dominate tourism to the country.

Mission 3000, a United Jewish Appeal/United Israel Appeal project, February 19-28, 1996, will be the largest organized visit to Israel in Canadian history. Participants will be travelling from Israel's northernmost community of Metulla to Eilat in the far south with a stay in Jerusalem, to celebrate the 3000th year since King David designated the city as Israel's capital.

This history-making mission has attracted 200 people who have never visited Israel before and several who haven't been back in decades.

The mission's oldest participant, 81 year old Joseph Jurman, was fighting in the 1948 War of Independence the last time he saw Israel. The retired accountant is looking forward to witnessing the tremendous changes he has heard about throughout the years.

Francis Klinger, Ruth Steinhart, Susan Freedman and Estelle Grader wanted to do something "extra ordinary" to celebrate 30 years of friendship and bridge. The answer was Mission 3000. Grader and Klinger have known each other since they were eight years old, living on Grace Street. The four became regular bridge partners when they were young mothers "desperate to get out of the house," recalls Grader. While they were considering a location for their bridge anniversary, Israel came to all of them at the same time.

This will be York city councillor Roz Mendelson's first trip to Israel on a UJA Mission. She's going to, among other things, "show solidarity with Israel during this time of change." She's also anxious to see UJA's Project Renewal sites.

Charles Presley, a non-Jewish Mission 3000 participant, has been involved with *Volunteers for Israel* since 1988, working on kibbutzim across the country to replace men serving in the army. Presley, who says that until now he's only seen Israel from "the inside looking out," is glad to finally be going as a mission member.

Jill Greenberg and Michael Levy are among an eclectic collection of Mission 3000 participants.

Frisch brings back donors

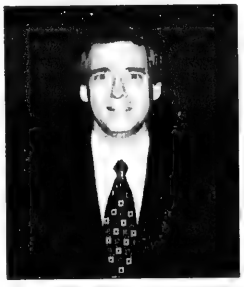
Ron Frisch is dedicated to rebuilding relationships. Frisch is neither a psychiatrist nor a social worker. He chairs UJA's Donor Renewal Committee, responsible for encouraging former contributors to give again.

"It's important for us to understand why people no longer give," he says.

According to Frisch, many people have been hit hard by worsening economic conditions and find it difficult to donate. Others have reservations because of political or community concerns. Either way, Frisch is convinced that opening lines of communication is the best approach. "If you don't have a dialogue you can't get anywhere and this allows us to tackle issues that can be dealt with."

Frisch has served as Vice-Chair of UJA's Major Gifts Division and was co-chair of last year's Major Gifts Gala.

Retrieving lost gifts is one of UJA's major goals, but maintaining a dialogue with donors, according to Campaign Director Ted Sokolsky, is even more important. "For many contributors, UJA is the most important connnection to the community," explained Sokolsky. "So it's important that we do whatever we can to reach out to people and understand their concerns."



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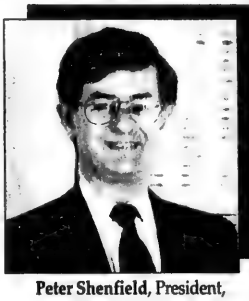

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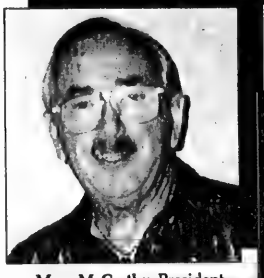

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Rabin Shloshim

Rabin's shloshim marked

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO —"I thought that the picture on the front page of the newspaper the day after the peace rally would be of those two bitter rivals Shimon Peres and Yitzhak Rabin hugging," remembered Prof. Michael Bar-Zohar.

"How wrong I was," the former soldier and politician, now a writer and political commentator, told a shloshim service held last week at Beth David B'nai Israel Beth Am congregation.

He reminisced about the Rabin he knew — shy, honest, with a steely determination to do what he considered right.

To Rabin, peace was what was needed, Bar-Zohar said, even if he had to shake Yasser Arafat's hand in the process.

"He knew he had to do it, but he took no pleasure in it. He wasn't like those Israelis who jump and hug and kiss him — he couldn't forget that Arafat had shed Jewish blood."

No one, he said, can take from Rabin what he accomplished. "He fought for peace, he achieved peace, he was assassinated for peace."

Bar-Zohar had harsh words for those who supported Yigal Amir's opposition to the peace process. "I have real anger against the extremists, including some rabbis, some who came from this country. They said terrible things, even if they didn't mean them.

"[Amir] had tremendous moral support from those who were behind him."

In a partisan shot that had at least one member of the audience muttering "disgusting — he should be encouraging unity, not breaking it down more," he accused the rabbis "not of killing Rabin (I don't think they meant for that to happen) but they killed my faith — they distorted it. I will never forgive those rabbis for doing that to us."

Amir did not achieve his goal, Bar-Zohar said. The assassination "brought an explosion of love especially from the young, the so-called pub and disco generation.

"They didn't care about politics — but they flocked in the hundreds and thousands to the square, to his house, to light candles, bring flowers, cry, and to beg forgiveness from the family for not being there when they were surrounded by crowds shouting that Rabin was a murderer."

The murder, said event organizer Hasida David, speaking in Hebrew, "tore a piece from the Jewish people's heart."

Rabin, she said, "knew how to fulfil every duty he undertook with integrity, dedication and with a simple and unboasted love of mankind.

"The lead bullets that killed you did not murder your courage, the purity of your character, your smile you hope, yearnings and love."

Words of tribute were also offered by JNF shaliach Dov Dekel, Rabbi Philip Scheim, and, in his absence, by Consul General Jehudi Kinar.

Musical tributes were sung by Canter Yehuda Rottner, Israel David, and Limor Tavina and Meytal Golan, who sang a newly revised version of *Shir LaShalom*, the Song of Peace.

Collective guilt assailed

TORONTO — Orthodox Jews must not let themselves be cowed by the hysteria that has branded them as collectively guilty for the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, says Rabbi Nachman Bulman, dean of men at Ohy Somayach/Tanenbaum College in Jerusalem.

Rabbi Bulman was speaking at a lecture entitled The Rabin Assassination and the Religious Community in Israel held recently at Beth Avraham Yoseph Congregation in Thornhill (BAYT). The program was sponsored by BAYT and Ohr Somayach.

The media, he said, has turned into a collective force of vengeance against two million Jews," an attitude that he said has been picked up by the non-religious population.

The danger, he said, is that legitimate opposition and dissent to the Oslo accord is being stifled.

He suggested that the religious Zionists, who traditionally have had fairly close relations with the non-Orthodox community, might have to form closer ties to the haredi community.

"The religious Zionists have been boxed into a corner by trusting the general community too much: the haredi have been boxed into a corner by having no communication with the rest of the Jewish world. — L.S.

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Rabin Shloshim

Israel service for Rabin simple yet moving

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter
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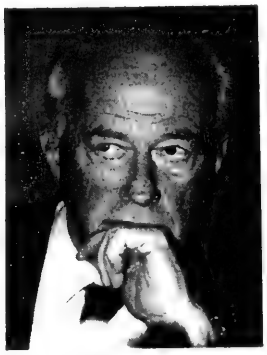
TORONTO — The *shloshim* services marking the end of 30 days of mourning for slain Israeli prime minister Yitzhak Rabin were simple yet moving, said two Canadians who attended the memorials in Jerusalem.

The graveside state ceremony on Mount Herzl included the laying of wreaths and brief remarks by Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Israeli Defence Force Chief of Staff, Lt.-Gen. Amnon Lipkin-Shahak, said Moshe Ronen, chair of the Ontario region of Canadian Jewish Congress.



Rabin: Shloshim marked

The services later in the day at Jerusalem's Binyanei Hauma auditorium were nostalgic and emotional, said Julia Koschitzky, world chair of Keren Hayesod, the Jewish Diaspora's main fund allocation arm.

Under grey skies on Mount Herzl, Lipkin-Shahak paid respects to his fallen commander. "Thirty days are not enough time to learn how to live with the pain," he said. "Shalom, commander, we will miss you very much."

More than 100 soldiers in ponchos and full battle gear were deployed at the cemetery, reflecting the tight security that has surrounded government leaders and Rabin's family since the assassination.

PLO leader Yasser Arafat said Rabin's death was a "big loss for Israelis, Palestinians and the peace process. I hope Mr. Peres ... will continue with the peace process."

Binyanei Hauma was filled with thousands of Israeli dignitaries and Jewish leaders from around the world, who had to undergo stringent security checks to enter.

Sitting alongside the Rabin family were the Israeli president, the Knesset speaker, the country's chief justice, members of the Knesset and the diplomatic corps, the military and members of youth movements. Also present were about 200 invited Jewish leaders from 25 countries.

The stage was decorated with a large portrait of Rabin surrounded by hundreds of flickering memorial candles, Koschitzky said.

A video presentation of Rabin's life proved very moving as it traced Rabin's life from his youth, through his years as an underground Palmach fighter, to his days as head of the IDF during the Six Day War in 1967. Also highlighted were his political and diplomatic careers.

"It was a very powerful video that included segments of his family life. It showed his warmth and his personal interaction with friends and family," Ronen said.

A sober note is sounded

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Apprehension that new political alliances in Israel being considered by Prime Minister Shimon Peres will come at the expense of conservative and liberal religious elements was expressed here by Rabbi Dow Marmur of Holy Blossom Temple.

His concern introduced a sober note to an impressive evening of sacred music, poetry, readings and addresses at Holy Blossom Temple honoring the memory of Yitzhak Rabin and marking the end of the *shloshim*.

"We should not be lulled into the belief that attitudes have changed in Israel," Rabbi Marmur said.

The memorial, attended by 600 people, heard Dr. Harvey Zimmerman describe the late prime minister as the person "who lifted a state of siege from Israel."

Zimmerman is the chair of ARZA Canada (Association of Reform Zionists), which sponsored the memorial.

Young and old alike in the audience intently followed the words of each speaker and sat entranced by the readings of Psalms by rabbis Nancy Wechsler and Lawrence Colton, the beautiful voice of Cantor Benjamin Maissner, the heartbreaking violin solo by Moshe Hammer (Hebrew Melody, Joseph Achron) and the recital of *To Touch Hands in Peace*,(an adapted N. Waldman poem) by Natasha Greenberg.

"The protector of Israel neither sleeps nor slumbers," said Dr. Stephen Cohen in his tribute. A key figure in the secret negotiations which led to Oslo I, Cohen said Yasser Arafat's decision to doff his kaffiyeh and visit Rabin's widow Leah during shiva will usher in a new era in Israeli-Palestine relations.

Rabin's assassination is having remarkable results on the political front, according to Prof. David Dewitt of York University, who predicted an important improvement in Israel-Syria negotiations.

"President Hafez al-Assad has acknowledged to the international community for the first time that he is beginning to understand the vulnerability which comes with Israel democracy. Syria will recognize the strengths and weaknesses of Israel," Dewitt said.

Cohen, president of the Institute of Middle East Development in New York, said that for the first time in 19 years, the Labor party in Israel is talking to the National Religious party and that both sides of the debate over the peace process are communicating.

"It is no longer a theological debate," he said.

The reaction of young people in Israel to Rabin's death "proved that Rabin was able to revive the soul of the next generation," he said. "Secular young Israelis do have an inner life and have responded with spiritual upliftment."

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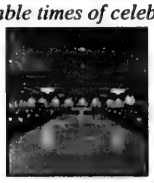

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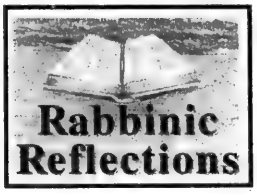
Israel's history of settlers



By RABBI MOSHE STERN

I recently returned from a trip to Israel together with my esteemed colleagues Rabbi Raphael Marcus and Rabbi Yehchiel Benayon and other participants — a "Solidarity Journey" organized by George Meister.

We were there during and after the shivah of Yitzhak Rabin, as we shared with our brethren, the deep sense of sorrow and grief coupled with revulsion that such a heinous crime could be perpetrated by a fellow Jew.

Most of our time was spent in the cities and towns of Yehuda, Shomron and Gaza: places such as Efrat, Alon Shvut, Chevron, Kiryat Arba, Beit El, Ariel, Eylon Moreh and Gush Katif.

A terrible, unfair and distorted picture has been painted with regards to the citizens of these areas. As in any group of people, one can find extreme elements, and this is true of the left and the right. Yet every single person we spoke with — and we met with many — was devastated by the murder of Rabin. In fact, aside from the loss of a fellow Jew, politically, it was the worst thing that could have happened. They knew full well, that though the confessed murderer was a resident of Herzliyah, and *not* the "settlements," they would be lumped and branded, as indeed they have been, by many inside and outside the government of Israel.

The irony is that these "settlers," whose loyalty seems to be in constant question, have proportionately more of their children serving in the Israeli armed services and in high ranking positions than any other segment of the population of what is called "inside the Green Line."

Most of the 140,000 citizens of Israel who live in Yehuda, Shomron and Gaza settled there at the invitation of a number of Israeli governments. This includes Rabin's first term as prime minister, as well as the governments led by the late Levi Eshkol and by and Golda Meir, who believed "facts" had to be created on the ground in these areas.

In the name of fairness and justice, I ask each Jew to search his heart and soul and think of the following:

Seventy or 80 years ago, there were other "settlers" whom the British called intruders, trouble makers and "obstacles to peace." Their names were David Ben-Gurion, Yitzhak Ben Tzvi, Zalman Shazar.

Where would Israel be today without the courage and determination of those "settlers." The "settlers" of today are simple citizens of Israel, living with Israeli passports, paying taxes to the government of Israel and serving with honor in the armed forces.

Their security is inextricably bound with our security. Surely, now is the time for the entire nation of Israel to unite behind the needs, hopes and aspirations of all of its citizens so that peace will become an instrument of harmony and cohesion and not, G-d forbid, a weapon to divide and tear asunder a land and its people.

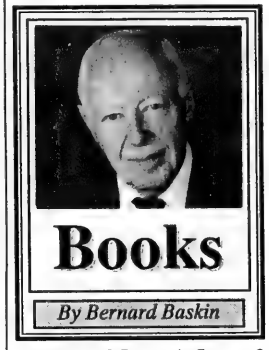
The holiday of Chanukah, which will be observed on the 25th of Kislev, the evening of Dec. 17, is known as The Festival of Lights.

At sunset, when we are enveloped in darkness, we are bidden to light oil or candles. The Jewish answer to darkness, to evil, to hatred, is not the sword or the gun. The answer is light. The light of Torah, of learning, of teaching, of sharing.

Let us together light the chanukiah and replace acrimony with understanding and dispel the darkness of *sinat chinom* (hate) forever.

Rabbi Moshe Stern is the spiritual leader of Shaarei Tefillah Congregation in Toronto.

Examining the Inquisition



The End of Days: A Story of Tolerance, Tyranny & the Expulsion of the Jews from Spain by Erna Paris, Lester Publishing, $28.95.

The Origins Of The Inquisition In Fifteenth Century Spain by B. Netanyahu, Random House, $75.

Christopher Columbus begins his diary with these words: "In the same month in which their Majesties (Ferdinand and Isabella) issued the edict that all Jews should be driven out of the kingdom and its territories, in the same month they gave me the order to undertake with sufficient men my expedition of discovery to the Indies."

The expulsion that Columbus refers to was so cataclysmic an event that ever since, the date of 1492 has been almost as important in Jewish history as in American history. On July 30 of that year, the entire Jewish community, the largest in the world, some 150,000 people, was expelled from Spain.

In the 14th and 15th centuries, a great number of Jews, many under duress, converted to Christianity, reducing the community by nearly ⅓. Freed from the restrictive shackles of a hated minority faith, these New Christians *(conversos)* quickly rose to occupy many of the top positions of Church and state. Some married into the aristocracy and penetrated the highest ranks of Spanish society.

The Expulsion was the major aim of the Inquisition (1481) headed by Tomas de Torquemada. He believed that as long as Jews remained in Spain, they would influence the tens of thousands of recent Jewish converts to Christianity to continue practising Judaism. When the Spanish army defeated Muslim forces in Granada, thereby restoring the whole of Spain to Christian rule, the king and queen concluded that the Jews were expendable.

Many New Christians, including some of the most eminent citizens were arrested, tried and condemned to death for heresy. The whole region was gripped by an orgy of denunciation and terror. Even the bones of the dead were dug up and then publicly burned after trial.

The Inquisition was popular, and what is more, it was good business. Its tentacles soon spread all over the country. Many thousands fell under its sway, either losing all their property or else submitting to heavy fines. The Inquisition was fat on the proceeds; and there were few connected with it who did not benefit greatly. It is estimated that 100,000 persons were persecuted in one form or another and that about 9,000 were executed. It persisted into the 19th century with the death of additional thousands.

Erna Paris, a well-known Toronto author, has carefully researched the complex many-sided question of the Inquisition which fused the triple evil of a police state, totalitarian ideology and racial persecution. Deftly and skilfully she indicates how mass superstition, greed, jealousy, political and ecclesiastical controversy as well as class warfare led to the transformation of a once tolerant society.

In closing chapters she draws parallels from the history of the Inquisition to disturbing events in modern Europe and North America.

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In *The Origins of the Inquisition in Fifteenth Century Spain*, the author, an internationally recognized scholar, presents a surprising revisionist thesis. He maintains that most of the *conversos* were well-assimilated, loyal Christians. They were not crypto-Jews, who were heroes or loyal to their ancestral faith. They were hated because of their Jewish origins and for their economic success and political ascendancy. The Inquisition, then, was not basically instituted to oppose heresy, but the result of age-long anti-Semitic tendencies and propaganda. It was not religious in nature, but racial along Nazi lines.

This major work, over 1,300 pages long, is filled with vivid detail and rich with information on all aspects of a highly involved subject. It represents a scholarly resource for all interested in the Inquisition and Jewish - Christian relations.

Jewish Life

Respect, dignity required in debate among Jews

By KURT ROTHSCHILD
Special to The CJN

How do I, a member of our pluralistic community, deeply committed to National Religious Zionism, relate to the traumatic and tragic events that have shaken Israel and world Jewry?

The assassination of the prime minister of Israel was a mortal attack not only on Yitzhak Rabin but on the integrity of the Jewish people and on the good name and integrity of the religious community, from whose ranks Rabin's assassin came.

Guest Voices

Rabin will go down in history as the man who fought and won the Six Day War, who conquered Jerusalem, who devoted his life to the welfare and security of Israel and who engaged in the peace effort with great courage. His murder is unforgivable by any standards and will remain forever a blot on Jewish history.

This tragic event has unleashed waves of prejudice and hate that threaten every segment of our peoplehood, and put in question the stability of the State of Israel.

In another period of Jewish history, it was internal strife, *sinat chinam* (fraternal hatred) that led to the destruction of the holy Temple and of the second Jewish commonwealth.

We are well advised to look at the sources of the Tanach, our prophets and sages, who admonish us for our self-hatred and who threaten that the land of Israel itself will spill us out for lack of ethical behavior and brotherly love.

To us, who experienced the Holocaust, which almost exterminated the entire Jewish people, this was G-d's gift and solace to our homeless and decimated nation. It was the culmination of many centuries of Zionist longing and idealism. This is what eternally ties us to the Land of Israel and ties Israel to the Jewish people.

The history of Jewish settlement in our homeland has been fraught with anguish, pain and much bloodshed. We need peace and ask for it in our daily prayer and our greeting to each other is the word shalom.

We engaged in a great adventure when we proclaimed the State of Israel on our ancient land. We have none other. How do we retain this precious gift, our homeland?

None of us have an unqualified answer to this searing question, not even the government of Israel and its military advisors. We all wish for peace with our neighbors, but we have a long way to go before finding a solution to this enigma.

We need a far greater measure of humility in asserting our convictions. The quest for peace is essential, but we cannot deny the right of expression to those who raise questions and who voice opposition. We proudly project Israel as a great democratic country and it would be tragic if the insane action of one or a few would be allowed to create a police state in which rabbis, teachers and ordinary citizens would not be allowed to express their thoughts and concerns.

I have been for many years intimately acquainted with many of the rabbis and *roshei yeshivah* of hesder yeshivot and I have consistently found them to be imbued with deep feelings of *ahavat Israel* and *ahavat Eretz Israel* — love of fellow Jews and of the land of Israel. The product, the graduates of these yeshivot, are a credit to the Jewish people and a mainstay of Israeli society. They, and their wives and children, are people of great integrity and of high moral standing, and of great devotion to the cause of Israel.

We are a very intense people and express opinions at times in a strong, overbearing and insulting manner. The events of these past weeks must teach us to treat each other with respect and with dignity, without abrogating our right of dissent and of opposing views.

None better than King David expressed this everlasting hope:

"Pray for Peace of Jerusalem; May they prosper that love you. Peace be within your walls, and prosperity within thy palaces. For my brethren and companions' sakes, I will now say Peace be within thee."

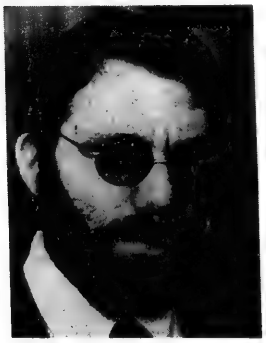
Kurt Rothschild is president of the Canadian Zionist Federation.

Rabin assassination prompts changes to rabbi's show

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — The assassination of Yitzhak Rabin shocked and angered Rabbi Benji Levene. It also meant that he must change his famous "four faces of Israel" act.

The 48-year-old rabbi visited Toronto recently under the auspices of the Canada Israel Gesher Foundation. Prophetically, five months earlier, he chose the title, A Nation Divided, A Destiny United, for his talk at Shaarei Shomayim Congregation.



Rabbi Benji Levene

Rabbi Levene, grandson of Rabbi Areh Levin, the *zaddik* of Jerusalem, has devoted his life to bridging the gap between religious and secular Jews in Israel.

"Unfortunately people have pooh-poohed the importance of this issue, but now they understand it for the first time," he said.

The tragic death of Rabin requires him to change his act, Levene told *The CJN*, but he is not yet sure how it should be done.

In *The Four Faces of Israel*, Rabbi Levene plays the part of Rabbi Shlomo Deutch, who supports the throwing of rocks at motorists who drive on the Sabbath; Egged bus driver and Israeli army veteran Motti Cohen, whose idea of a religious experience is seeing Charlton Heston in *Ten Commandments*; Jean-Paul Simon, a beret-wearing artist living in Tzfat, married to a non-Jew; and Harry Abelson, a fast-talking philanthropic American Jew, who has visited Israel 228 times, but does not want to live there.

In the seminars he holds with Israeli high school students on the need for Israelis to listen to each other, Rabbi Levene said he is sure to be asked how religious Rabbi Deutch will react to the assassination.

"I have some ideas, but I'm not sure what the reaction will be. Up to now I have avoided an answer."

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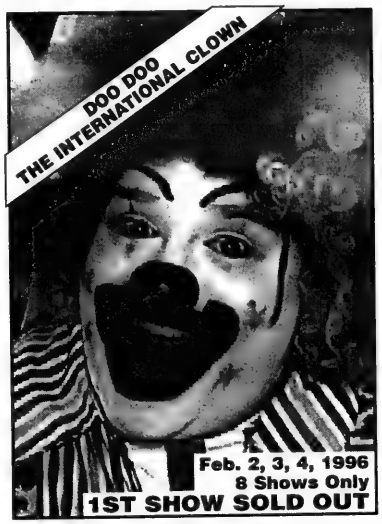

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נחתתי בבן גוריון כשבועיים אחרי הרצח. במכה ראשונה נדהמתי כמה לא מתעסקים בכך, ועד כמה חזרו כולם לענייני חולין. אבל במהרה התברר לי שנושא הרצח מבעבע בכל תוכנית טוק שואו , בכל שיחת חולין, בכל עניין בעצם. העניין העיקרי הוא, כמובן- ההסתה, גבול המילים, מה מותר ומה אסור להגיד בדמוקרטיה. בתחילת תוכנית הטלביזיה " פופוליטיקה" הצהירו כל המשתתפים ברצינות שהגיע הזמן למתן את השפה ולהתחיל לסגל נורמות דיבור אחרות וחדשות. אחר כך נאלצתי לעזוב את צפיית התוכנית כדי לענות למספר טלפונים, וחינה בחזרי לצפייה - נדהמתי לראות את כולם נובחים על כולם, צועקים על כולם ומקללים(ממש כך): "שקרן", "בוגד", "נבזה"... אלה היו רק מהמילים היותר תרבותיות ששמעתי שם. את הנרעות יותר פשוט אי אפשר להביא לדפוס. אין מה לעשות! יש משהוא כל כך UNCIVILLIZED בחוויה הישראלית, מין שילוב של בית הכנסת של קתריאליבקה בפולניה עם השוק המזרחי וחוצפה הישראלית. אם גם רצח ראש הממשלה לא מצליח לשנות את הדפוסים האלה - כנראה נגזר עימהם להיות איתנו לתמיד. וזה כל כך חבל, כי יש הרבה אנרגיה, התלהבות ויופי באותה חוויה ישראלית עצמה! ישראל של 1995 היא באמת מקום מדליק לחיות בו, בלי הגזמה! רק חבל שאנשים לא מסוגלים להתנהג כמו בני אדם.

תאנים ותמרים :

זהו שם תקליטו ותוכניתו של זמר הרוק רמי קליינשטיין. זה גם שם שיר הנושא. השיר הזה, דרך אגב, נבחר ל"שיר השנה" ברדיו בראש השנה. כשהציעו לי ללכת לראות את הקונצרט של רמי קליינשטיין אמרתי לעצמי: בטח אהיה האיש הכי זקן בקהל ובטח אחרי התוכנית תצלצלנה לי האוזניים מהווליום למשך חודשיים. אז ככה : באמת הייתי שם הכי זקן, (הגיל הממוצע היה שש עשרה) , אבל לא צלצלו לי האוזניים, ונהניתי, מה זה נהניתי! זוהי אולי הפעם הראשונה בחיי שהלכתי לקונצרט בלי להכיר קודם לכן אף אחד מן השירים, ונהניתי מהם מאוד. רמי קליינשטיין (שהוא בעלה של הזמרת ריטה) הינו מוסיקאי מחונן ביותר שמנגן על פסנתר וקלידים. הקהל השתולל, אך בנימוס וללא פראות. הילדים רקדו, תוך שהם שרים את כל השירים. אחר כך כמובן קניתי גם את הקלטת, ואני ממליץ עליה בכל פה. ואם תגיעו לישראל - לכו לראות את רמי.

חולה אהבה משיכון ג' :

זהו שמו של סרט ישראלי חדש שזכה בימים אלה במירב האוסקארים הישראליים בטקס השנתי. זוכרים את השנים שבהן אי אפשר היה לראות סרט ישראלי בלי לחוש מבוכה? הדמויות נראו בלתי אמיתיות, או פרכיות, או שדיברו כמו בתיאטרון או ברשת א' ברדיו. או הימים האלה חלפו ואינם. יש בסרט שורה ארוכה של שחקנים שעושים עבודה יוצאת מן הכלל, ובראשם משה איבגי, שהוא חולה האהבה משיכון ג' שמתאהב אנושות בבחורה תל אביבית שבאה להתגורר בשכונה. הצד הפחות חזק בסרט, לטעמי, הוא התסריט. הכל הולך בסדר ובצורה אמינה עד אשר הגיבור נשלח להתאשפז בבית חולים פסיכיאטרי. מה שקורה שם הוא בלתי אמין לחלוטין, אם כי הסיפור מסופר בצורה מעניינת. לי אישית, כרופא, מפריע שמשתמשים בבית חולים פסיכיאטרי בצורה בלתי אמינה. לא היה מזיק למפיקי הסרט לקבל ייעוץ מקצועי לגבי איך שצריך להיראות בית חולים פסיכיאטרי. רק לשם דוגמא: כל הבחורות המאושפזות שם מוצגות כניימפומניות (!) דבר שהוא איננו נכון עובדתית ואינו מוסיף כבוד לאף אחד. (אם בכלל - הרי שהתרופות הפסיכיאטריות מורידות את הצורך המיני כמעט לאפס). למרות הביקורת - בהחלט התקדמות. עדיין לא פסגת הקולנוע האירופאי או האמריקני - אבל הכיוון נכון.

רק ישראלי יבין :

פולני, אמריקני וישראלי נפגשו בכנס בינלאומי והלכו ביחד למסעדה. אמר להם המלצר : "סליחה, תדעו שאין היום בשר", הביט בו הפולני ואמר : " מה זה בשר?" הביט בו האמריקני ואמר : " מה זה אין?". חשב הישראלי לרגע ושאל: " מה זה סליחה?".

SHMOOZIN

"Rats! All I got for Chanukah tonight was real money – I was hoping for the chocolate kind!"

From coast to coast

Victoria CJA grows

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — The 1995 Victoria Combined Jewish Appeal has raised $56,634 in cash and pledges as of Dec. 1 from about 300 contributors. Another $1,250 is likely to be raised before the campaign closes at the end of the year. Last year a total of $54,817 was raised.

The United Israel Appeal (UIA) will get close to 60 per cent of the allocations, with the balance to be used for local needs, as determined by the board of directors of the Jewish Federation of Victoria & Vancouver Island.

In making the announcement at a recent federation meeting, campaign chair Chuck Waldman said the number of contributors has increased substantially this year but still represents only 50 per cent of the known Jewish homes in the community.

However, he said, the 1994 UIA campaign, which operated on its own, had reported a 30 per cent increase over the year before.

A demographic survey based on the 1991 census is being conducted by Jean Gerber of Vancouver. It "guesstimates" the total Jewish population here at about 2,000, but the figure may be much higher.

It is estimated that 53 per cent of the Jewish population came here in the past 10 years, with the greatest increase coming in the last five years, when "people seem to be pouring in," Gerber said.

A sampling of some 125 homes showed that the greatest number of Victoria Jews live in the James Bay area, which includes the Parliament Building and most of the downtown.

But there are several clusters of Jewish families throughout Greater Victoria.

Of those surveyed, 82 per cent said they had attended university or vocational school and 32 per cent had graduate degrees. About 38 per cent are in the professions and 17 per cent in business.

Gerber said the 1991 figures show that Victoria is not neccessarily a retirement haven for older people.

The report is a preliminary one and the sampling will continue. A more comprehensive report is due early in 1996.

Michael Peters, chair of the community relations committee, reported that a media relations program is underway to monitor and respond to local media on issues of discrimination, racism and human rights, when necessary. The committee will coordinate information on all candidates and meetings in 1996, in connection with the provincial election which must be held by the fall.

Elected to the board of directors were: Coun. Bob Friedland, Cookie Dubney, Chuck Waldman, Arlyne Kagan, Jon Carr, Stephanie Gilbert, Jon Secter, Louis Sutker, Dr. Stan Shortt, Michael Peters.

Budget forces agency changes

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Drastic budget cuts are forcing Hamilton Jewish Social Services (JSS) to make certain changes, says director Carol Krames.

The agency will be moving to the Jewish Community Centre (JCC) from its $27,000 per year rented quarters in a former public school.

And JSS is facing ever increasing demands from the community for financial assistance and for food, Krames says.

The move also results from the closing of the JSS seniors' workshop after the company which had for many years provided light work was sold and the amount of workshop space needed was reduced.

Based at the JCC from the agency's founding 60 years ago by the late Isaac Segal until seven years ago, JSS moved into its own quarters when the JCC moved from its former east Hamilton location to its new home in Ancaster.

The new JCC is located on a 34-acre property a half-mile walk from the turn-around point of the west end bus route. Access to the building was therefore difficult for JSS members, who are mostly elderly or have disabilities.

The transportation problem has been temporarily solved by a regional bus service for the disabled and bus stop pick-up.

Eventually, says Krames, JSS hopes to purchase a small van.

But her biggest challenge today, she says, is the increased need for help among those she serves.

Although the community's response to the kosher food bank has been very good, demand keeps growing. There are more and more singles and single moms, elderly relatives of recent immigrants, families in crisis and families arriving unexpectedly in search of work and a home, she says.

"Our top priority," she says, "is that no Jewish person goes hungry and that they have a roof over their heads."

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Stamp to honor Man of Steel

By DANIEL KEREN
Special to The CJN

Joe Shuster

OTTAWA — Superman, the comic book hero brought to life by the pen and brush of the late Toronto-born Jewish illustrator Joe Shuster, is being honored with one of five new stamps released last month by Canada Post.

The series includes four other stamps featuring other Canadian comic super heroes. But for many comic book fans, there are just two categories — Superman and all the others.

When Shuster was 10, the family moved to Cleveland, where he became good friends with Jerry Siegel, a neighbor and classmate.

They soon formed a team, with Shuster illustrating and Siegel writing the text for various comic book stories, before they came up with their legendary contribution to 20th century pop culture — the Man of Steel, better known as Superman.

Canada's "Superstamp"

In the last interview he granted, just three months before his death in a modest west Los Angeles suburban apartment from congestive heart failure and hypertension in the summer of 1992, Shuster told the *Toronto Star* his love for illustrating comic books came as a result of reading the comic panels that appeared daily in that paper.

Finances in the Shuster home were limited, with Joe's father Julius, an immigrant from Holland, struggling to make ends meet with a tailor shop in Toronto's garment district.

At an early age, Shuster displayed a talent for art. But drawing paper was impossible to acquire. His younger sister, Jean Shuster Peavy, who now lives in Albuquerque, N.M., once recalled that their mother Ida, an immigrant from Kiev, was able, from time to time, to get Joe scraps of white paper from the butcher, "but that didn't happen often."

Rather, Shuster would scrounge around, refining his illustrative talent on whatever discarded paper and cardboard he could find. In the mid-1930s, a few years after graduating from high school, Shuster and Siegel managed to sell their first two story ideas to DC Comics.

The first concept was Henry Duval, a swashbuckler; the second dealt with Dr. Occult, a magician. The ideas had been submitted on brown wrapping paper and the back of some wallpaper Shuster had brought with him years before when the family moved from Toronto.

Shuster would later recall that upon seeing the submissions, DC Comics said, " 'We like your ideas, we like your scripts and we like your drawing. But please, copy over the stories in pen and ink on good paper.'

"So I got my mother and father to lend me the money to go out and buy some decent paper — the first drawing paper I ever had — in order to submit these stories properly to DC Comics."

Fame came to the 24-year-old illustrator and his pal with the historic release in June 1938 of their first Superman comic stories in Action Comics No. 1.

It would be nice to end this tale of a humble Jewish artist by saying that within three years, DC Comics was selling more than 1.2 million copies of the Superman comic books monthly and that both Shuster and Siegel became wealthy, living happily ever after.

The sales figures were true. Unfortunately, the creators of Superman (aka mild-mannered newspaper reporter Clark Kent) did not enjoy the fruits of their hard work.

Inexperienced and naive, they had both signed away their rights to the royalties and were only paid salaries for their efforts, which generated tens of millions of dollars in profits for DC Comics not only from comic books, but also from newspaper comic strips, animated cartoons, movie serials, feature films, long-running radio and television series and a host of merchandising spinoffs.

Not only did they lose their lawsuit in 1948 for creator royalties, but because they had launched the action, the powerful DC outfit had the team blackballed in the comics industry.

As a result, the two suffered almost three decades of poverty and frustration that took a tremendous toll on both men, seriously damaging their health.

In the mid-1970s, DC Comics was sold and the new owners decided the time was long overdue to make amends to Shuster and Siegel.

The new owners negotiated a settlement with the pair, granting both generous lifetime pensions.

It's a shame that Shuster, who illustrated Clark Kent partly on his own perceptions of himself as a 90-pound weakling, isn't alive to enjoy Canada's philatelic salute to his creative efforts.

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Talking turkey with a big bird

Recipes

By EILEEN GOLTZ
Special to The CJN

Good morning class. Welcome to Turkey 101. I will be your instructor Ms. Cran Berry and this is my assistant, Mr. Gray Vee. Today we will be learning the dos and dont's of how to prepare and serve your holiday bird.

The turkey is our friend. When trying to figure out just how much of our friend you'll need to feed the assortment of guests you'll be entertaining, estimate approximately ½ to ¾ lb. of precooked weight per person.

To thaw your frozen turkey, leave it in the refrigerator for two to four days, depending on it's size. If you need it sooner than that and its packaging is airtight, place it under cold water until the bird is malleable. Rinse inside and out and pat dry.

Now it's time to bake your bird. Place the turkey, breast side up, on a rack in a shallow pan. Grease the entire breast and legs of the turkey with either oil or margarine, season with favorite seasonings.

Don't cover pan or add water. Totally covering a turkey while cooking prevents the skin from crisping up. Cover the turkey loosely with foil (like a tent), then press the foil tightly at ends of drumsticks and neck so they won't cook faster than the rest of the turkey. Don't let the foil touch the top or sides of the bird. Cook at about 325 and baste occasionally with a fat (margarine or oil) or marinade if you prefer.

COOKING TIME CHART

8 to 12 lbs, 3 to 3½ hours
12 to 16 lbs, 3½ to 4½ hours
16 to 20 lbs, 4½ to 5½ hours
20 to 24 lbs, 5½ to 6½ hours

The internal temperature of the turkey (when done) should be no less than 185. A pop up indicator is just as good as a meat thermometer. Stick the meat thermometer into the thickest part of the thigh. Check the turkey for doneness approximately 30 minutes before you think it will be done (according to the chart) by moving the drumsticks up and down. If it gives easily or breaks it's done.

I don't like to stuff turkeys (I bake the stuffing separately), but, if you do, NEVER stuff it ahead of time. Stuff it just before you cook it. Bacteria grows quickly and spoils a gathering like food poisoning. When the turkey is done, allow it to sit or "rest" for 20 to 30 minutes before carving. Don't forget to remove stuffing as soon as possible.

Remove turkey from roasting pan and pour drippings (fat and meat juices) into a measuring cup. Return 3 tbsp. of fat and 3 tbsp. of flour to the roasting pan, blend thoroughly. Place the roasting pan on a burner and heat slowly over low heat until the fat and flour are browned. Add water or broth to meat juices to make 2 cups. Add the liquid to the fat and flour. Cook, stirring constantly, until the gravy is smooth and thick. Simmer about 5 minutes and serve.

WHISKY BAKED APPLES

8 Rome Beauty, Cortland or Jonathan apples
½ cup chopped walnuts or pecans
½ cup dark or light raisins
¼ tsp. cinnamon
2 tbsp. brown sugar
1 cup sugar
1 cup whiskey
1 cup water
2 tbsp. margarine
pinch of salt

Preheat oven to 350. Starting at the stem, peel the apple approximately half way down. Core each apple leaving about ½ inch at the base. Place the apples in a baking dish or pan. Stir together the nuts, raisins, cinnamon and brown sugar. Divide the mixture between the 8 apples and pack it into the cored sections. In a small saucepan mix together the remaining ingredients and heat over a medium flame, stirring until the sugars dissolve and the margarine melts. Simmer for 10 minutes. Pour the syrup over the apples. Bake, uncovered for 45 to 50 minutes, basting often, until the apples are tender but still holding their shapes. These can be prepared ahead of time and reheated at 325 until warm. Baste often during the reheating.

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By NAOMI ARBIT
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MINIATURE LATKES

4 large potatoes
2 eggs, beaten
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2 Tbsp. onion, grated
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. lemon juice

Cut potatoes in small pieces. Put all ingredients in a food processor and blend. Let sit for 15 minutes. Spoon liquid off top.

Drop mixture by teaspoonfuls onto hot, oiled skillet. Brown well on both sides.

To freeze: Place between sheets of aluminum foil on a cookie sheet. To serve, heat one layer of latkes at a time — on the aluminum foil sheet — in a 450-degree oven for 5 minutes.

Keep warm on a hot tray and serve with sour cream for dipping with a dab of kosher caviar.

Makes about 5 dozen.

PEAR CHUTNEY

2 cups sugar
1 cups kosher white vinegar
1 cup white wine or apple cider
2 oranges, diced with rind
1 lemon, diced with rind
1 lime, diced with rind
1 medium onion, diced
1 clove garlic, minced
1 cup white raisins
2 3/4 ozs. kosher crystallized ginger, diced
2 lbs. pears, unpeeled and diced

Bring sugar, vinegar and wine to a boil and simmer for 15 minutes. Add all remaining ingredients and simmer for 40 minutes.

Cool and then refrigerate in covered jars for as long as 6 to 8 weeks.

Makes more than 1 quart.

FAMILY LATKE

1 lbs. potatoes, peeled
3 Tbsp. vegetable oil (peanut)
6 Tbsp. butter
1 tsp. salt, divided; pepper to taste

Grate potatoes coarsely in a food processor and turn into ice water. Press out liquid well. In a 12-inch, non-stick skillet, heat oil and 3 tablespoons of butter. Add the potatoes. Press potatoes into a neat and even layer with a wooden spoon or metal spatula to completely fill bottom of skillet.

Brown over medium low heat for 15 to 20 minutes, then season with a bit of pepper and tsp. salt. Slip latke onto large plate; add remaining butter to pan and invert latke back into skillet to finish browning on other side — about 10 to 15 minutes more. Season with remaining salt and pepper.

Slip latke onto cutting board and slice into wedges. Using 2 large spatulas, transfer wedges to warm serving platter and sprinkle with chopped parsley.

Makes about 6 to 8 servings.

CRISP POTATO KUGEL

1 cup flour
1 tsp. baking powder
1 tsp. salt
pepper to taste
6 potatoes, peeled
2 eggs
1 large onion, chopped
1 cup vegetable oil

Stir together dry ingredients and set aside. Grate potatoes into ice water to prevent discoloring. Squeeze out all liquid; add eggs and mix well. Add dry ingredients. Saute onion in oil until golden; add to batter and mix well.

Pour into an oiled 15"x 10"x 1" jelly roll pan. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Remove from oven and cut into squares. Return to oven and bake 30 minutes longer.

Serve hot with accompaniment of choice: apple sauce, yogurt, sour cream.

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Judge slammed for remarks

MONTREAL — Jewish organizations expressed shock and anger late last week, when Quebec Superior Court Judge Jean Bienvenue of Trois-Rivières said that Jews did not suffer while being exterminated at Auschwitz and that women murderers "reach a level of baseness" that their male counterparts never do.

While B'nai Brith called for Bienvenue's dismissal, Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q) stopped short of that, but demanded that he retract the statements and apologize. At time of writing, Bienvenue had refused to do so.

CJC-Q also said it was scheduled to meet with Bienvenue and called on a judicial investigative body — the Canadian Judicial Council — to conduct an inquiry. Last weekend, the Quebec government also pressed for such an inquiry.

Bienvenue was sentencing convicted murderer Tracy Theberge for the grisly murder of her husband when he reportedly stated:

"At the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in Poland, which I once visited with horror, even the Nazis didn't kill millions of Jews in pain or in blood.

"They died without suffering in the gas chambers."

B'nai Brith League for Human Rights chair Allen Adel, along with Rabbinical Council of Montreal president Rabbi Reuben Poupko, said Bienvenue should be dismissed for the comments.

"Individuals such as Ernst Zundel and James Keegstra and many others who deny or minimize the Holocaust have a field day with remarks like this, claiming vindication for their own message of hate," Adel said in a League statement.

CJC-Q chair Reisa Teitelbaum said in a statement that Bienvenue "displays a serious lack of sensitivity" in his remarks.

"To state that Jews who died in a Nazi concentration camp in Poland did not suffer demonstrates the judge's grave misunderstanding of the reality of the Holocaust," she said.

Both organizations also denounced his reference to women, with B'nai Brith vice-president Stephen Scheinberg calling them "ignorant and ridiculous," and CJC president Goldie Hershon calling it "unacceptable comment in a society whose foundation rests on extolling equality and tolerance."

'Peg pavilion returning

By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — After a one-year hiatus, Shalom Square will be rejoining Folklorama's family of ethnic pavilions again next summer.

Folklorama, Winnipeg's popular summer folk arts festival, will be in its 27th year next August. Last summer, for the first time in the festival's long history, the Israel pavilion did not open.

Longtime chair and co-chair Sharon Bronstone was unable to take on the responsibility again and no one else came forward to assume the major task.

Stuart Greenfield, Bronstone's former co-chair, had been willing to serve as co-chair again but could not do the work by himself.

Prospects for Shalom Square for 1996 looked grim after two meetings held this fall had drawn little interest. Finally, at a recent meeting, Mel Craven, Avram Charach and Marshall Miller volunteered to co-chair the pavilion.

"We decided that there was no way we would let Shalom Square be closed for another year," says Miller, a lawyer who served as artistic director of the Sarah Sommer Chai Folk Ensemble until last May. "We were all saddened last year that it didn't happen. A lot of people missed it."

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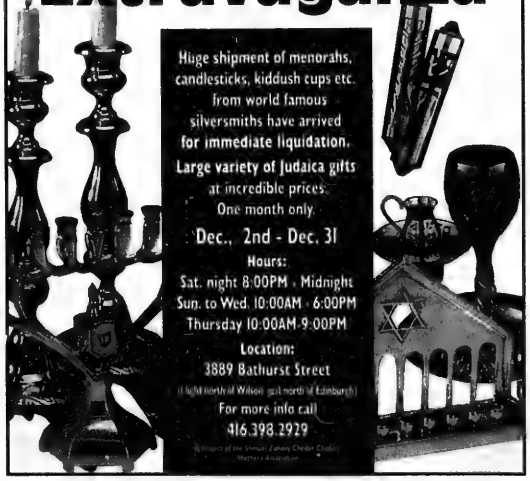
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Anne Scheiber retired from government service in 1943 with a monthly pension of $83 and $5,000 in savings. Thereafter, she lived a simple life, alone, in a one-bedroom apartment in New York City. And she invested in the stock market.

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What's New and About People deadlines: Please note that due to upcoming holidays, Tuesday, Dec. 19, is deadline for Jan. 4 issue. Thursday, Dec. 28, is deadline for Jan. 11 issue. I receive calls and sort my mail on deadline days only. Phone 422-2331, fax 424-1886.

Thursday, Dec. 14

MY MOTHER, MY MIRROR

Cranbrooke Friendship Club and Nechama Lodge of United Jewish People's Order present *My Mother, My Mirror*, a video by **Naomi Binder Wall** about her mother, a Holocaust survivor, 1 p.m., Winchevsky Centre, 585 Cranbrooke Ave. 789-5502.

Sunday, Dec. 17

SONGS AND CANDLES

Songs and Candles, a Chanukah concert presented by du Maurier Arts Ltd., with vocalists, Trio Panache (**Lilac Cana, Ruth Piitz, Benjamin Stein**), 3 p.m., Leah Posluns Theatre. Concert is part of Music for a Sunday Afternoon at the Koffler Centre series in coopertaion with Jewish Music Toronto. $5. 636-1880, ext. 299.

MENORAH LIGHTING

Chanukah party beginning 5:30 p.m., with menorah lighting at Kew Gardens in the Beaches followed by latkes at Beach Hebrew Institute, 109 Kenilworth Ave. 694-7942.

SJC EVENTS

Secular Jewish Association events:

Family Chanukah celebration, 10 a.m. to noon, Children's School, 131 Fenn Ave. Bring donations for Bosnian war victims.

Intertalk support group for intercultural couples' annual potluck Chanukah dinner, 7 p.m., 82 Willowbrook Rd., Thornhill. RSVP **Eva** 889-7450.

CHANUKAH BRUNCH

Shira chapter, Jewish Women International's chapter for professional women (30s and 40s) annual Chanukah brunch at noon. **Shari** 787-2691 or **Susan** 483-7531.

CHANUKAH PARTY

New Leadership Division of Canadian Shaare Zedek Hospital Foundation Chanukah party and concert for young families with The Treetop Kids, "clowning around" with **Larry Solomon**, a coloring contest, music by **Brian Charendoff**, loot bags, 10-11:30 a.m., Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. $12. Proceeds to Neonatology Intensive Care Unit, Shaare Zedek Medical Centre. 781-3584.

Monday, Dec. 18

MODESTY, SHMODESTY

Rabbi Mordechai Becher lectures on Modesty, Shmodesty: As Long As You Look Good, 8:30 p.m., 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. $5. 905-886-5730.

CELEBRATE CHANUKAH

Beth Israel Hebrew Academy celebrates Chanukah 5:30-7 p.m., Rosedale Heights Public School, Atkinson/Bathurst, Thornhill. 905-770-1082.

CHANUKAH RECITAL

Chanukah recital by Toronto Jewish Folk Choir conducted by **Esther Ghan-Firestone** and featuring pianist **Lina Zemelman**, 1 p.m., CBC Atrium, 250 Front St. W. 492-7110.

SUPPORT GROUP

Support Group for Parents, Friends, Lovers of Gays and Lesbians, 7:30 p.m., Holy Blossom Temple. Phone, in confidence, **Ruth** 763-9111.

LA LECHE LEAGUE

La Leche League Vaughan focuses on Nutrition and Weaning, 7:30 p.m., 199 Glenmanor Way, Thornhill. **Vivian** 905-883-9520 or **Laura** 905-886-1577.

Tuesday, Dec. 19

KINDER TRANSPORT

Kinder Transport Organization of Toronto *gemutlich* get-together for Chanukah, 7:30 p.m. Anyone who left Germany or Austria after Kristallnacht in a children's transport to England is welcome. 497-7086.

LUNCHEON MEETING

Shaarei Shomayim Sisterhood's luncheon meeting, 12:30 p.m., features A Faigele Singt, songs to put you in a holiday mood with singer **Faye Kellerstein** accompanied by pianist **Jordan Klapman**. $8. Reserve. **Ruth Fruitman** 905-731-6660 or **Rose Mintz** 633-7190.

NJFA PROGRAM

New Jewish Fraternal Association Chanukah program with the Heritage Singers conducted by **Edith Narvey-Komisar** and reading of Chanukah stories, 8 p.m., 12 Heaton St. Non-members $2. RSVP **Anne Harris** 226-1166 or **Esther Naistein** 663-0497.

Wednesday, Dec. 20

GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada features Shtetl, My Ancestors Called It Home, an illustrated presentation by **Jack Kuper**, filmmaker, author, child survivor of the Warsaw Ghetto, 7:30 p.m. Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue. Non-members $3.

And What Else Is New...

AISH HATORAH

The Mysterious Glow: Hidden Life Lessons of Chanukah, Monday, Dec. 18, 7:30 p.m., Aish HaTorah Thornhill, 949 Clark Ave., W., Thornhill. 905-764-1818.

Interplanetary Contact with **Rabbi Aryeh Pamensky**, Tuesday, Dec. 19, 8 p.m., Village Shul, 884 Eglinton Ave. W. 905-764-1818.

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CHANUKAH PLAY

United Synagogue Day School (USDS) Chanukah play *Hershel and the Chanukah Goblins* performed by USDS students, staff and parents Saturday, Dec. 16, 8 p.m. and Sunday, Dec. 17, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m., Beth Sholom Synagogue. For tickets (reservations only) 630-4135.

FAMILY-TO-FAMILY

Community Integration Program (CIP) seeks Canadian families to reach out to recently-arrived Jewish families from the former Soviet Union, through the Family-to-Family program. Be a link for a Russian family and help them discover their Jewish heritage. Call Bathurst Jewish Centre CIP 636-1880, ext. 380, or 636-2316.

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JIS UPDATES

Jewish Information Service has updated Synagogues and Temples and the Back Index (telephone book) sections of the *Jewish Community Services Directory*. These new sections are available for a nominal charge at the Lipa Green Building (third floor) or order prepaid. Complete binders of community information are also available. Price for the update (picked up) is less than $10. 635-5600 or 635-2883, ext. 221 (for messages).

HEBREW COURSES

Keren Hatarbut Institute of Hebrew Studies, 788 Marlee Ave., winter courses for adults, teenagers and pre-teens, in conversational Hebrew, all levels, Monday mornings Jan. 22-April 22, and Tuesday evenings, Jan. 23-April 23. Instructor for beginners **Joseph Klinger**. 787-0197.

BAYCREST SYNAGOGUE

Baycrest Terrace Synagogue, 55 Ameer Ave., holds Shacharit services weekdays 8:30 a.m. and Mincha-Maariv 4:40 p.m. Shabbat services are 9 a.m. preceded by Talmud studies with **Gershon Samonovits** 8 a.m. Call **David** 256-1600.

VOLUNTEER MATH TUTOR

Volunteer math tutor needed for a high school student in the Rexdale area. For this and other volunteer opportunities, **Joan Stevens**, Jewish Family & Child Service, 638-7800, ext. 266.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

North York chapter of Older Women's Network meets one Sunday a month to discuss books focusing on feminist issues, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, March 3, April 14, May 5, June 2, 1:30-4:30 p.m., Central Library, 5120 Yonge St. Preregister at first session. 395-5639.

For Seniors

Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group, Friday, Dec. 15, 9:30-10:45 a.m., boardroom. **Paula David**, 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). On Dec. 21, Learn to Draw with **Ovid Azori**, 6 p.m., and bingo 7 p.m. Also, Chanukah party Saturday, Dec. 23, 7:30 p.m., live music, singer **Dalia Dahari**, light supper, wine, members $8, non-members $10, 661-4689 for reservations.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club Chanukah luncheon Monday, Dec. 18, 12:30 p.m., musical program with Ackerman Family, Bernard Betel Creative Choir including **Michael Khinkis**. Kosher trip to Arizona and Las Vegas Jan. 14-31 reservations being finalized. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923. Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

At **Lifestyle Retirement Communities Forest Hill Place**, 645 Castlefield Ave., **Doug Haddow** lectures on current events, Tuesday, Dec. 19, 2 p.m. Reserve. **Marlene White** 785-1511.

Earl Bales Seniors' Club Chanukah party Wednesday, Dec. 20, 1-4 p.m., $5 and $6; New Year's dinner-dance Sunday, Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., members $30, non-members $35; Saturday dances Dec. 16, 23, 30; Sunday dance Dec. 17. 395-7881.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. 225-2112.

La'Briyut Wellness Centre video *Cancer Prevention*, produced by James Hospital, Cancer Treatment and Research Institute, Thursday, Dec. 21, 1:30 p.m.

Chanukah luncheon and concert Wednesday, Dec. 20, noon, featuring **Shlomo Aviv** accompanied by **Michael Khinkis**, members $8. Concert at 1:30 p.m., members $2, non-members $3.

Israeli club Etrog Chanukah party with **Shelly Ovdat, Andre Furs, Michael Khinkis**, Wednesday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m., members $6, non-members $8.

Movie *That's Dancing* Sunday, Dec. 17, 2:30 p.m.

at the JCC/BJC

Bloor JCC Books and Bagels presents children's authors **Pheobe Gilman** and **Rhea Tregebov** for parents and children 3-8 years and storyteller **Leslie Robbins** for children eight and up, Sunday, Dec. 17, 10:30 a.m., plus book sale, latkes. Bloor JCC members free, non-members $5 per person, $10 per family.

Bloor JCC winter break camps — call 924-6211 or drop in for a brochure — Winter Fun Days, 4½-10 years, Dec. 27-29, Jan. 2-5; Half-Day Computer and Internet Workshop, 9 years and up, Jan. 2-5.; Circus Camp, 8-14 years, Jan. 2-5.

Bloor JCC Good Age Club Chanukah party with entertainment in Yiddish and Hebrew by **Hanna**, Thursday, Dec. 21, 2-4 p.m., members $1, non-members $3. Reserve by Dec. 18. **Judy** 924-6211.

Branch to branch Chanukah run, Sunday, Dec. 17. Transportation from BJC to Bloor JCC, prizes, refreshments. $15.

At the BJC, a display of Chanukah books, crafts and menorahs begins Sunday, Dec. 17.

Childbirth preparation courses in pre-, post-natal education; labor expectations; relaxation, breathing exercises; nutrition, breastfeeding, infant care; with nurse **Shira Benson**, Thursdays 7:30-9:30 p.m. start Dec. 28 for seven weeks at BJC. 636-1880, ext. 291.

About People

Judy Csillag

BAYCREST WA DIRECTOR

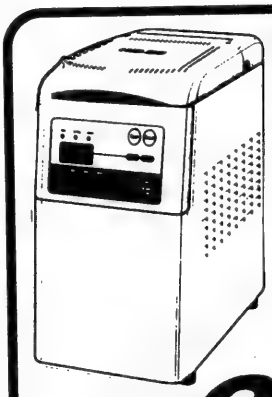
Baycrest Centre welcomes **Judy Csillag** as director of the Women's Auxiliary. The WA combines fundraising with providing services and programs at Baycrest. Prior to joining Baycrest, Csillag was executive director of Toronto Women's ORT. Her work experience also includes having been campaign director for the Jewish Federation of Orange County, Calif., and executive director of Canadian Friends of Tel Aviv Universtiy, eastern region.

WOMEN WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Pictured at London UJA's recent 1995/96 campaign launch honoring six Women Who Make a Difference for their volunteer and professional contributions to London's Jewish and general community are, seated (from left) Nettie Shankman, honoree; Donna Cohen and Linda Finestone, co-convenors. Standing (from left) are Gloria Gilbert, Janice Burden, Hannah Sherebrin, honorees; Ruth Goldbloom of Halifax, keynote speaker; Janice Zolf, emcee; Karen Ross, Kathryn Ferguson, honorees.

CANTOR RECEIVES AWARD

Cantor Joseph Cooper (second from left), Beth Tzedec's 1995 Israel Bond honoree, receives the Heritage Award for his 40 years of devotion to Beth Tzedec Synagogue. With him (from left) are Shirley Promislow, Israel Bond co-chair; Rose Cooper; Jack Grossman, president, Beth Tzedec Synagogue; Marvin Miller, Israel Bond co-chair. [Arnold Machtinger photo].



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BBC honors Axworthy

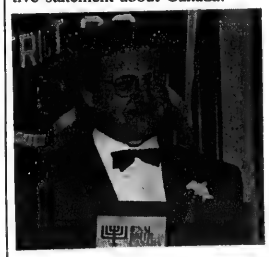
By MYRON LOVE
CJN Prairie Correspondent

WINNIPEG — B'nai Brith Canada recently bestowed its 1995 Award of Merit on Lloyd Axworthy, a man described by media mogul Izzie Asper as an icon in Winnipeg.

At the gala evening at the Westin Hotel attended by over 400 people, Axworthy, the member of Parliament for Winnipeg South Centre and federal minister of Human Resources, was noticeably touched by the award.

"This is the first time in public life that I have received this kind of honor," he said.

A product of Winnipeg's storied north end, the honoree praised the city in which he grew up and the people who make up the community. "I have had the tremendous good fortune to have been born in Canada into an incredible family and a community with enormous vitality," he said. "It is a long way from Mountain Avenue to the halls of Parliament in Ottawa. That the journey is not uncommon is a positive statement about Canada."



Lloyd Axworthy

Axworthy was first elected to Parliament in a 1977 byelection. During his years as a minister in the last Trudeau government, he was instrumental in the redevelopment of downtown Winnipeg.

In introducing the honoree, past honoree Pearl McGonigal, a former lieutenant-governor of Manitoba, recalled how, as External Affairs critic during the period just before the Gulf War, Axworthy travelled to Iraq with two other MPs and managed to return with three of the 17 Canadians who had been detained by the Iraqis.

Axworthy praised B'nai Brith and its League for Human Rights. "Theirs is often the first voice raised in a just cause. At no time in our history has B'nai Brith's voice been so desperately needed."

The honoree spoke of "a nagging sense of unease and anxiety" in society. He talked of the recent assassination of Yitzhak Rabin and how it has affected him.

"So many good people have been struck down for what they believe. Prime Minister Rabin stood for something. He stood out. The courage that he and others have shown stand in stark contrast to the image we in Canada have of politicians."

He spoke of his department's "tremendous" responsibilities, and hinted at the changes in unemployment insurance announced just days later.

From coast to coast

CJN personal ad kindles couple's romance

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Late one evening about three years ago, Louis Verny, then a Metro Toronto police constable, was working on crowd control at a North York fire. Ilana Sherman, an employee of the Red Cross at the time, was also on the scene.

But it wasn't until last year, after Verny placed an ad in *The CJN's* Companions Wanted column, that the Toronto couple met and their romance was kindled.

Now planning a June wedding, they became engaged after a 10-month long-distance romance while Sherman completed a teaching degree in Durham, England.

Four transatlantic trips and $2,500 worth of phone bills later, Sherman, 27 and Verny, 29, are as delighted to be together again as they are with the way they met.

"Maybe we just got lucky, but I don't think so," said Sherman with a broad smile, her fingers intertwined with Verny's as they sat contentedly in her parents' North York living room. Pointing upward, she added, "I like to think we had a little help."

Intrigued by the ad Verny placed in May 1994 — "it kind of spoke to me" — she had saved it for over a month before replying. Because she was preparing to leave, she had no intention of becoming involved in a serious relationship.

Verny was surprised to receive her letter so late. He had already heard from 18 women and dated five of them, but concluded that he wasn't meant to meet his soulmate through an ad.

He liked the breezy tone of Sherman's letter, though, and called her shortly after receiving it.

The pair soon discovered they had more in common than the attributes Verny had mentioned in his ad. Aside from a shared passion for fitness and fun, both were becoming increasingly committed Jewishly.

"We clicked very quickly," said Verny. On their first date — July 21, 1994 — they went out for frozen yogourt and a long walk. "We just kept talking," Verny remembers.

The next day, Verny sent her a dozen roses, something he'd never done before.

They saw each other as often as possible, although Verny's work shifts sometimes made it difficult. (Combining police hours with an increasingly Shabbat-observant lifestyle was one of the reasons Verny left the force to go into business for himself, revitalizing Tri-Versa-Global, the silkscreening/promotional items business he had started in the 1980s.)

"We would meet for one hour here, 45 minutes there," said Sherman. Once Verny showed up for a 35-minute rendezvous at a park with chocolate truffles, milk and crystal champagne flutes.

"It was very romantic," sighed Sherman.

Even with her move to England, the young couple were in frequent contact, speaking several times a week and writing "tons and tons" of letters.

Every Sunday, Verny had dinner with the Sherman family, and would speak to Ilana on "sponsor time," often for the second or third time that day.

"Everyone we've told is pleasantly surprised that it worked," said Sherman, referring to the classified ad.

She and Verny would like to reduce the stigma attached to personal ads. They are proud of how they met and hope that their story will enourage others to give the ads a try.

Sherman felt a measure of comfort because the ad was in a Jewish paper. "Chances are, someone you know, knows them," she said. In her case, a friend was acquainted with Verny and vouched for him before they met.

Sherman advises others to "go for it" if they're considering using the ads, but to use the same caution they would with any blind date.

"We're a good example of it working. Neither of us was desperately looking. We've both dated. We've both been in serious relationships," she said.

"It's another option," added Verny. "We're living proof that it works."

Ilana Sherman and Louis Verny

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Harry Weinstock (centre) presents cheque to Max Moneta (left) and Irving Matlow (right) on behalf of the Labour Zionist Alliance Seniors Club.

Rose and Jack Wine celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary by asking their friends to donate to the Soldiers of Israel. Jack Muskat presents plaque to them on this occasion.

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From coast to coast

Barrett gets pop star reception

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VICTORIA — In the chaotic world of British Columbia politics, it's hard to remember who is or has been the premier. We've had three in the past five years, with a new one coming up in February.

But when Dave Barrett, the province's only Jewish premier ever (from 1972 to 1975), appeared at a local book store to autograph copies of his biography, *Barrett, A Passionate Political Life* (Douglas & McIntyre, $27.95), he drew a big crowd.

Barrett's fans chatted with him and bought the book. People kept pointing, saying: "Look, there he is. Doesn't he look well! He's thinner and looks younger." An aging pop star couldn't have had a warmer reception.

The fans were mainly seniors who had benefited from Barrett's social reforms. He introduced Mincome, a supplement to the existing Old Age Security which gave seniors substantially more than what the feds were paying at the time. And he introduced a cooperative housing program.

During the Barrett regime, his NDP government passed a record 367 bills. He points proudly to the fact that most of his legislation has endured under succeeding governments.

The product of a Socialist-Communist family, he says, "I have enjoyed the access to power that only the British parliamentary system and a few other democracies can provide. But the political system is full of twists and turns and it requires participation by informed citizens. Without that we will end up marching to the beat of the corporate drum."

Barrett admits he's biased "and that is what drove me into politics. My bias was formed in the crucible of debate that began in the 1940s around social issues like national health care, improved education and housing. My bias tells me the right-wing forces that permeate Parliament are going to have to be challenged," he says.

Part of the coming struggle, he says, will be for a social charter with teeth inside NAFTA to protect the segments of the population that have been "savaged" by the deal. An assignment he is doing for the University of Western Washington, calls for proposals to bring NAFTA together with the North American Federation of Trade Unions in a tri-country structure to better the working and social conditions for men and women inside the NAFTA bloc.

Barrett's book deals mainly with B.C. politics during the Social Credit rule and the rise and fall of his own regime. At no time does he hide that he's Jewish — the first chapter is called *Son of a Jewish Fruit Pedlar.*

Born in Vancouver in 1930, Barrett was like most Depression kids — "We were poor but so was everybody else" — and he took whatever jobs were available:

He attended a small Jesuit university in Seattle and got a degree in sociology. He went on to a Catholic university in St. Louis for a degree in social work and won a $2,500 scholarship. The university president told him he was "the first Jew to get money out of Catholics."

Barrett's involvement in social work got him into politics, and he was elected to the B.C. Legislature, eventually becoming leader of the provincial NDP and defeating W.A.C. Bennett, who was the Social Credit premier for 20 years.

Barrett says he's been told he tried to do too much too fast. He lost the next two elections and stepped down as party leader in 1984.

He got back into politics in 1989 to fight the Free Trade Act in the federal parliament and won a seat in the Victoria area. In the 1993 federal election, he lost his seat.

Now 65, he says he still intends to do what he can to prevent the "right wing" from "killing" Canada's social programs.

Hillel alumni sought

OTTAWA — Hillel Academy needs help in locating students who graduated from the school over the past 40 years.

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Media backtrack on Canadian's links to Amir

CJN Staff and News Services

TORONTO — Sensational reports that a mystery Canadian bankrolled the defence of Yitzhak Rabin's confessed assassin, Yigal Amir, were deflated last weekend with descriptions of the man — a former Toronto dentist — as a "lost soul" with a vivid imagination.

Even the normally robust Israeli media — which named the man and described him as one of the richest Jews in Canada — backed down from the story, conceding that the rumors were not supported by facts.

Israel's largest daily, *Yediot Aharanot*, said fundraising efforts in Toronto are faltering, and quoted unnamed sources as saying no one has contributed to the man's efforts.

Friends and family of the man have told Toronto media that the story is a figment of his imagination.

"He is not a well man," his wife was quoted as saying.

Quoting sources in Toronto's Jewish community, another Toronto media outlet reported that the man, an ultra-Orthodox Jew, could not afford to underwrite Amir's defence.

Said a family friend: "This story about him is ridiculous. He made some comments to someone who works for TV and that is how the story got started."

Israeli media named the man and splashed the story on TV screens and front pages in what many described as an overblown feeding frenzy. Almost no Canadian media outlets named him and few in Toronto's organized Jewish community had heard of him before.

Earlier in the week, reporters braved subzero temperatures by parking themselves outside what was thought to be the man's upper-middle class North York home.

But neighbors say the former dentist visits only periodically and hasn't lived at the address for some time.

There was no answer at the home when a *CJN* reporter visited, and messages to his home and office were not returned.

Neighbors, who described the family as "nice," said the house went on the market under a power of sale a few years ago, but the man's family helped him hold onto it.

Israeli TV reported that the man has been using the home as a base for his fundraising, and that he has transfered money to the Amir family.

But friends and family say the man left his dental practice and went into real estate, including the partial purchase of a Jerusalem hotel. But he reportedly lost everything when the Canadian market crashed in the late 1980s.

"The individual represents no one and we are surprised that any credibility is being ascribed to these fanciful claims," Manuel Prutschi, director of the Canadian Jewish Congress' Ontario region, told *The CJN*.

"It is hard to conceive of anyone associating themselves with such an endeavor."

There was no confirmation of whether the man's son served in the same army unit as Amir, or whether the son went to yeshivah with the assassin.

A report in last Sunday's *Toronto Sun* said the man tried to hire a lawyer in Israel a week after Rabin's murder.

But Tel Aviv lawyer David Heimovitz reportedly turned the man down, saying he did not have the time to get involved in the case.

Heimovitz said the Toronto man claimed to have been authorized by Amir's parents to find a suitable lawyer after they rejected the counsel provided by the state.

Civilian subdued Rabin assassin

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The brother of Menahem Damti, Yitzhak Rabin's driver the night he was murdered, told the commission investigating the assassination that he had been standing right behind Rabin and jumped on confessed killer Yigal Amir immediately after he shot the prime minister.

Naftali Damti and his other brother, Haim, had received clearance as special guests of the Prime Minister's Office and were sitting on the VIP podium, where both Rabin and Shimon Peres stood during the Nov. 4 peace rally in Tel Aviv.

Both told the Shamgar Commission last Sunday they saw Peres descend the podium's stairs first, but waited for Rabin to go down. They accompanied the prime minister as he walked to his car, where their brother Menahem was waiting behind the wheel.

"I was standing behind Rabin when I heard three shots. I turned around, saw the man with the gun and jumped on him, pulling him to the ground," said Naftali Damti.

Police officers who testified last week also said that the first man to jump on Amir was a civilian.

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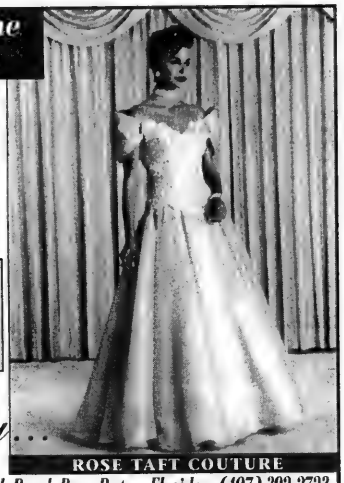

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Israeli yeshivah head apologizes for remarks advocating violence

By LEORA FRUCHT
CJN Israel Correspondent

JERUSALEM — Rabbi Nachum Rabinovitch, the yeshivah head who advocated violence against Israel soldiers who evacuate settlers, has apologized for his comments.

The former Toronto rabbi, who now heads the Birkat Moshe yeshivah in Ma'ale Adumim, issued an apology last week in a letter to other yeshivah directors.

Two weeks ago, a tape was made public in which Rabbi Rabinovitch condoned the use of explosives against IDF soldiers who follow orders to evacuate settlements, calling such soldiers "evil." The comment was made in a private, secretly-taped conversation with an official of the religious peace movement Oz VeShalom. Rabbi Rabinovitch subsequently denied the charge, calling it a lie.

However, last week the rabbi — who headed North York's Clanton Park synagogue before moving to Israel in 1971 — wrote in a letter to colleagues: "It is possible that, out of pain, some very harsh expressions slipped out of my mouth, expressions which are misleading and which stand in contradiction to the views that I publicized and taught in the past and continue to uphold. For this I am sorry."

He added that he has always emphasized that along with his commitment "to opposing the mistaken and dangerous policy of the government, it is forbidden to be dragged into physical violence of any kind against anyone."

Rabbi Rabinovitch was one of several rabbis investigated by police recently for allegedly providing religious justification for the murder of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. No charges have been filed against him.

He is one of nine rabbis who issued a ruling in July forbidding soldiers to evacuate army bases or settlements in the West Bank.

The institution he heads is a hesder yeshivah, in which young men combine religious studies with military service. Parents of students at Rabbi Rabinovitch's yeshivah rallied around him, publishing paid advertisements in his support.

Prominent members of the national religious camp also backed him at a meeting last week. Rabbi Chaim Druckman, head of the Or Etzion yeshivah, said he was sorry Rabbi Rabinovitch "had said things that he did not mean in the heat of an argument" and called the claims against him "baseless."

Rabbi Nahum Rabinovitch

When the controversial tape was played for Rabbi Druckman privately over six months ago, he dismissed Rabbi Rabinovitch as a "marginal" figure whose comments should not be cause for concern, according to the secretary-general of Oz VeShalom, Yitzhak Frankenthal, who made the recording and brought it to Rabbi Druckman's attention. Frankenthal made the tape public last month after Rabbi Rabinovitch repeatedly claimed that he was opposed to violence.

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Who is Jew status quo advocated

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — The Jewish Agency's executive called on the government last Thursday to refrain from introducing legislation that would change the status quo on religion.

Meeting with Diaspora leaders, the executive said it "views with the utmost importance the preservation of the unity of the Jewish people and the principle of pluralism."

It called on the government to "refrain from amending legislation or passing new legislation which would redefine the subject of 'Who Is a Jew' in a way which may estrange major parts of the Jewish nation."

Agency chair Avraham Burg went so far as to say that such amendments would be considered "a declaration of war."

The executive specifically asked the government "not to allow any change in the Law of Return, which is one of the pillars of Jewish identity with the state of Israel."

Diaspora leaders, including those from Canada, had come to mark *shloshim* services for Yitzhak Rabin, but stayed behind to discuss the issue.

The background to the executive's statement is the High Court of Justice ruling last month which gave indirect legitimacy to Reform and Conservative conversion in Israel.

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'Silent majority' rallies

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Although the rally was called to show Jewish unity and promote healing in the wake of the assassination, its planning became a lightning rod for all the community's divisions.

Critics of the peace process demanded the inclusion of speakers from the Israeli government opposition to show that Jews are not monolithic about the way peace should be achieved.

Organizers, for their part, maintained the rally was nonpolitical and to prove it, eliminated any references to "the peace process" in advertisements for the event. Instead, the organizers billed the rally as a show of support for "the pursuit of peace."

The change infuriated advocates of the peace process.

For fear of violating the Orthodox ban on hearing a woman's voice, organizers also reportedly turned down an offer made by Barbra Streisand to sing at the rally.

Despite the concessions, a few organizations boycotted the event.

Nevertheless, Leah Rabin urged unity. "Nothing could be more important" in this time of Jewish "crisis," she said.

"We do not want to forget who killed and who was killed."

Recalling the climate of violence and hostility among opponents of her husband in the months leading up to his death, she said, "The voice of the silent majority was not heard."

The turning point, she said, was the Nov. 4 peace rally where he was killed.

"The State of Israel is crying, the world is crying, but friends, beyond all the tears, I see he bequested peace, he bequested solidarity, he bequested Jewish unity," she said.

Gore waxed emotional when he addressed each Rabin family member by name and said that Americans "have been and are attempting to lift you up and say to you, 'We respect you and we love you.' "

Noting the approach of Chanukah, he said, "The ancient light of the Maccabees will guide the house of Israel [toward] light over darkness, faith over cynicism, reason over arms."

Gore issued a resounding call to follow Rabin's pursuit of peace, while warning, "The road to peace is not an easy one."

The obstacles of evil, hate, pain and division will slow the fulfilment of Rabin's legacy, he said.

But "we will not be daunted," he declared, to thunderous applause. "We will not be afraid."

Last Friday, the *New York Times* ran a full-page ad by the Zionist Organization of America (ZOA) and the National Council of Young Israel, which protested the event as partisan.

"How can I accept this as a rally of unity and reconciliation when both sides are not represented" in the program? asked ZOA president Morton Klein.

But the public show of discord angered people such as Abraham Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League.

"It's distressing and disturbing that after we've gone through the tragedy, we're unable to come together if only for the sake of memory and unity," he said. "Everybody's still playing their games and trying to make a point."

Leah Rabin wiping away a tear in the company of Vice-President Al Gore and Prime Minister Shimon Peres. [RNS photo]

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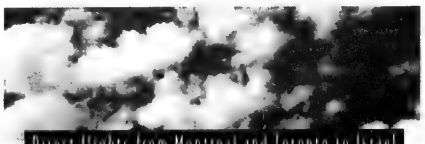

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Assad holds the key to comprehensive peace settlement

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

Hafez al-Assad looms over Syria like a monolith. The Syrian president, who recently marked the 25th anniversary of his seizure of power, is now the longest-ruling leader Syria has had since acquiring independence in 1946.

Only Muammar Kadafi, who has dominated Libya since 1969, has been in office longer.

Assad, 67, deposed his predecessor, Salad Jadid, in a coup d'etat in November 1970. Coups were a regular occurrence in Syria's formative years, but under Assad, the country has been fairly quiescent. He has imposed on Syria a brand of stability that exists only in a dictatorship.

Officially, Syria is a parliamentary democracy. But in reality, it is rigidly controlled by two formidable institutions — the armed forces, from which Assad springs, and the Ba'ath party, which has governed the country since 1963 and whose principal slogans are Arab unity, socialism and freedom.

A member of the minority Alawite sect which comprises 12 per cent of Syria's population, Assad was an air force general and the minister of defence before overthrowing Jadid, whom he imprisoned until his death last year.

Assad's longevity is a measure of his wily political skills, which are admired by friend and foe. By appointing Sunni Arabs to innumerable positions of importance in the regime, Assad has placated the majority Sunnis and thus maintained a firm grip.

But there have been periods of turbulence and uncertainty. In 1981, a coup attempt by senior air force officers was crushed. A year later, the army ruthlessly put down an Islamic fundamentalist rebellion in Hama, levelling neighborhoods and killing upwards of 10,000 dissidents.

Assad's brother, Rifaat, tried to wrest the presidency from him while he was recovering from a heart ailment in 1984. But the insurrection quickly fizzled and Rifaat was sent packing into temporary exile in Europe.

Several years ago, Assad began to groom one of his sons, Basil, as his successor. But since Basil's untimely death in an automobile accident nearly a year ago, Assad has turned to his other son, Bashar, an ophthalmologist, who seems to have no stomach for politics.

Assad is a fervent Arab nationalist whose title to the leadership of the fragmented Arab world has been vigorously challenged by competing claims from Egypt and Iraq.

Nevertheless, Syria — which has fought Israel in four wars and in numerous skirmishes — holds the key to the attainment of a comprehensive peaceful settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute.

Without Syria's stamp of approval, Israel has virtually no chance of forging a rapprochement with countries like Lebanon (a Syrian protectorate for all intents and purposes) or Saudi Arabia (which is extremely cautious).

But to Assad's chagrin, Egypt, the PLO and Jordan have broken ranks with Syria and signed bilateral peace treaties with Israel, while Morocco, Tunisia, Oman and Qatar have shown signs of embarking on a similar path.

Having failed to thwart the desultory movement toward regional peace, and having grown strategically weaker since the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Syria had no alternative but to negotiate with Israel.

Talks with Israel stalled

The talks, which began in October 1991 and turn on the future of the Golan Heights, have produced no real breakthroughs and are mired in seemingly irreconcilable differences.

However, Syria's participation in the peace process has not been an exercise in futility. Assad has acknowledged the strategic value of peace, and in a gesture of goodwill connected with the ongoing though stalled negotiations, he granted Syrian Jews permission to emigrate. Given the restrictions under which they lived, most Jews were only too happy to leave.

Syria's relationship with the sole remaining superpower, the United States, has invariably been imperfect. But in recent years, Assad has assiduously improved ties with Washington, first by joining the anti-Iraqi coalition during the Gulf War and then by agreeing to take part in the peace process.

Yet, much to Assad's irritation, Syria is still on a U.S. black list of nations sponsoring terrorism. Assad tolerates the presence of Palestinian rejectionist groups in Damascus. He has provided a haven to Islamic Jihad, perhaps the most radical Palestinian organization. He actively supports Hezbollah attacks against the Israeli army in southern Lebanon. And lest we forget, his security services tried to plant a bomb aboard an El Al plane in London in 1986.

Assad, a visceral anti-Zionist, is Israel's shrewdest and militarily strongest adversary. But he is also a pragmatist, and therein may lie the seeds of a mutually advantageous accommodation between Syria and Israel.

The Week in Israel

Dec. 4

• At a ceremony in honor of Yitzhak Rabin, Prime Minister Shimon Peres stated that there will be no compromises on Jerusalem. "We have never thought of Jerusalem as an issue of compromise for division or for partnership between two opinions."

Dec. 5

• An IDF commander was forced to leave the Tomb of Joseph after dozens of students from the Tomb of Joseph Yeshivah surrounded and harrassed him, calling him "traitor and murderer." Samaria Regional Council chair Aryeh Ofri criticized the students and promised to prevent the recurrence of similar incidents.

Dec. 6

• Redeployment of IDF forces is scheduled to be completed from Nablus by Dec. 14, from Kalkilya by Dec. 17, and from Bethlehem by Dec.18. Meanwhile, two IDF soldiers were wounded, one seriously, in a shooting incident north of Nablus.

Dec. 7

• *Kol Yisrael* reported that Israeli citizens will be permitted to travel to Yemen. In two months, the first group of Israelis will set out for Yemen by way of Jordan.

• *Yediot Aharanot* reported that Israel's credit rating has been raised from Triple B to A- by Standard and Poor Corporation.

• Prime Minister Peres met with Hosni Mubarak in Cairo to discuss joint economic plans in the fields of transportation, agriculture and tourism. At their meeting, Peres promised that he would appoint a major general in the IDF reserves to investigate the alleged murder of Egyptian PoWs.

Dec. 8

• *Yediot Aharanot* reported that Prime Minister Peres sent a letter to U.S. President Bill Clinton, asking him to grant clemency to Jonathan Pollard.

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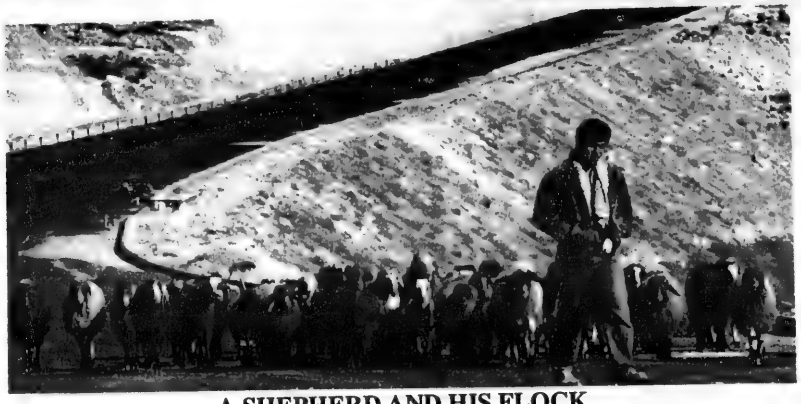

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These goats are travelling on one of the many bypass roads which are being paved as part of the security arrangements under Oslo 2. This road is near Bethlehem. [RNS photo]

IDF pulls out of Tulkarm

Jewish Telegraphic Agency

JERUSALEM — Israeli troops last Sunday withdrew from Tulkarm, the second West Bank town to be transferred to Palestinian control under the terms of an agreement signed in September for expanding West Bank autonomy.

The withdrawal came despite a spate of recent violence in the West Bank that has heightened security concerns for settlers living in the region.

Shortly after midnight Sunday, Israel Defence Force troops lowered the Israeli flag outside the former army headquarters in Tulkarm, as control was transferred to an advance guard of Palestinian police officers.

The town was decorated with Palestinian flags and with photographs of PLO leader Yasser Arafat, in celebration of the Palestinian officers' arrival.

Israel completed its withdrawal from the West Bank town of Jenin in mid-November.

Under the terms of the September accords, known as the Interim Agreement, Israel is scheduled to withdraw from four more West Bank population centres — Kalkilya, Nablus, Ramallah and Bethlehem — by the end of December.

In March, the Palestinians are scheduled to assume control over major portions of Hebron, the only West Bank town where settlers live alongside Palestinians.

The redeployment from Tulkarm took place within hours of a drive-by shooting near the West Bank settlement of Neveh Daniel that wounded a settler and his 4-year-old daughter.

Yonatan Moshitz, from the West Bank settlement of Efrat, was listed in moderate condition after undergoing surgery on his legs.

His daughter was released from the hospital after being treated for glass splinters.

Two other daughters in the car were reportedly not injured in the Saturday night attack.

Residents of the Gush Etzion settlement bloc in the West Bank issued warnings that settlers would face additional security problems in the wake of an Israeli redeployment from the region.

Earlier this month, four Israeli soldiers were wounded in two shooting incidents in the West Bank.

Last Friday, Israeli soldiers shot and killed a 23-year-old Palestinian during demonstrations in Nablus.

Meanwhile, Israel eased restrictions on Palestinian workers from the West Bank, granting an additional 6,800 permits allowing the laborers to enter Israel.

In Hebron, where some 400 Jewish settlers live among 100,000 Palestinians, a group of 15 Palestinian police arrived Sunday to open up the district coordination office that will serve the area.

Fifty settlers reportedly blocked the road outside the district office to protest the arrival of the police.

Another group of settlers reportedly blocked the main road between Hebron and Bethlehem to protest the Saturday night shooting of the settler and his daughter.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres reaffirmed Israel's commitment to the peace process during a meeting last Friday with Arafat at the Erez Crossing separating the Gaza Strip from Israel.

It was Peres' first meeting with Arafat since becoming prime minister.

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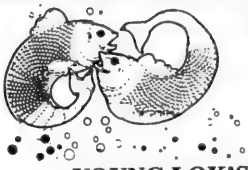

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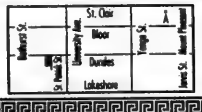

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Filmmaker attracted to *Net Worth*'s underdog story

Players dropped the gloves with NHL owners

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — To think that until a few years ago, regional divisions in the National Hockey League were named after Conn Smythe, Jack Adams and James Norris.

Legendary figures in their day perhaps, but today seen more as tinpot dictators with feet of clay than mythical builders of the sport.

Perhaps NHL deep-thinkers had an inkling that the current crop of sports reporters and filmmakers were not inclined to treat these bygone heroes with the reverence of an earlier generation when they decided to adopt more generic nomenclature like the Atlantic, Pacific and Central Divisions.

Just in the nick of time too, as the publication of *Net Worth*, a scathing expose of the NHL in its dark days of union-busting, has left a bad taste among those who've studied the history of the NHL.

In recent weeks, those legendary figures have suffered another body blow with the airing of *Net Worth*, a Bernard Zukerman production for CBC Television.

Based on a chapter of the book of the same name, *Net Worth* explores the players' attempt in 1956 to form an association and later a full-fledged union. A compelling film with excellent performances throughout (Al Waxman as Adams is particularly effective), *Net Worth* pulls no punches when describing the underhanded way owners and management fought to keep the players in a state of virtual servitude.

Al Waxman (left) should be named first star for his performance as Red Wings G.M. Jack Adams. Waxman is seen here with Aidan Devine, who played Ted Lindsay, the hockey great who fought to organize a players' association in the NHL in 1956.

Although it's hard to believe that one side could be so bereft of redeeming characteristics, Zukerman believes the black and white depiction of the protaganists is justified.

"[The players] were totally underpaid and lied to as to how much was being made [by the owners]," he said. "Today it's a totally different situation. They're making much more money. They have a union. Those guys couldn't see their own contract or know how much was in the pension."

Zukerman, a 10-year veteran of film production, said the chapter on Red Wing great Ted Lindsay and his attempts at forming a union jumped out at him when he read *Net Worth*.

"I thought it was a terrific story and would make a wonderful movie. It was about an underdog who took on the big machine," he said.

The story took on Canadian myths about former NHL commissioner Clarence Campbell, Smythe and others and left them appearing rather disreputable.

Smythe's anti-Semitic feelings (he's shown ranting at the players' Jewish lawyer Milton Mound) "was relatively well known. It didn't surprise people of a certain generation," Zukerman said.

While the owners came across badly, the depiction of the players is a rather mixed bag. Lindsay, who served as a consultant to the filmmakers, came across as a hero and natural leader as he attempted to mobilizing the players to stand up to the browbeating owners and managers.

The treatment of Gordie Howe, Mr. Hockey, who just wants to get on and play the game, is a different story.

"We certainly didn't intend to portray him as the villain of the piece. He was young and unsophisticated. He was clearly manipulated by Jack Adams," Zukerman said.

While nitpickers on sports talk shows have criticized the movie for failing to be 100 per cent faithful to the facts (some poetic licence must be allowed), Zukerman dismisses critiques about the depiction of Busher Jackson, the former Leaf great from the fabled "Kid Line."

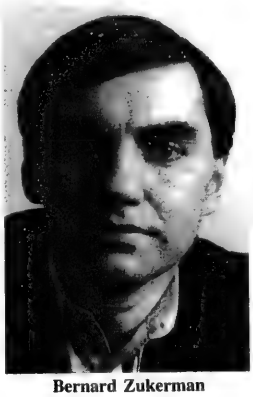
In the mid-50s, Jackson "clearly sold sticks outside Maple Leaf Gardens that Conn Smythe sold to him and that's how he made his living," Zukerman said.

Although Montreal Hall-of-Fame defenceman Doug Harvey did not die in a railroad boxcar, as the film suggests, at one point he lived in one. At the end of his life, the Habs did take care of him, Zukerman acknowledged.

And the Larry Suharchuk character, who was shown as destitute, living in a car and dying there in a fire, was "a composite figure" based on a number of players, Zukerman said.

Still and all, *Net Worth* has garnered plenty of positive reviews, and deservedly so. Its appeal goes far beyond Canadians and hockey-lovers to present a story with universal appeal

"It's being sold around the world right now," Zukerman said. Negotiations are under way with networks in England, France and Scandinavia and it will eventually be transferred to cassette for home viewing.



Bernard Zukerman

For Zukerman, *Net Worth* is only the latest success in a string of award-winning productions. A graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School, Zukerman went on to producing and directing documentaries beginning with *And Then You Die* in 1986, an examination of drug dealing. It won five Gemini Awards and numerous international prizes.

His 1987 film, *Skate*, won the Gemini for best Canadian TV movie while other Zukerman productions include *The Squamish Five*, *Love and Hate: The Story of Colin and JoAnn Thatcher*, (winner of five Geminis), *Conspiracy of Silence*, Dieppe and *Million Dollar Babies*.

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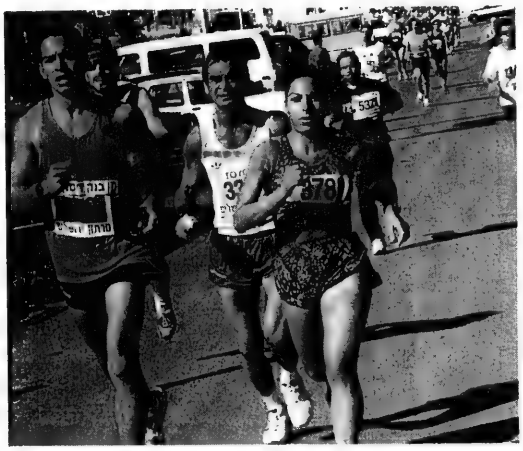

JERUSALEM MARATHON

This year's marathon was reported to be one of the worst organized ever. Many participants complained of poor directions and poor police traffic control, which at times brought the runners into direct conflict with irate motorists. It has always been a source of complaint that cities like Jerusalem and Tel Aviv are brought to a virtual standstill during a work day to allow the marathon to take place. Due in part to the difficulty of the Jerusalem route, this year's marathon was 21.1 kilometre event, in effect, a half-marathon. Asaf Bimro, Israel's half-marathon champion, won the race in one hour, nine minutes and 44 seconds. [Isranet photo]

Marathon mom hits pavement

Jerusalem Dateline

JERUSALEM — To escape the pressures of raising a family and running a business, Liora Leibowitz has always enjoyed jogging. But it never occurred to her, even though she could run comfortably for an hour or more, that she was marathon championship material in the making.

Participating in her first marathon earlier this year at the age of 35, Leibowitz was the first woman across the finish line. She finished the Tiberias Marathon, around the Sea of Galilee, in 2 hours, 51 minutes and 36 seconds.

The mother of three, who lives near Tel Aviv, sees it as a "realistic dream" to represent Israel in the Atlanta Olympic Games in 1996.

"I could kick myself for not realizing I was marathon material when I was younger," said Leibowitz, who is Israel's aerobics champion and who runs her own aerobics studio.

"At my age it's too late to accomplish anything more than modest achievements."

Leibowitz is, nevertheless, determined to make the most of her talent. At her first official competition last year, a 10-km race, she astounded judges and spectators alike by finishing first, beating all the male and female runners in a time of 40.02 minutes.

Leibowitz thinks she can lower her best time in the marathon to a respectable 2 hours 45 minutes. She is less confident she can reach the Olympic qualifying time of 2 hours 35 minutes.

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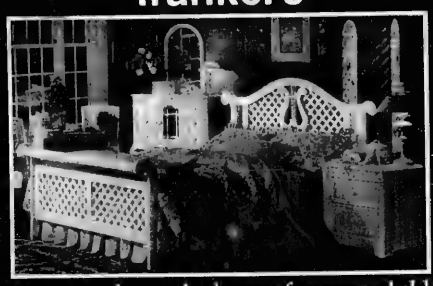

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Patinkin in splendid voice as he charms audience

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — From the moment Mandy Patinkin appeared on stage, smiling and nodding approval as the *audience* sang Canada's national anthem, he had an almost palpable rapport with some 3,200 people who had come to hear *him* sing.

An engaging performer, Patinkin, 43, has a splendid and much touted voice. But it was his stage persona — equal parts funny man, heartthrob and regular guy — that seemed to transform the cavernous O'Keefe Centre (his only Canadian stop this tour) into a cozy venue when he appeared there Dec. 2.

Working on an unadorned stage, ladders and other paraphernalia visible behind him, Patinkin appeared more rumpled than his television alter ego, Dr. Jeffrey Geiger of *Chicago Hope*, whose portrayal won him an Emmy earlier this year.

Dressed in a short-sleeved black t-shirt, loose-fitting black pants and grey Nikes, Patinkin was unshaven for an upcoming television taping.

"Let me tell you guys what you missed," he called to latecomers at the Saturday night concert. And he did. In detail.

"First of all everybody came in. Everybody was chatting. It was kind of nice. And then the house lights went down and ... I blew the words, then I found them again. Then you got here, so you haven't missed a thing."

His fast-paced recap, followed by thunderous applause, was immensely charming. Shtick aside, when Patinkin blew the words to the melodious *Jitterbug Waltz* later in the show, the audience was only too happy to hear his repeated attempts to complete the old Fats Waller tune.

Patinkin learned to sing as a youngster in a Chicago synagogue choir, where he would imitate the cantor to perfect his own skills.

In an encore that stretched his Toronto concert to almost two intermission-free hours, he included *Yossel, Yossel*, a Yiddish number that built to a frenzy, and the lament (but with its chorus in Yiddish) from *Evita*, his Broadway breakthrough for which he won a 1980 Tony award when he starred as Che.

"What do you want from me? I'm Jewish," he shrugged.

Patinkin's eclectic repertoire of romantic, whimsical, rousing and message-bearing songs — among them Harry Chapin's *Taxi, Cohen Owes Me $97* (Irving Berlin), *Beat out dat Rhythm on a Drum* (Georges Bizet/Oscar Hammerstein II), and *Children Will Listen* (Stephen Sondheim) — was matched by his vocal range, which runs the gamut from theatre-filling bass baritone to sweetly poignant falsetto.

Accompanied only by his expert pianist, Paul Ford, Patinkin performed with skill and intensity, often leaning back in his chair and closing his eyes as he sang.

I preferred to keep my eyes open and savor every aspect of the concert.

Skilled workforce fuels boom

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Israel is becoming one of the world's fastest growing economies due, in part, to its educated, innovative and stable workforce, says the consul and trade commissioner of the Israel Economic Mission.

"Israel's workforce is distinguished by advanced technical skills and efficient work methods, at a manpower cost lower than in the United States or Europe," Yael Varsano-Barzilay told a recent board meeting of the economic development committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto.

She said medical, scientific, agricultural and advanced technological research and development facilities that rank among the world's finest, plus a wide range of "exceptional government incentives geared for high technology research and development make doing business in Israel very attractive."

Varsano-Barzilay added that Israel is "the only country in the world having free trade agreements with the European Community, the European Free Trade Association and the United States. Presently, Israel and Canada are negotiating a free trade agreement which both governments hope to ratify soon."

She said the Government of Israel Economic Mission, with a mandate to develop commercial ties between Canada and Israel, "is always available with an extensive database, in order to provide the timely information necessary to conduct business with Israel easily and advantageously.

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Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

AGO Receives Tanenbaum Gift: Joseph Rotman, president of the Art Gallery of Ontario's board of trustees, announced last week that Joey and Toby Tanenbaum have given 16 European Old Master paintings from their internationally renowned collection to the Art Gallery of Ontario.

The Tanenbaum gift includes outstanding examples of French, Italian, Spanish, Flemish and Dutch pictures dating from the late 15th to the early 18th century. Among them are canvases by such masters as Giordano, Ribera, Coypel and Jouvenet. It is the largest gift of European Old Masters ever received by the AGO, and one of the most generous gifts of art ever made in Canada.

"Toby and I are delighted to be able to make this gift to the Art Gallery of Ontario, which we both love, and to know that these works will be seen and enjoyed by the many visitors who come through its doors," said Joey Tanenbaum.

The Tanenbaums have been major supporters of the AGO for a long time. Less than three years ago, they pledged $3 million to launch an endowment campaign for the AGO, and Tanenbaum's mother, Anne, donated $1 million for a capital fundraising campaign. The beaux-arts core of the building, together with the Max and Anne Tanenbaum Gallery and the Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Atrium, are now collectively known as the Tanenbaum Centre of European Art.

"Joey and Toby Tanenbaum's generosity to the Art Gallery of Ontario sets a shining example to philanthropists everywhere," said the AGO's chief curator Matthew Teitelbaum."

Candles Long Ago: Since Chanukah is almost upon us, it seems like an appropriate time to note that the American-based Parents' Choice Foundation has honored Sharon, Lois & Bram's Chanukah album *Candles Long Ago* with a gold award for outstanding children's audio recording.

Candles Long Ago is a mini-album of songs for the Chanukah season, featuring traditional favorites such as *Dreydl, Dreydl Oy Chanukah* and *I'm a Little Latke*. The title track was written for the trio by composer Glen Roven and Emmy-winning writer Mark Saltzman. Alive with the images of Chanukahs long passed, the new song has captured the hearts of Jewish audiences.

Sharon, Lois & Bram are currently in the midst of a 37-city Canadian tour based on their new album, *Let's Dance!*

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Songs & Candles: Du Maurier Arts Ltd. presents Songs and Candles, a special Chanukah concert performed by the vocal group Trio Panache (Lilac Cana, Ruth Piitz, Benjamin Stein). The concert is part of the series Music for A Sunday Afternoon at the Koffler Centre. Admission $5. Dec. 17, 3 p.m. Leah Posluns Theatre, Bathurst Jewish Centre, North York. 416-636-1880, ext. 299.

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Kosher Lamb Chops: WNED-TV (Channel 17 in the Toronto area) is airing a children's program for Chanukah. *Lamb Chop's Chanukah*, featuring Shari Lewis, Lamb Chop and friends, and guests Alan Thicke, Pat Morita and Lloyd Bochner, in a celebration of holiday traditions, foods, songs and stories. It airs Dec. 18 at 8 p.m. and repeats Dec. 19 at noon.

On radio, WNED-FM (94.5) offers *The Chanukah Story*, as told by the Western Wind vocal ensemble with narration by Theodore Bikel, Dec. 17 at 5 p.m. Adventures in Good Music, Dec. 18 at 11 a.m., features a Festival of Light in which Karl Haas celebrates Chanukah.

Night of a thousand plaids

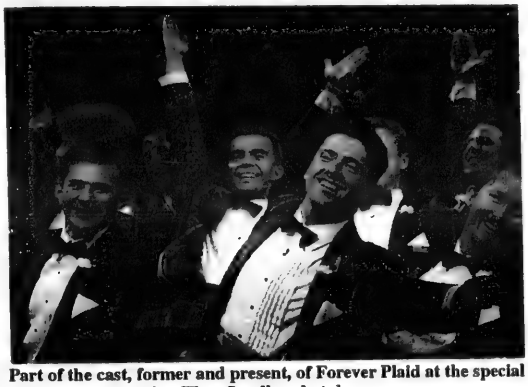
By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — The creator of the hit musical *Forever Plaid* said he always felt like an outsider growing up in the '50s in a small American town with very few Jews.

"I had to explain Chanukah in front of the whole school," Stuart Ross said in an interview. "The whole thing [idea of the show] comes from my Jewishness. It was part of my longing to fit in.

"This experience is the subtext of *Forever Plaid*, which is about four outsiders — the '50s-good-guys types. They looked good on *Father Knows Best*, but the truth is these guys got beat up," he said.

Ross was in Toronto to direct Night of a Thousand Plaids, a benefit in support of Equity Fights AIDS, marking the 1,000th performance of the Toronto production of *Forever Plaid*, which has been running since March 1993.



Part of the cast, former and present, of Forever Plaid at the special 1,000th show reunion.[Tom Sandler photo]

There are only four people in the cast of *Forever Plaid*. But there were 30 in Night of a Thousand Plaids. Former and current cast members of Canadian productions came together for the benefit, which was also a tribute to the show's musical orchestrator James Raitt, who died of AIDS in 1994.

Forever Plaid has been performed across the United States, in Tokyo, Calgary and Vancouver. It's a hit in Toronto and the Canadian tour is booked through 1997.

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Travel Talk

by Bill Gladstone

The upcoming Quebec Winter Carnival is a prolonged touristic smorgasbord of wholesome outdoor family fun in Quebec City, the historic St. Lawrence port that is the capital of the province. Highlights include the formal Queen's Ball at the Chateau Frontenac Hotel, a costumed Mardi Gras ball, and two nocturnal parades with many colorfully lit floats.

As in previous years, the carnival will also feature ice sculpting and hockey competitions, a snow-bathing ritual, a snow slide, a torchlit ski run and a gruelling canoe race across the frigid St. Lawrence to Levis, Que. The theme of this year's carnival is The Magic of Winter and hopefully, there will be lots of snow.

Organizers say Quebec's frosty shindig is the largest winter carnival in the world and the third largest carnival anywhere, after those in Rio and New Orleans. It is expected to attract more than one million participants, including many tens of thousands from Montreal and points outside the province, and to generate an estimated $27 million for the local economy.

An architectural jewel, Quebec City is North America's only walled city north of Mexico. Dominated by the Citadel fortress and the Chateau Frontenac that towers above it, the narrow winding streets of the upper and lower towns are characterized by ancient stone houses, churches and cosy squares. Resembling a fine European cityscape, the old part of town has been declared a UNESCO world heritage site.

Loire chateau

A majestic setting and a resemblance to a Loire Valley chateau have long made the 103-year-old Chateau Frontenac the emblem and signature of the city. The 612-room auberge is offering carnival rates range of $125 to $185 per night for a single or double room, with a special rate of $94 per night based on a stay of three consecutive nights.

Ice sculptors from about 30 countries are expected to shape the ice sculptures that will adorn city streets. The Ice Castle, scene of the coronation as well as the opening and closing ceremonies, takes about a month to build. Last year's castle was about 50 metres long and 15 metres high, and utilized some 13,000 blocks of ice.

A 42-year-old tradition, the carnival runs Jan. 26 to Feb. 11. The parades are Feb. 3 and 10. For more information, call the Info Carnaval Line, 1-800-621-5501.

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At 408 pages, the latest edition of *The Canadian Bed & Breakfast Guide*, by Gerda Pantel (Penguin Books, $19.99) is an encyclopedic reference to more than 1,200 B&Bs from coast to coast, including even the Northwest Territories and the Yukon.

As Pantel points out, there are many unique B&Bs across Canada. Travellers may rent rooms in a typical Canadian farm and help with the chores, or in a replica windmill, a Maritime lighthouse, a native home on an Indian Reserve.

Each page of this pleasing guidebook shows at least three B&Bs. A postage-stamp-sized photograph is accompanied by information about rates, location, facilities, restrictions on children or pets and other details.

Even if you're planning a B&B holiday within Ontario only, you'll find Pantel's book useful, since it provides capsule descriptions of almost 400 establishments throughout the province. Readers who prefer a few more words of description, however, may choose to consult *The Best Places to Bed & Breakfast in Ontario: A Selective Guide*, by Janette Higgins (Juno/Firefly, $17.95).

This book is not quite 200 pages in length and features almost 100 B&Bs. Each two-page spread is devoted to a single establishment, with text on one side and an illustration on the other. The extended treatment allows Higgins to indulge in colorful prose and to offer useful suggestions.

Higgins advises guests to notify hosts of a change in planned arrival time, to respect private areas of the home and to remember that although you are paying for the privilege, you are still a welcome guest in someone's home.

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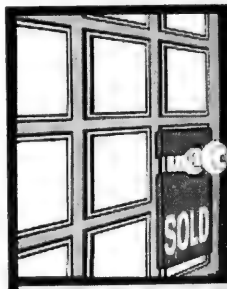

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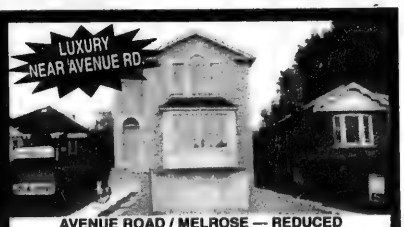

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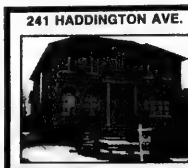

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I have been a friend to this woman for many years and I've always promised myself to accept her for who she is. I felt very uncomfortable about her mother's cruel behavior but I'm also concerned about my friend's weight problem. Should I tell my friend about this, and perhaps exert some supportive pressure on her to deal with her obesity?

Too Big For Me

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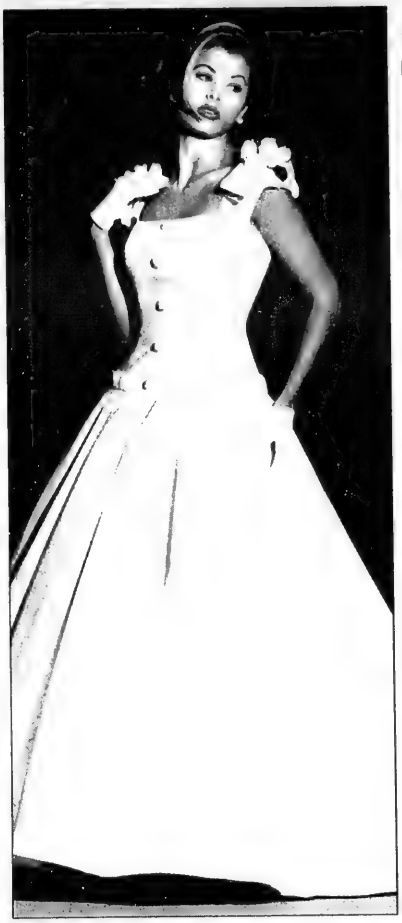

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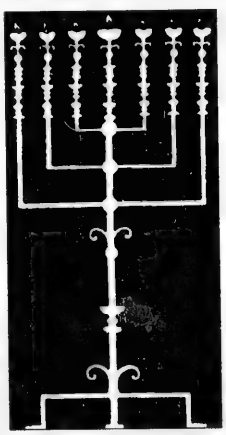

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Chanukah Poetry Contest Winners

Chanukah

Children playing with their dreidels.
Mamma's chicken soup with kneidels.
Chanukah's a happy time.

Doting parents story-telling.
Bubbie, zayde ever-kvelling.
Chanukah's a family time.

Triumphant are the Maccabees.
Pass me one more latke, please.
Chanukah's a festive time.

Candlelighting. The menorah.
Eight days light! Keineinhora!
Chanukah's a glorious time.

Healthy, happy we should be.
Zei gezunt ... you and me.
Chanukah's a hopeful time.

Michael S. Bernstein

A Child's Request

Zayde sweetheart, my cuddly zayde
Tell me a Chanukah tale from long ago
When the Jewish people had their Temple
And their strong men could deliver a mighty blow.

Tell me of their ways, successes
From the time when David was their king
When they took on most powerful warriors
And laid them low with armor's ring.

Tell me again, how we succeeded
When other nations waned and fell
When their wicked leaders knew but hatred
And would gladly see us burn in hell.

To repay you - I'll study Torah
All the books of Moses - five
And carry on our old traditions
And keep the Jewish flame alive.

John Podlog

Chanukah

With shaky hands I watch my zayde
light the colored candles.
He sings the brachas
in a loud voice.
Sing with me he says,
sing.

My bubbie watches from the kitchen.
I can smell the latkes frying.
She holds the plate out
to me.
Eat she says,
eat.

On the window sill
the candle flames dance.
Their glow is warm
and bright.
Be happy they say to all,
be happy.

Rachel Danzinger, 10 years old

Even at so tender an age, 2-year-old Hayden Cantor bears aloft one of the many precious symbols of our faith and tradition. Happy Chanukah.

Chanukah, The Festival of Lights

Chanukah, the Festival of Lights
Eight candles burned, for eight long nights.
The Temple was destroyed, the Maccabees were annoyed,
When soldiers came, they played a dreidel game.

They studied the Torah, and lit the menorah.
The army was small, but they fought them all.
They attacked the army, one by one,
Until the Temple (Beit Hamikdash) was won.

They believed in God and got their way,
That's why we celebrate this holiday!

We eat latkes made from potato.
And we play a wonderful game named dreidel.
We light the candles one to eight.
I think Chanukah is really great!

In the fridge we keep the gelt,
For fear that it possibly will melt.
The shammash is the lighter of them all,
It's usually large and quite tall.

Soon it will be Kislev 25
And then Chanukah will arrive.
Antiochus was the Greek boss,
And it was their side that had the loss.

This poem is based on the eternal light.
Let it burn for days and nights.
Nes Gadol Haya Sham
We thank the Maccabees for the freedom they won!

Alex Consky and Adam Samosh, 10 years old

A Chanukah Poem

I watch my spinning dreidel,
It glides across the floor,
And as it spins, it pulls my thoughts,
To days of long before.

In my mind, I see men of faith,
Standing, firm and straight and proud,
Saying, "Our land is holy, our land is pure,
Idol-worshipping is not allowed!"

I see these men unite and fight,
They are powered by determination,
They must evict the pagan Greeks,
And restore the Jewish nation.

I see priestly heroes by the Temple menorah,
Tears of joy make their eyes bright,
For the tiny bit of oil found a week before,
Burns miraculously for its eighth night.

But abruptly, my thoughts vanish,
As my nose sniffs the air,
Bubbie's latkes are calling out to me,
Ignore them? I don't dare!

Moishe Kupfer, 15 years old

Chanukah

A light
A flame
Illuminates the darkness all around
It is the second night of Chanukah
In the concentration camp.
A young boy, twelve years of age
sits at his makeshift menorah.
He risked his life
to obtain potato peels for the cups.
The oil is margarine saved
from previous rations.
The wicks - they are
threads from his thin, worn garb.
As he sits and stares, hot salty tears
roll down his pale, haggard face.
he is alone, with the spark of fire
in his soul,
with the spark of life
In his soul.

In the typical Jewish family, nowadays,
Chanukah is truly a joyous affair.
The sterling silver menorah,
enveloped in dancing lights, -
The aroma of chanukah foods,
permeates the home and spirit.
Golden coins and dollar bills
spill freely into children's outstretched hands.
The endless games of dreidel
serve to remind us of the days of old.

Still, we must not forget
The people of those bygone days.
They risked their lives
to be able to create ... lights.
Lights to illuminate the darkness
All around, all around
Lights to end this long stretch of night
and bring the Mashiach, now!

Devorah Leah Lison, 13 years old

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LIGHT IN TOTAL DARKNESS

Chanukah in the Nazi transit camp at Westerbork, Holland in 1942. Unfortunately, most of the people seen in this photo did not survive the nightmare that awaited them. [*Jewish Liturgy*, Keter Publishing House, Jerusalem, 1975]

Valuing the light of faith

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

If there is one holiday full of exciting stories it's Chanukah. I mean, here you have an old (even then) civilization struggling to keep its own ways against a larger, stronger, occupying power.

You have the priest, Mattathias, killing a collaborator, then raising his sword and gathering his five sons and followers around him with the thrilling words "Whoever is on the side of G-d follow me!"

Using guerilla tactics, the small band of nationalist fighters overcome the conquerors and recapture Jerusalem.

What kid doesn't pretend that he (or she) is a Maccabee? What kid isn't positive that he (or she) would have joined the Maccabees and done wondrous deeds too, if only they had lived back then?

Then there is the story of the beauteous Judith, who plies the Syrian commander with wine and then kills him in order to save her city.

What's not to get excited about?

Even the way we celebrate Chanukah is terrific. We eat food that is made with oil, especially latkes and sufganiot, telling ourselves, no doubt, that we are only enjoying such unhealthy stuff because of religious devotion.

Family parties, presents for the kids, Chanukah plays and pageants at school, the menorah shining into the street — what's not to like?

The thing is, that the focus of Chanukah is not really the battles and the military victories. The important part of the story — and this we often overlook in the glamor of the Maccabees' fight — is the miracle in the Temple.

The Maccabees were not fighting merely to regain their national pride. Their goal was to regain the Temple, the centre of their religious existence.

The miracle was not that they killed enough Syrian Greeks to toss them out of Judaea. The true miracle was that the tiny cruse of oil, the remnant of the purity that once infused the holy Temple, burned for eight days.

And that the battle-weary soldiers, who reached the Temple Mount dirty, and tired, and probably a little overcome with unaccustomed glory, recognized the importance of maintaining that purity.

It's so much easier to concentrate on the excitement and the food and the presents and all the hoopla.

If there was any time when we, as Jews, should stop and think about what is truly important, it surely is now.

We have had a lesson in what happens when fanatics believe that violence is the way to solve problems. When people on both sides of an issue use harsh and insulting words to hurt and drive away, instead of words of loving-kindness to bring reconciliation.

In my family, we each light a menorah, and treasure the experience of watching the table burst into greater and greater majesty with each day.

Each year I tell myself that I will not cry (but I always do) at the incredibly moving sight of my daughters and my husband gathered close together, joined for these moments not only as a family, but as part of the chain of Jewish tradition that values the light of faith over the darkness of ignorance, and quiet peace over the wild exaltation of war.

This year I will stress to them — as we should all stress to our families more than ever — the significance of the words of the prophet Zechariah: "Not by armies and not by might but by my spirit, says HaShem, the Master of Legions"

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Chanukah Greetings

Light as the symbol of hope, trust and salvation

By Rabbi Mark Dratch

"And God said, 'Let there be light!' " and so began a process which forged order out of a world of chaos and evolved harmony from a reality of discord. And since that first moment of creation, light has symbolized hope and trust and salvation.

"The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom shall I be afraid?" (Psalms 27:1); "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (119:105); "Unto the upright He shineth as a light in darkness" (112:7); and "Though I sit in darkness, the Lord is a light unto me" (Micah 7:8). No wonder light and fire continuously burn in so central a place in our minds and souls. In them, we find warmth for our bones that chatter from the chills of alienation and depression. In them, we find enlightenment to brighten the dark shadows of fear and ignorance. And in the flames that rise eternally heavenward, denying the pull of gravity and defying the shackles that would chain them to a somber reality, we find the inspiration to dream of a brighter tomorrow.

This was God's gift to Adam and Eve when, in banishing them from the Garden of Eden in the darkness of the first *motza'ei Shabbat* (Saturday night), He gave them the gift of fire (*Bereshit Rabbah* 11:2-3). This was more than just a means to light their way. This torch was also meant to spare them from the lament of John Milton's *Samson Agonistes*, "O dark, dark, dark, amid the blaze of noon,/ Irrecoverably dark, total eclipse/ without all hope of day!"

This torch was a divine expression of comfort and a message of hope for Adam and Eve. It was a constant reminder that they can find light despite the darkness, and that, like the flames of that torch that burn upward, they also can climb out of the abyss of their exile and one day return to the elevated plains of Paradise.

God gave another gift of light: "*Ki ner mitzvah veTorah or*," For the commandment is a lamp and the Torah is light" (Proverbs 6:23). Through Torah, God's word illuminates the proper path of moral and spiritual living. Through Torah, God's fire purges and purifies our souls. Through Torah, we, like the poet, can proclaim, "I saw Eternity the other night,/ Like a great ring of pure and endless light." (Henry Vaughan, *The World*)

Fire and light are central to many of our religious practices. The menorah, a seven-branched candelabrum, burned daily in the Temple in Jerusalem, and is today symbolized by the *ner tamid*, the eternal light, that burns over the holy arks in all synagogues. Candles are lit to welcome the Sabbath and holy days, and a candle is lit during the *havdalah* ritual which marks the end of Shabbat. Candles are lit during the eight days of Chanukah. Some brides and grooms are escorted to the *chupah* by candle-bearing parents. And memorial candles are lit during *shivah* in houses of mourning and to commemorate *yahrzeits*, the anniversaries of the deaths of loved ones.

These candles bring to light different ideas. The *ner tamid* reminds us of God's continuous presence. The golden glow of the Shabbat candles creates an atmosphere of *shalom bayit*, of peaceful and harmonious relationships between members of a household who, by the light of these candles, can see each other, talk with each other and share with each other. The Shabbat candles are meant to be used. They are lit in the rooms where we eat and the places where we live in order to enhance our enjoyment of the Sabbath. We light them not only for ourselves, but "a candle for one serves also as a candle for a hundred" (Shabbat 122a), in order to enable us to share the warmth of Shabbat with others.

The Chanukah lights are different. We are not permitted to derive any benefit from them at all. They are not meant to transmit the warm, personal and intimate mysteries of Shabbat, but rather to proclaim the intellectual, historical and spiritual principles of unfailing Providence, uncompromising faith, and unlimited self-sacrifice. Each night we increase the number of candles we light so that we end this eight-day holiday in a blaze of light and a crescendo of commitment to the pristine principles for which the Maccabees fought.

Memorial candles are lit to symbolize the eternal human soul, which refuses to be held down by the physical body in which she is housed during a person's life and which refuses to be imprisoned in the earth to which that body returns. The soul, like the flame, reaches eternally heavenward. The flame is also a prayer for comfort in the face of the darkness of the shadows of death. It is a hope beyond all hopes that life does not end with the grave and that there is a physical existence beyond the biological reality. The flame defies the mockers who, in the words of William Blake, say, "tis all in vain," and "throw the sand against the wind ... The atoms of Democritus/ And Newton's particles of light/ Are sands upon the Red Sea shore/ Where Israel's tents do shine so bright:" (*The Scoffers*).

Perhaps it is for all these reasons and others, that candles, thousands

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Chanukah Greetings

Chanukah Fun

By LINDA ANDER
Special to The CJN

Welcome to *CJNews for Children*. Night comes earlier every day and it is cold outside, but the good news is you know by these changes that Chanukah is coming. In December, in which the Hebrew month of Kislev falls, the holiday begins. Your menorah shines brightly, you eat doughnuts and latkes and you and your family play the dreidel game.

What to do!

How many ways can you think of to make a menorah? With help from an adult you can try decorating clay flower pots, egg cups from an egg carton, thimbles glued to a box covered in tin foil, gum drop candles with a hole in the centre glued onto a stained wooden base, spools of thread on a base and even glass test tubes. Good luck!

If you are interested in crafts, cooking or traditional stories here are some great books to read.
1) *Hanukkah Crafts* by Joyce Becker.
2) *Jewish Holiday Cookbook* by Susan Gold Purdy.
3) *The Complete Book of Hanukkah* by Kinneret Chiel.

LETTERS TO LINDA

Dear Linda,
My name is Leeyat and I live in Bat Chen, Israel, outside Netanya. Our town has orchards with oranges, tangerines, avocados and pomegranates. Close to my school are farms with cows and chickens.
During Chanukah I like to eat doughnuts (*sufganiot*) that are cooked in oil to remember the miracle of Chanukah. I eat potato latkes too. My family lights the chanukiah and we put it on our window sill. Some use candles and we use oil. We sing lots of songs. In most of the towns a huge chanukiah is lit on top of a building or water tower so everyone can see it. I always play with dreidels (*sevivonim*) that have the words *Nes Gadol Haya Po* which mean a big miracle happened here. I like chocolate money and presents. Isn't Chanukah the best holiday?

Leeyat Amar, age 8

Dear Linda,
I'm a regular reader of your column. You asked us to tell our stories about what we do for other people. So I decided to write in about my experience volunteering this summer at the North York Food Bank. At the food bank my family and I sorted and packed food in boxes and sealed the boxes. I learned about helping others from this experience. I was surprised that besides the paid workers, we were the only people at the food bank. So I urge all of you out there to go and help a worthy cause, and learn a thing or two while you're at it.

Sincerely,
Josh Goodbaum, age 12

The Canadian Jewish news for kids

Can you find the hidden words?

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What's it all About?

The first candle goes in the far right of your menorah. Add one candle each night from the right of your menorah to the left. Light it from the left to the right.
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Thank you G-d for making us holy through your commandments and telling us to light the Chanukah candles.
Baruch ata haShem Elokaynu Melech haOlam she asa nisim l'avotainu bayamin hahem bazman hazeh.
Thank you G-d for making miracles happen a long time ago for our ancestors and today.
On the first day you say:
Baruch ata haShem Elokaynu Melech haOlam shehecheyanu vikiymanu vihigiyanu lazman hazeh.
Thank you G-d for bringing us to this day and enabling us to celebrate this holiday.

Now you light the menorah with the shammash or helper candle.

Once your menorah is lit, the glow of the candles and the voices of your family singing *Maoz Tzur*, (Rock of Ages) is magical. You find yourself back in the village of Modin in Judea over 2,000 years ago. The ruler is Antiochus Epiphanes of Syria. He has told the Jewish people to take Greek names, to dress like Greeks and worst of all, to worship Zeus and the other Greek gods. You and your family say 'No' to Antiochus and his soldiers. He makes animal sacrifices to his many gods in the holy Temple in Jerusalem.

A leader in your village named Mattathias kills a Jewish man who is giving sacrifices to the Greek gods. Mattiatias and his family flee to the hills. They gather Jewish farmers and others and together they fight for freedom. They are brave and strong in their beliefs and they defeat not just one but four Syrian armies. After three years, Mattathias' son Judah Maccabee and his helpers capture Jerusalem. It is the 25th day of Kislev in 165 or 164 BCE and the Jewish people celebrate the first Chanukah. They clean the Temple and rededicate it to the G-d of Israel. There is only one jug of the pure oil left, enough to burn for one day. The oil burns for eight days. What a miracle!

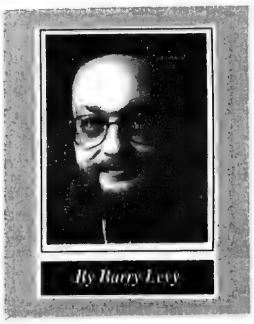
You hear the voices of your cousins playing the dreidel. When you join them, you smile to yourself because you know how amazing this holiday really is.

Let us remember a modern day hero, Yitzhak Rabin. He was a warrior for the Jewish

Have a Happy Chanukah!

Watch for the next *CJNews for Kids*. To share some of your Chanukah gelt with other children call JF&CS at 638-7800. Please keep sending me your letters c/o CJNews for Kids, 10 Gateway, Blvd. Suite 420, Don Mills, Ont. M3C 3A1.

The chanukiah



By Barry Levy

Contrary to popular opinion, the six-pointed star of David bears no demonstrable relationship to that king and holds no significance as a biblical symbol. In fact, many ancient inscriptions, tombs and works of art demonstrate convincingly that the universally used Jewish symbol was a lamp, sometimes a single-wick clay lamp, sometimes a multi-branched metal lampstand, the most famous of which was the seven-branched oil-burning variety commonly referred to in Hebrew as a menorah.

Lampstands with seven lights or branches appear in ancient Egyptian art and almost everywhere Jews lived. In fact, the number of exemplars is so extensive that one is hard-pressed to decide which of their qualities to add to the many biblical and post-biblical textual descriptions, in order to reconstruct how menorot actually looked.

While the seven-branched menorah is carefully described in the Torah, the origins of the chanukiah, the eight-part Chanukah lamp, are less certain. Pesikta Rabbati, a Palestinian midrash, associated the Chanukah lights with an apparently spontaneous torch parade held in the Temple during its rededication.

The better known Talmudic account relates them to a miracle during which one jug containing a single day's supply of oil burned for eight days, presumably in the seven-branched golden candelabrum used daily in the Temple, though why this valuable artifact would have remained after the desecration is unclear.

Ancient accounts are silent about the eight- or nine-branched menorot used today.

The Talmud provides numerous opinions about how the Chanukah lights (oil, not wax candles) can be kindled. One requires a single light each day for the entire family. Others suggest kindling from one to eight lights, with the House of Shammai opting for decrease from eight on the first day to one on the last, and the House of Hillel for our practice of a daily increase from one light to eight.

These two positions are considered as especially pious — many people, it would seem, lit only one light per day or one each day for each member of the family — but neither requires an eight-armed candelabrum. From one to eight single lamps could have been lined up as needed, and I remember from my youth a Chanukiah made of small metal chairs augmented each night to the appropriate number.

Early sources require no ninth light; the shamash, now a standard feature on chanukiot, apparently originated in medieval times.

Archeologists have recovered eight-sectioned lamps that seem to have served as chanukiot, most likely in talmudic and early post-talmudic times. Some clay models have separate holes for up to eight wicks, all of which drew from a common well of oil; others are block-like, with the upper surfaces hollowed into eight or more individual sections, each of which held a supply of oil and a wick and, where appropriate, perhaps extra materials.

The eight-sectioned Chanukah lamp thus seems to have originated in talmudic times, perhaps as early as the tannaitic houses of Shammai and Hillel, but whatever its origins, it has flourished in all Jewish societies. Elaborate artistic creations of precious stones and metals, simple boards with mounted bottle caps, and fragile clay holders of oil and wicks all testify to some two millennia of continued commitment to remembering and celebrating the ancient rededication of the Jerusalem Temple and its rituals and the freedom to practice them. (For an excellent and readily available collection of pictures, see the *Encyclopedia Judaica*, Vol. 7, s.v., Hanukah Lamp.)

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The symbol of light

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and thousands of candles, were lit by thousands and thousands of Jews at Mount Herzl in Jerusalem and at Kikar Malchei Yisrael in Tel Aviv and throughout the world, in response to the assassination of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, *zichrono livrachah*. These candles were candles of remembrance. These candles were candles of hope and prayer. These candles were a rage against the darkness of the *chillul HaShem*, the desecration of all that is Godly and Jewish, that was brought about by his evil murderer.

The three shots fired at Rabin on that infamous *motza'ei Shabbat* brought about a new era, one that is marked by the cold and alienation and disorientation of the post-Edenic exile. How we so desperately need that Divine gift of light that was given to Adam and Eve on that first *motza'ei Shabbat!* Light that will illuminate our way. Light that will enlighten our minds and inform our attitudes. Light that will warm our feelings toward each other. And light that will forge order out of chaos and evolve harmony out of discord.

"Let there be light!"

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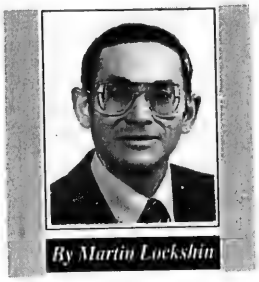

By Martin Lockshin

We are living now in a difficult time, when the Jewish people is still trying to recover from the terrible shock of one Jew having killed another because of a dispute about Jewish nationalism and religion. It is interesting but sad to note that this is not the first period of our history when Jews have taken up arms against other Jews in Eretz Yisrael. It happened before, at this time of year, during the days when the story of Chanukah was unfolding.

We generally tell our children that Chanukah commemorates the war of the Maccabees against the "Greeks" or the Seleucids. Occasionally we more accurately say that the war was also against "Hellenizers." Rarely though do we openly tell our children that those "Hellenizers" were Jews, that 2,200 years ago two (or more) groups of Jews with different views about Judaism and its relationship to Western values were taking up arms against each other.

As the great historian Elias Bickerman once wrote, "The wrath of the Maccabees was poured over Jews, not heathens."

There are probably a number of good reasons why Jewish parents don't often tell their children all the facts about the Chanukah story. Americans today do not generally have raucous celebrations of the great military victories of the Civil War, when brothers killed brothers. So also, Jews are more comfortable remembering that some of our enemies then were non-Jews, instead of remembering the internecine tensions.

But even more than that, the "problem" of the Chanukah story is that, if the story is told in a straightforward manner, many modern Jews aren't really sure which side we should be rooting for!

One can, of course, portray the story as one of conflict between steadfast Jews (the Maccabees) and radical assimilationists. However, one could just as easily, if one were so inclined, portray the Maccabees as obscurantists who failed to recognize the beauty of the Greek world. The Maccabees' opponents could be seen as those who tried to get their Jewish values to conform with the "best" of Western culture and who were persecuted by old-fashioned Maccabees.

Personally speaking, I have to say that I too feel some confusion about the Chanukah story. As an observant Jew, I naturally identify with the Maccabees. However, when I lecture about humanities in the university, when I teach about Homer and Plato, I often ask myself what Judah Maccabee would think about my lifestyle.

But it would be simplistic to conclude that the moral of the Chanukah story is that Western culture does not blend well with Judaism. And in fact, the late great chief rabbi of Israel, Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kook, offered a beautiful explanation of the nature of Chanukah.

Rabbi Kook quoted the well-known Jewish law that a chanukiah — Chanukah menorah — ideally should be lit outside of one's house. And, in fact, in some climates that are warmer than Canada's, such as in Israel, many pious Jews do light their chanukiyot outdoors, facing the market place, facing the public. But the code of Jewish law, the Shulchan Aruch, says that bishe'at ha-sakanah (in dangerous times), a chanukiyah is to be lit inside one's home. "One places it on one's table and that is sufficient."

Rabbi Kook explains that this law represents the essence of the message of Chanukah. There have been times in Jewish history, says Rabbi Kook, that the appropriate spot for the light of Judaism was inside our homes, and only inside our homes.

"At times when evil winds blow through the world, when there is wild irrational hatred for Jews ... then Jews should turn only to their own homes and to their own tables, to their own culture to Torah and its commandments."

Preserving and even hiding the light of Judaism within the walls of our homes is all that we can do then.

But Rabbi Kook continues, "When 'the time of danger' has passed, when Jews have returned to their land" and when the dangers of anti-Semitism are not as prevalent as they once were, the light of Judaism — and the light of Chanukah — belong outside, in the world at large.

Rabbi Kook adds that the natural function of the Jewish people is to be "a light to the nations," and that role is very difficult to play when one is forced to hide the light of Judaism far away from the world at large.

The message of Chanukah, according to Rabbi Kook, is that there have been periods when Judaism has survived best by closing itself off from the world. But even the main symbol of Chanukah, the chanukiyah, shows that Judaism is ideally located outside the home, involved with the world at large.

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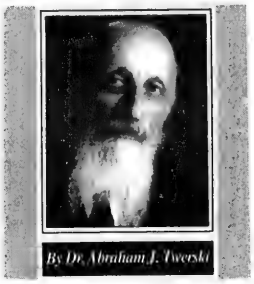
The benefit of lighting a candle



By Dr. Abraham J. Twerski

The importance of Chanukah can be grasped by the observation that the menorah has always been the prime symbol of Judaism. Long before the Hasmoneans, the eternal light of the menorah served as testimony to the Divine Presence among Israel.

Israel came into being at Sinai with the charge to be a spiritual nation. Just what is the spirituality that Israel was to teach all humanity?

To put it succinctly, the "spirit" is that component which separates man qualitatively from all other living creatures. In contrast to biological science, which classifies man as *homo sapiens*, a hominoid whose only distinguishing features is intellect, Torah defines man as a *spiritual* being. Except for man, all living things are biologically driven, compelled by their nature to seek gratification of their physical desires and incapable of exerting a will contrary to these desires.

Man alone is truly free, free to chose his behavior and to deny himself gratification of his drives when he feels these are morally and ethically inappropriate. *Sapiens* is not enough, because a person may be of great intellect, yet be indulgent, hedonistic and dedicated to self-gratification. According to Torah, this highly intellectual person is grossly deficient in his humanity. It is only when one achieves the dominance of spirit over body that one becomes fully human.

Indulgences and hedonism are based on self-centredness, on a concept that everything in the world should serve one's own needs. The light of Torah illuminates another path, as Hillel told the pagan who sought to convert, "The essence of Torah is 'love your neighbor as yourself.' All the rest is commentary."

It is not easy for man to overcome his physical-animal nature and cravings and subjugate them to the spirit. This can be facilitated if one realizes that one never stands alone, and that one's own happiness and destiny are related to and even contingent upon that of one's neighbor, and indeed, that of mankind as a whole.

The phenomenon of lighting a candle illustrates the interdependence of people. You may light a candle for your own benefit, but the light can be enjoyed by others as well. You may light a candle to illuminate the room for others, but you too benefit by its light. The light of a candle is the antithesis of detachment from others.

We do not celebrate the military victory of the small band of Macabeeans over the mighty armies of Antiochus. Rather, we celebrate the triumph of Torah over the hedonism of Hellenism, and it is for this reason that we light the Chanukah candles.

The Chanukah menorah is thus the symbol of spirituality, for only when one sets aside one's own desires as being secondary can one dedicate oneself to the brotherhood of mankind, to caring for others. And this spirituality cannot remain stagnant, but must constantly grow, hence the progressive increase of light from the first to the eighth night of Chanukah.

Chanukah commemorates the miracles of the menorah, and we can take its teaching to light our way to a miraculous achievement of a brotherhood of humanity.

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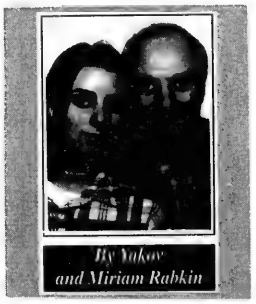
Creation's light



By Yakov and Miriam Rabkin

Several holidays originating in the Northern hemisphere at the end of the solar year relate to light. The winter solstice brings longer days and more light, and we are all aware of at least two holidays that celebrate light – Chanukah and Christmas.

According to the Pentateuch, light was created on the first day, even though sources of light were created on the fourth. This suggests that the light that existed before the creation of the sun and the moon was of a different kind.

The traditional Jewish mind distinguishes five kinds of light related to the five times the word "light" is found in the story of creation. According to the Midrash Raba, each symbolizes one book of the Pentateuch.

The first kind of light was used in the creation. The second one is the light of redemption as it reminds us of the story of Exodus, specifically one of the plagues, darkness, during which "all Israel had light in their homes" (Exodus 10:23). The

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Light in Judaism

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third kind is the light of repentance, as it stands for the book of Leviticus, most of it devoted to sacrifices. A sacrifice accompanied by sincere repentance enables one to share in the Divine light. The fourth kind of light, related to the Book of Numbers which concentrates on the Tabernacle (mishkan), was the light that illuminated the way to the holy Temple of Jerusalem. Thus the fifth kind of light represents the commandments, since the biblical reference contains an apparent redundancy: "He called the light day."

But is this not the same? the midrash asks, and continues to associate this reference to light with Deuteronomy, i.e. the Second Law which reiterates most of the teachings of Moses.

It is quite clear from these references, just a small sample of traditional interpretations of light, that the Jewish tradition is interested in the meaning of light, its moral significance. Conversely, scientific studies of light are interested in the physical nature of light devoid of moral significance.

A comparison of light in science with light in Judaism offers a good opportunity to point out, perhaps, the most important distinction between the two. While the Jewish tradition looks for ways to improve human behavior, science explicitly avoids all discussion of the metaphysical meaning of physical phenomena. Science and Judaism thus find themselves on different planes which preclude either contradiction or mutual corroboration between the two. It would be as absurd to "prove" by genetic research that the Torah is right in claiming that humans descended from one and the same source, as it would be to "disprove" the story of creation through references to contemporary cosmology and astrophysics.

Fundamentalists, both Judaic and scientific, may find this approach unacceptable. They would try to "get at the real truth," and thus remain oblivious to the essentially asymptotic nature of our approximation of the truth, something that most serious Judaic scholars and serious scientists would concur with. However, those on the periphery of either Judaism or science (or of both of them, perhaps, the most grievous case) lack humility in realizing that our understanding of the Torah and of the physical world is by definition limited. One should strive to shed light on issues of Judaic or scientific nature. At the same time, one must remember that our understanding depends on the nature of the light we shed, which affects not only our understanding but the very object of our study. Since Werner Heisenberg formulated his Principle of Uncertainty, science finally came to share with Judaism an essential human characteristic.

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Chanukah Greetings

Maccabees brought Jews back into fold

By ABRAHAM ARNOLD
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The Maccabees entered the stage of history when Judea was still ruled by priests of the line of Zadok, the high priest in the time of King David who claimed to be a direct descendant of Aaron. In addition to defeating the Syrian-Greek army, the Maccabees replaced the Zadokites as high priests and later became the monarchs of Judea. However the latter episodes are not part of the traditional story of Chanukah.

When they came under Greek rule, the Jews, who had been primarily agricultural, developed an urban class, began to produce intellectuals and became interested in secular pursuits. Some Jews wanted rational explanations for old rituals and myths, and they began to question the ability of the Zadokite priests to adapt the Torah to the times. For the first time in Jewish history, secular schools were started for the children of the new urban class, as an alternative to the Temple religious school. Here pupils could acquire skills for business and leisure pursuits.

When Mattathias started the rebellion in Modin, only a small number of Jews followed him. Except for the pietists, the Zadokites all collaborated with the Syrian Greeks. The Hasmoneans, who became the Maccabees under Judah, were described as "destitute, non-Zadokite Levites who aspired to priestly power." The priests, to resist Antiochus, joined the Maccabees, even though the latter were more nationalistic than religious.

Many Jews had become so assimilated that they cared nothing about religion or a distinctive Jewish identity. The Maccabees had to conduct "a fanatical vigilantist campaign," according to Theodor Gaster, to bring the Jews back into the fold and gain the strength for an open campaign against the Syrian-Greek power.

Many Jews cared nothing about religion

When the Maccabees and their followers began to do battle with the army of Antiochus, they did demonstrate heroic efforts, but their victory was not due solely to their own strength. Antiochus had other enemies at the same time and the Maccabees also turned for help to Rome, the new rising power.

Jerusalem was recaptured around 165 BCE and the Maccabees sought to rededicate the Temple; then the "miracle" of the oil is said to have occurred. But there are other versions of this story.

Thousands of years before the Maccabean era, primitives thought the sun was dying as the days grew shorter and the weather colder. The primitives tried to encourage the sun by lighting bonfires on the hilltops. When the sun began to come back, this led to the winter solstice festival.

It is said that the Maccabees recaptured Jerusalem and the Temple some weeks before Kislev, but Judah knew the winter solstice story; so he decided to delay the victory proclamation until Kislev 25, which approximates the date of the solstice.

The struggle of the Maccabees did not end with the rededication of the Temple however. Judah and his followers were driven out of Jerusalem a year later and three more years of military action followed. They won another great victory on Adar 13, 161 BCE, when they defeated General Nicanor and his army and captured Jerusalem for the second time. The Jews began to celebrate this victory as Nicanor Day, a festival that was later superseded by Purim. But the Maccabean struggle was still not over.

Struggle was still not over

A year later, Judah was killed in battle and was succeeded in turn by his brothers, Jonathan and Simon. In 152 BCE, Jonathan made peace with the Syrian Greeks and became the high priest, a post held by the Maccabees for the next 115 years. However, it was not until 141 BCE, when Simon succeeded Jonathan, that the Maccabees were able to expel the Greek garrison from Jerusalem.

Simon was succeeded by his son, John Hyrcanus, who had himself proclaimed king of Judea around 136 BCE. The Hasmoneans then ruled as monarchs for almost 70 years.

The Roman power put an end to Maccabbean rule in 63 BCE, and the Pharisees then became the dominant movement among the Jews. The rabbis who arose from the Pharisees did not remember the Maccabbees with any special kindness. This probably explains the decision not to include the books of the Maccabees in the Jewish holy scriptures, but to consign them to the Apocrypha. And "apocryphal" has come to mean works of questionable authenticity.

This article is based on Festival of Lights — Reinterpreting Chanuka, *which is part of Chapter 7 in Abraham Arnold's recent book,* JUDAISM, Myth, Legend, History and Custom, from the Religious to the Secular *(Robert Davies Publishing).*

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A peaceful habitation in Jerusalem

By MICHAEL GREENSTEIN
Special to The CJN

Throughout *This Year in Jerusalem* Mordecai Richler praises the hospitality of Mishkenot Sha'ananim where he stayed while writing his book. Philip Roth confesses in *Operation Shylock* that he usually stays at Mishkenot Sha'ananim when he visits Israel. Perhaps the most detailed description of the place occurs in Saul Bellow's *To Jerusalem and Back*, written some 20 years ago.

Bellow describes the physical details of this writers' and artists' colony before moving on to the spiritual qualities of Jerusalem. "Double window shades don't keep out the morning light .... Shade flowers grow in the long corridor of Mishkenot Sha'ananim. The kitchen window opens on a small garden — hardly that: a terrarium with glass walls, open at the top. The flowers are exotic birds-of-paradise, too flamboyant for my taste."

Today, thick wooden shutters keep out the oppressive heat and light, while the gorgeous colors of the flowers against Jerusalem's desert stone can hardly be cause for complaint. Standing at the arched wooden door, the writer looks across Gai-Hinnom to Mount Zion and "feels that the light of Jerusalem has purifying powers and filters the blood and thoughts; I don't forbid myself the reflection that light may be the outer garment of God." Yet even the spirit may wilt in the 110 degrees of *chamsin* even as it recoils at the noise of traffic impatiently honking in the heat of the valley below. The road to *gehenna* is paved with good asphalt intentions and too many trucks disturbing the peace as modern history clashes with its biblical past around the Judean Desert.

Mishkenot Sha'ananim derives its name from Isaiah (32:18): "My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings and in quiet resting places." Indeed, even amid Jerusalem's modern hum and buzz of construction, it is today an oasis of tranquilty. Built in 1860 by Sir Moses Montefiore as the first housing project outside the Old City walls, the centre was restored in 1973 by a gift from the Levitt Foundation as a retreat for writers, artists and musicians.

Descending the steps from the Montefiore Windmill, the visitor turns right and walks about 50 yards to enter the small lobby of this terraced colony. The intimate restaurant (Café Montefiore) opposite the entrance has been open to the public for the past year. On the lower level the walls are adorned with Erwin Schenkelbach's striking photographs of many of the luminaries such as Bellow, Herman Wouk and the Italian film-maker Lina Wertmuller, who have been guests at Mishkenot.

The entire structure, consisting of approximately 20 units, is about 300 yards long with front and back entrances to each unit. On either side of the front door (with its intriguing mezuzah of eye-level archaeology) are the smoked glass interior mini-gardens mentioned by Bellow. The vaulted ceilings of each apartment suite are about 20 feet in height and add to the stately atmosphere of the decor. A circular stone staircase leads to a comfortable loft. Outside the back door is one long open terrace where guests can meet during the evening when the cooler breezes beckon and where music from scheduled concerts from the Sultan's Pool below waft up through the larger gardens with their imposing cypresses.

During the particular week in May when we stayed there, we had an impressive array of neighbors. I had been reading an article in *The Jerusalem Post* about an international literary conference in Beersheva where Amos Oz was the host and Dame Iris Murdoch the guest speaker from England. In the tiny lobby of Mishkenot, there was Murdoch directly across from me, with her rather eccentric husband, the famous literary critic John Bayley. They were about to leave for a tour of the Dead Sea — energetic septuagenarians doing battle with the *chamsin*.

At the same time strains of classical violin music emanated from further down the celebrated corridor where two of the members of New York's Guarneri Quarter were practicing for the Israel Festival, echoing the earlier sounds of Isaac Stern.

Also in residence was Sir Peter Brook whose play *The Man Who* was being performed in Jerusalem, also part of the Israel Festival. Based on Oliver Sacks's *The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a Hat*, a book about neurological disorders, Brook's play is a fascinating rendering by actors from different countries around the world. Brook held an enlightening news conference with his actors in the intimate

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Chanukah Greetings

A memorable Chanukah

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

Memories of a Chanukah party 51 years ago flooded the mind of Charles Appel, 75, of North York, when he heard the voice of Frieda Leider Stein.

Leider Stein, who was 7 years old at the time, had been hidden in a friend's house and told her parents were dead.

Appel, a leading aircraftman with the RCAF, and other Jewish Canadian servicemen had helped organize a Chanukah party for the Jews of Eindhoven, Holland, and among those present were Leider Stein, her parents Mozes and Klara Leider, a 14-year-old sister Hilde and baby sister Jetty. It was the Leiders' first simchah since the family had gone into hiding in separate places after the Nazis invaded.

Appel often visited the Leiders after that party, bringing them gifts of kosher food from Canada. The observant family had no meat during all the years they were in hiding.

Leider Stein tracked Appel down by inserting an ad in a Jewish veterans' magazine, acting on the advice of Canadian servicemen she met in 1994 at a commemmorative gathering in Eindhoven.

"We are planning to meet each other for the first time in 51 years next summer, when she visits Toronto with her husband," Appel said. The Steins live in Wilmette, Ill., a suburb of Chicago.

Appel moved on from Eindhoven with his unit into Germany, and in the displaced persons camp at Lunenburg, he met his future wife, Renee, a Holocaust survivor. The Appels have two children, Charlotte Tessis and Aubrey, and two grandchildren, all of Toronto.

Charles Appel and his future wife Renee in 1945, at the displaced persons camp in Lunenburg, Germany.

Unfortunately, Leider Stein's sister Hilde was killed in an air crash in California some years ago. This saddens Appel, he said, because he remembers her as a happy-go-lucky child who knew some English and translated for her parents who spoke Yiddish.

The Appels, who visit Israel every year, stopped at Eindhoven one year and revisited the scene of the party, little knowing that Leider Stein would one day track them down.

An inner sanctum of light

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library at the side of the lobby.

On the third day at breakfast I met Jean-Francois Lyotard, a well-known Parisian literary theorist of postmodernism. Lyotard was invited as the main speaker for a conference at the nearby Van Leer Institute on art and psychoanalysis.

The following evening we were sitting on the terrace listening to Israeli music from the Yom Yerushalayim concert when one of our neighbors approached us and offered us a drink. He introduced himself as David Baltimore, a microbiologist from MIT who was in Jerusalem for a conference on cancer and cell biology. The next day we learned that he had won the Nobel Prize.

When the creative Diaspora converges on Jerusalem, it finds its head and heart in the inner sanctum of Mishkenot Sha'ananim.

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A scene of celebration and song delighting in Simchat Torah.

Images of shtetl appear on canvas

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

Mayer Kirshenblatt's extraordinary memory of his childhood in Poland and his late-in-life passion for painting have provided him with the window of opportunity to recreate the images of life in the shtetl.

The sprightly painter and storyteller, who is in his late 70s, recently returned from a six-week stay in Poland where, by special invitation, he participated in the fifth Jewish cultural festival in Krakow, where he was one of the Jewish performers and lecturers from around the world.

He also lectured at the summer program of New York University (NYU), in cooperation with Krakow's Jagiellonian University. As he is bilingual, Kirshenblatt lectures in both Polish and English.

Over the past four years, he has completed more than 120 paintings depicting the day to day scenes of his family and shtetl life in Opatow (Apt), Poland. At the festival, where the program included concerts, exhibitions, theatre and workshops on Jewish themes, Kirshenblatt presented slides of his works and explained the significance and traditions of each painting.

He says he was overwhelmed by the response of the sold-out audiences and the enthusiasm for Jewish themes shown by the Polish people, more than 99 per cent non-Jews, who came from across the country.

"They loved the music and programs," he says, his blue eyes sparkling. "They danced, clapped hands and called for more and more encores. They asked questions and expressed great interest in Jewish events."

He says he noticed that "among the Polish intelligentsia, it is becoming stylish to have Jewish ancestry — parents or grandparents."

He calls this the "phantom limb syndrome," making the analogy that "the limb still hurts even though it is no longer there."

Kirshenblatt discovered that many hidden children who didn't know they were Jewish are now being told the truth by aging Polish parents and some are going to Israel to find their relatives.

The Muzeum Etnograficzne (Anthropological Museum in Krakow has requested a set of Kirshenblatt's slides and copies of his lectures, which will become part of the museum's archives and be used for teaching purposes.

He was accompanied by his wife Dora, who also participated in the NYU lectures, where she told proverbs and parables she learned from her mother.

"Young people, some who have never met a Jewish person, are anxious to know about our culture and life," says Dora.

For 10 years, their oldest daughter, Barbara Kirshenblatt-Gimblett, urged her father to recreate her grandmother's kitchen in Opatow.

Mayer Kirshenblatt

He was reluctant but finally with Dora's urging, he began the process that has led to international recognition of his contribution to Jewish history.

He came to Canada when he was 17. His father opened Reliable Paint and Wallpaper on Dundas Street and Mayer worked for his father painting houses. After serving in the army for three years in the Northwest Territories, he established the Wallpaper and Paint Centre on Roncesvalles.

He says after he retired at the age of 60, "That's when my new life began."

Mayer has travelled extensively, demonstrating the almost extinct art of Eastern European Jewish folk toy making. He teaches children and adults to create puppets, trumpets from willow bark, whistles and miniature furniture out of household scraps.

Jack Kuper Enterprises recently completed a documentary on Kirshenblatt's paintings titled, *The Shtetl*. It will be screened this fall on local TV stations.

Chanukah Greetings

A new, fascinating work of Jewish legal history

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

After 10 years of research which took historians and architectural preservationists Judy and Sheldon Godfrey across Canada, England and the Caribbean and down the east coast of the United States, the husband and wife team recently published their third book, *Search Out the Land — the Jews and the Growth of Equality in British Colonial America, 1740-1867* (McGill: Queen's University Press).

Their extensive archival, genealogical and legal research highlights the significant role the Jews played in Canada during that period. It is a ground-breaking legal history of the context of equality found among the diverse populations which inhabited Canada before Confederation — French Catholics, Presbyterians, Methodists and Quakers.

Irving Abella of the York University History Department says it is "a fascinating work. The Godfreys have gone well beyond where previous scholars have been, and have asked questions — and, more importantly, found answers — no one asked before."

From his boyhood, Sheldon had a passion for history. He graduated from the University of Toronto and completed a master's degree in Canadian history at the University of Rochester before returning to Toronto in 1961 to study law. A law partner with the late Senator David Croll, he developed a great appreciation of early Ontario architecture.

Judy and Sheldon were married in 1961. Judy says she did not have an interest in history until "Sheldon's enthusiasm rubbed off on me." She then studied architectural history and learned how to identify and assess historic buildings.

Sheldon and Judy began a working partnership when Sheldon persuaded his father that he and Judy could restore a family owned property at 49 Front St. E.

The building, one of only three buildings in Ontario with the facade made entirely of cast iron, was designated an historical building by the Ontario Heritage Foundation, which gave the Godfreys a small grant toward the restoration. Since its completion in 1979, the building has been fully rented.

The Godfreys went on to purchase and renovate a four-building block on Adelaide Street which had been gutted by fire. The buildings included the Bank of Upper Canada (1827), Toronto's first post office (1833) and De La Salle School (1872). These have also been fully rented since their renovation.

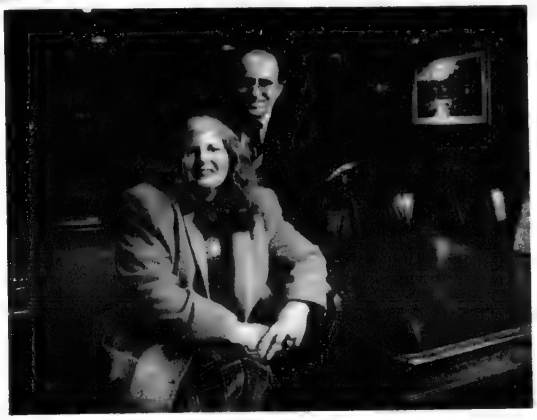
For the official opening of the post office-museum, exactly 150 years after its construction, the Godfreys wrote *Stones, Bricks and History.*

The Godfreys have clearly demonstrated that heritage buildings can be restored and made a viable, financial success.

In 1981, the Godfreys received the City of Toronto Award of Merit. They were also awarded the Heritage Canada National Award of Honor and the Credit Foncier Award.

Sheldon, one of Canada's foremost Jewish genealogists of the early period, is presently chair of the Board of Governors of the Heritage Canada Foundation. He was elected Governor of Heritage Canada representing Ontario.

Judy's hobby is adaptively revising early textiles. She was one of the first women on the board of Beth Tzedec Synagogue and she served as vice chair of Ontario's Conservation Review Board.



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Canada's Holocaust stamp (inset) bears the likeness of Robert Engel (above). Joining him are the stamp's design team, (from left) Peter Scott, Darrell Corriveau and Glenda Rissman.

Stamped into history

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

The task was daunting: to sum up the systematic, state-sanctioned extermination of six million European Jews and convey the unspeakable horrors of the Holocaust, all on a piece of paper measuring just 3 by 4.8 centimetres.

The project was a far cry from the CD covers, posters and annual reports which normally occupy the principals of Toronto's Q30 Designs Inc.

But after poring over stacks of photographs and immersing themselves in the subject for months, the designers got it right, it seems. Canada's 45-cent stamp marking the 50th anniversary of the end of the Holocaust and honoring its victims has won wide praise for both its sensitivity and its hard-hitting visual impact.

The stamp was unveiled last month — on the 57th anniversary of Kristallnacht — in an emotional ceremony on Parliament Hill in Ottawa, attended by David Dingwall, the minister responsible for Canada Post, and hundreds of Holocaust survivors and their loved ones.

What's particularly poignant about it — as well as being a first in Canadian philately — is that the partial face of Robert Engel, a well-known Toronto Holocaust survivor and educator, is among those depicted in the stamp's photo collage of authentic artifacts from the era. Engel's young likeness is featured on his old ID card, issued in Holland in 1941 and marked "J" for Jew in the lower half of the stamp. Federal law states that no living person, except the Queen, can be pictured on a Canadian stamp, but this somehow slipped by.

Engel, 71, is blase about the honor. He would rather that everyone who uses the stamp pause and think about one of the victims of the Holocaust.

Canada Post contacted Q30 Design last summer after receiving several letters suggesting a Holocaust-themed stamp, one of them from Chabad-Lubavitch in Vancouver. The firm then got in touch with Toronto's Holocaust Remembrance Committee, which collects authentic memorabilia in the Holocaust Education and Memorial Centre.

In the end, the designers chose Engel's ID card, a yellow Star of David badge and an authentic concentration camp uniform jacket which had belonged to the late Jacob Wiener of Montreal.

The row of photographs along the top, showing unknown victims and chosen for the silent agony they convey, came from the Imperial War Museum in Ottawa.

"Our goal was not to offend survivors and other groups, but Canada Post said the stamp should make people a bit uncomfortable," says designer Glenda Rissman. "Initially, the challenge was very overwhelming. We had a lot of trepidation over how to adequately depict this on a tiny piece of paper."

Adds her partner Peter Scott, "The Holocaust tends to be trivialized. We wanted to depict the fact that it affected everyone's life."

Even the smallest details were considered: The perforations occur along a face to symbolize the tearing apart of families; the edges of the ID card were burned and parts of the yellow badge etched out to denote destruction; the lettering is slightly askew. The designers even persuaded Canada Post to make the denomination and "Canada" slightly smaller than normal so as not to detract from the impact.

"There's nothing frivolous or gratuitous about it," says Scott.

Says Rissman, "I don't know if we could face anything as difficult again."

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Which bagel is better?

By BARBARA SILVERSTEIN
Special to The CJN

When I was growing up, there were two types of bagels — sesame and poppy seed.

But bagels have become the new designer food of the '90s. They come in as many flavors as donuts. Bakeries offer bagels in such flavors as banana, carrot, blueberry and chocolate chip.

Chocolate chip bagels!? Just the perfect thing for lox and cream cheese, eh?

In my book, if a bagel doesn't go with lox and cream cheese, it isn't a *real* bagel.

Of course, there are many Montrealers who would argue that the only real bagels on this planet are from Montreal. They're smaller, chewier and sweeter than the Toronto variety.

The great Montreal-Toronto bagel debate began when the waves of Montrealers settled in Toronto in the late '70s and early '80s. Many of them disparaged Toronto's blandness and lack of nightlife.

But it was the Toronto bagel, larger and fluffier than its Montreal counterpart, that bore the brunt of their criticism. Montrealers often referred to it as "that bread with a hole."

Now, it may be treasonous for a former Montrealer to say this, but I have eaten Toronto bagels on many occasions and I enjoyed every bite.

However, these days, former Montrealers who previously shunned Toronto bagels need no longer go without. Several Toronto bakeries (including some kosher ones) now produce the Montreal-style variety. I think they taste pretty good. And a survey I personally conducted a few weeks ago confirmed my opinion.

But according to my mother, who's an authority on such matters, nothing tastes as good as the real thing. So whenever she visits Toronto, she schleps a two-month supply of bagels for each of her three children. She gets off the train from Montreal with four suitcases — one with clothes and three with bagels. When she comes by car, we get a four-month supply.

Ironically, my attachment to Montreal bagels is rooted more in nostalgia than in taste. They evoke memories of my university days, when my friends and I would visit the 24-hour bagel shop on St. Viateur Street on cold wintry nights. We would devour bags of hot bagels, fresh from the oven.

The steam would escape into the cold air with every bite, but the dough was so hot you really couldn't taste the bagels.

When it comes to rating bagels, I suppose it all boils down to *à chacun son goût* (to each his own taste). As to what constitutes a *real* bagel? No doubt this will be a topic hotly debated well into the next century.

Exotic flavored bagels could become a permanent trend. Look what happened to the lowly bran muffin in the '80s.

When it comes to bagels, I consider myself to be fairly open-minded, but I am not prepared to call every bun with a hole a bagel. I draw the line at chocolate chip.

Leigh, 10, demonstrates proper bagel-eating technique.

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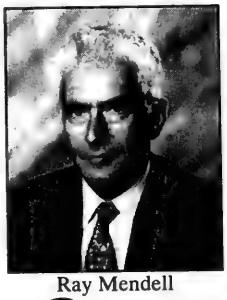

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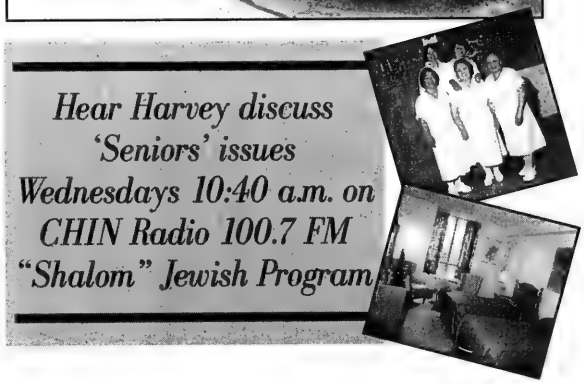

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Refugee ruling 'scary'

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Officials who work with Jewish refugee claimants to Canada were trying to overcome their stunned disbelief last week at a Federal Court of Canada ruling that could, at least in theory, spell an end to all claims by Jews for asylum in Canada.

Immigration lawyers and officials at Jewish Immigrant Aid Services (JIAS) were scrambling to make sense of the controversial ruling which upheld an earlier Immigration and Refugee Board (IRB) decision denying asylum to a 65-year-old woman from Azerbaijan on the grounds that as a Jew, she could go live in Israel.

The decision, if viewed as a precedent, could theoretically mean that from now on, no Jewish claimants will receive refugee status in Canada.

Some see in the ruling, made Nov. 23 but released last week, a perverse twist to Canada's wartime "none is too many" policy on Jewish immigration – a new way to exclude an entire group of people from seeking refuge here.

On Monday, JIAS was busy setting up a conference call with Canadian Jewish Congress, B'nai Brith Canada and the Canada-Israel Committee. The groups were trying to establish whether the ruling will set a precedent or whether it is specific to this case only.

If precedent-setting, "it could have very large implications for the Jewish community," said JIAS acting national director Perry Romberg.

The ruling upheld an IRB decision last November, which said Antonina Grygorian, who was born in Moscow, was entitled to Russian citizenship and should have sought protection there.

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PAYING RESPECT

U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher stands at the grave site of Yitzhak Rabin. Vatican Foreign Minister Archbishop Jean-Louis Tauran (left) and the Holy See's ambassador to Israel Archbishop Andrea Cordero Lanza Di Montezemolo lay a wreath at his grave. *[RNS photo]*

WHAT BECOMES A LEGEND MOST?

Montreal Canadiens legend Jean Beliveau unveils Maccabi Canada's hockey sweater after announcing his participation as the Canadian team's honorary *chef de mission* at the 1997 Maccabiah Games. Pictured are Maccabi officials (from left) Roy Salomon, Gary Ulrich, David Vineberg and Bob Luxenberg. See page 29. *[Howard Kay photo]*

School named for Rabin

By MIRIAM SOBEL
CJN Correspondent

OTTAWA — The new Ottawa Jewish high school, which opened its doors in September, will honor the memory of Yitzhak Rabin by being named after the late Israeli prime minister.

Nameless until now, it will be called Yitzhak Rabin High School; and in Hebrew, Midreshet Ner Yitzhak, which roughly translates as Candle of Isaac Academy.

Neima Langner, chair of the school's board of directors, announced the name at a ceremony held in Ottawa to mark *shloshim*, the end of the 30 days of mourning for Rabin.

"As a collaborative school that seeks to foster among its students a sense of klal Israel, we will be honored to carry the name of one who confronted the challenge of polarization, entrenched enmity and distrust and who sought reconciliation," Langner read from a letter the school board sent to Rabin's widow, Leah.

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Anti-Racism Programs

VANCOUVER — Hundreds of students in British Columbia's interior have attended anti-racism programs organized in Nelson, Vernon and Kelowna by Canadian Jewish Congress, Pacific region (CJC-P), with support from the B.C. Teachers Federation.

The students heard from Auschwitz survivor Bronia Sonnenschein and Judy Zack, a child of Holocaust survivors.

Marilyn Berger, associate director of CJC-P, estimates 400 students attended the Nelson symposium and more than 700 were at the events in Vernon and Kelowna.

ISRAEL

Promise on PoWs

JERUSALEM — Prime Minister Shimon Peres has promised Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak that he would launch an investigation into reports that Israeli soldiers killed Egyptian Prisoners of War (PoWs) during the 1956 Sinai campaign and 1967 Six Day War.

Peres' commitment to hold the probe represents a turnaround from the stance of the late Yitzhak Rabin, who refused to investigate the allegations.

Reports of the killings of Egyptian PoWs, which first surfaced in the Israeli press earlier this year, have sparked tensions between Israel and Egypt.

Crucial Videotape?

JERUSALEM — In a development that could shed crucial light on security breaches surrounding Yitzhak Rabin's assassination, Justice Ministry officials have confirmed they have an amateur videotape of the peace rally Rabin attended moments before he was shot.

Israeli TV reported that the tape, shot from a high vantage point, clearly showed the assassination. But a high-ranking security official said it just missed the moment of the shooting, although it did show about 60 people near Rabin's car.

Rabbi Levinger Sentenced

JERUSALEM — A Jerusalem court last week sentenced Jewish settler leader Rabbi Moshe Levinger to six months in jail and a six-month suspended sentence for causing a violent disturbance in the Hebron market four years ago.

Rabbi Levinger was convicted of damaging Arab property and firing his gun. He maintained that he had responded to Arab stonethrowers.

The date for beginning the sentence was put off until the end of the month to allow Rabbi Levinger time to file an appeal.

Kahane Convicted

JERUSALEM — A court here overturned a lower court's ruling last week and convicted Kahane Chai leader Benjamin Kahane of sedition and publishing seditious material.

Last year, a magistrate's court acquitted Kahane of the charge, arguing there must be a "high degree of probability" that public order would be disturbed for such material to be considered seditious.

In overturning the ruling, the district court noted that not only was there a reasonable chance that the distribution of Kahane's leaflets would have caused racist acts, but that they would have almost certainly done so.

Sentencing will be at a later date.

Another Quake

JERUSALEM — For the second time in four days, a tremor shook southern Israel and northeastern Egypt last Monday, but there were no reports of damages or injuries.

The tremor, measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale, was centred in the Gulf of Aqaba.

Four days earlier, a tremor measuring 4.9 shook southern Israel. No damages or injuries were reported.

Officials at Israel's seismological institute said the tremors were part of a series of aftershocks following a powerful earthquake that hit the region on Nov. 22, causing 10 deaths and at least 69 injuries.

WORLD

Priest At It Again

WARSAW — A prominent Roman Catholic priest in Poland — a close friend of outgoing president Lech Walesa — has again made anti-Semitic statements in his Gdansk church.

Rev. Henryk Jankowski created a furor in June, when he made anti-Semitic remarks during a service at the church while Walesa was in attendance.

The Warsaw daily *Gazeta Wyborcza* reported that on Dec. 3, Rev. Jankowski said, "Why shouldn't we talk about such things as the murder of Germans by Jews? Why may we not talk about the Jewish-Communist administration that governs Poland today? The reason is that they have banks and everything in their hands.

"I have nothing to repent for and none to whom I should apologize for my words," Rev. Jankowski added.

Greek Jew Honored

ATHENS — The bust of a Greek Jewish colonel who died during the 1940 Italian invasion of Greece was unveiled this month at the War Museum here.

Col. Mordocheos Frizis was the first high-ranking Greek officer to die during the Italian invasion.

Government officials, representatives of the Greek Jewish community and family members were among those at the Dec. 4 ceremony.

Considered an Insult...

ROME — Nearly half those questioned here in a public opinion poll said they would consider it an insult to be called a Jew, and nearly 12 per cent said they thought of Jews as "unpleasant."

The survey, which polled 1,050 adult Italians, showed that 53 per cent of respondents said they would be offended if called a "Negro;" 47 per cent said they would be offended if called a Jew; and 44 per cent would be offended if called gay.

More than 75 per cent of those polled said they did not consider themselves racist.

Peres on Pollard

WASHINGTON — Prime Minister Shimon Peres has asked U.S. President Bill Clinton to pardon Jonathan Pollard, who is serving a life sentence in the United States for spying for Israel.

Peres was said to have pressed for the pardon personally when he met Clinton in Washington last week.

Last month, Pollard was granted Israeli citizenship. He feels that being an Israeli citizen will improve his chances at a future parole hearing, his lawyer has said.

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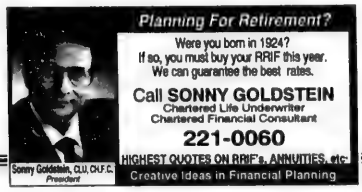
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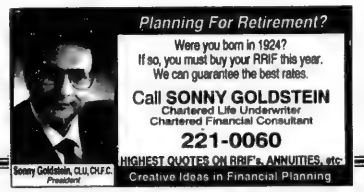
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Jewish groups urged to help women in need

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jewish organizations were exhorted last week to go beyond their mandates and respond to the needs of Jewish women affected by Ontario government cutbacks to community agencies.

Speaking at a panel discussion sponsored by Jewish Women's Federation (JWF) on Government Cutbacks: Women at Risk, Susan Davis advised representatives of Jewish organizations that even a modest response to one aspect of need has "tremendous impact."

Davis is on secondment from Jewish Immigrant Aid Services as special adviser to the assistant deputy minister, national services sector, Citizenship and Immigration.

Diamond Centre residence to close, see pg. 7

Other panelists at the event held at Adath Israel Congregation were Susan Pigott, acting president of the United Way of Greater Toronto; Morris Zbar, assistant executive director of the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto (JFGT); Sandy Keshen, executive director of Reena; and Debbie Feldman, director of rehab for Jewish Family and Child Service (JF&CS).

Glennie Lindenberg, JWF president, moderated the evening. Sandra Brown, JFGT president, and Rabbi Baruch Frydman-Kohl of Beth Tzedec Congregation also spoke.

Lindenberg cited the following statistics:

- One out of seven Jews in Toronto lives at or below the poverty line.
- Fifty-seven per cent of the Jewish poor are women.
- Single-parent families, 82 per cent of which are headed by women, are more likely to be poor.

Cutbacks have also forced the cancellation of some Reena and Kehilla residential program projects,

Rabbi Frydman-Kohl was raised by a single mother who was not always able to work, he said. Without the "tangible support" of both government and the Jewish institutions of Chicago, he suggested that he would be neither a rabbi nor "what I hope is a good parent."

Pigott stressed the crunch represented by recent across-the-board cuts to social service agencies of 2.5 per cent, made by Ontario Premier Mike Harris' government, with a further 5 per cent cut expected in April.

"[United Way] agencies are not overfunded. For many agencies these cuts eat into programs," she said.

"Private philanthropy cannot begin to close the gap."

Women will be particularly affected, she noted, because of job loss in the health care, education and social services sectors (81 per cent of health care workers are women), and because cuts will increase women's already disproportionate family responsibilities in the areas of child care and elder care.

The situation in Ontario is reflected "throughout North America and all western democracies," said Zbar. He noted that further cuts will be implemented with the 1996-97 budget.

In Toronto, recent welfare cuts of 21.6 per cent mean that at least 2,000 local Jews (500 JF&CS cases) have less money every month.

For the short term, the federation will have a transition fund to lessen the blow of government cutbacks, while exploring longer-term strategies.

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The "community transition fund" was announced last week by the federation as "an unprecedented step" towards assisting its beneficiary agencies.

The JFGT's board authorized the fund to help agencies adapt to drastically reduced government spending.

"This is not a replacement for government's funding," stressed Alan Sandler, vice-president of Community Planning & Allocations for the federation. "We want to help them finance necessary restructuring."

Grants will be issued only when an agency presents a business plan that demonstrates the way in which it will use the money over what is expected to be 18 months.

The fund, to be formed through private contributions, could amount to several hundred thousand dollars, but the precise amount will not be determined until preliminary consultations are conducted between the federation and community agencies.

The federation estimates that Jewish agencies could lose up to $30 million in government funding during the next year and a half.

Agencies feel the pinch

Among the Jewish agencies affected by government budget cuts are:

- The Bernard Betel Centre, to which at least 100 seniors no longer have access due to cuts in Wheel Trans service;
- The Bathurst Jewish Centre, where 32 subsidized daycare spots are at risk.
- JF&CS, where almost $400,000 (provincial and municipal funding) has been cut from the 1996 budget. The child welfare budget, family violence services and family support programs will be directly affected. About 300 women who are or have been in abusive relationships are affected, along with over 600 of their children.
- Jewish Vocational Service, which has lost the funding for one job creation position. Nine other staff positions have also been terminated and two staff on leave without pay have not been replaced. Clients who don't have access to day care will have difficulty attending training programs because they will have nowhere to leave their children.
- Reena, where a housing project intended for 48 individuals including adults with developmental disabilities and single mothers with disabled children has been terminated. Reena has experienced $300,000 in government cuts for this fiscal year; in the next fiscal year the organization will experience another cut of $600,000.

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'We must prevent the destruction of Canada'

From the editor's desk

This is the last column from the editor's desk in 1995.

It has been a difficult year for Jewish Canadians, especially in the past 10 weeks.

The awful, cold-blooded murder of Yitzhak Rabin marked the blackest day yet in post-Holocaust Jewish history. No words of comfort or explanation or rationalization can abate so unabatable a loss. Like a heavy ugly stone cast deep into the waters of modern Jewish existence, the assassination is still sending ripples that disturb the reflection of what used to be seen on the water's clear surface. I cannot find new insights to interpret the still rippling surface.

A week before Rabin was slain, thus adding to the severe emotional strain and anxiety of the past 2 1/2 months, was the separatists' referendum – its maddening prelude, its nail-biting result, and its alarming epilogue.

A substantial number of young Montrealers are once again pondering the advisability of putting down roots in a province which appears increasingly inhospitable to them. Even older Montrealers are privately weighing the same question now. Understandably, the community in Montreal feels threatened and isolated.

Understandably too, all Canadians are feeling greater and greater frustration with the separatists in Quebec City and in Ottawa. And this heightened frustration is leading to a hardening of attitude on the part of some Canadians, a desire to simply be "rid" of an alienated and alienating group which is constantly finding fault with the rest of Canada, which has already promised more referenda, and which shows more and more traces of an ugly xenophobia peeking at the edges of their movement.

At all costs, Canadians must resist this hardening of attitude. It is short-sighted, self-defeating and foolish. For, being "rid" of Quebec also means being "rid" of Canada. As we have written in the past, as others have written in the past, and as is written elsewhere in this issue of *The CJN*, without Quebec, Canada will cease to exist. To think otherwise is simply to deny the economic, social and political realities of an increasingly economically and culturally integrating North America.

The separatists' strategy is to irritate and frustrate the rest of Canada. Hence former premier Jacques Parizeau used the analogy of the constant "toothache." Hence Lucien Bouchard declared on the very morrow of the referendum that he and his followers would never accept the finality of a No vote.

But Canadians must not surrender to our frustration. However deep the provocation, however justified the anger, we must find the strength and the wisdom to persevere in a united federalist cause. To do otherwise is to concede victory to the separatists.

Thus, Jewish Canadians have responsibilities at two levels: as Canadians bound by love, duty and responsibility toward Canada and as Jews bound by community and kinship to our fellow Jews in Quebec.

As Canadians, we must prevent the destruction of Canada by the separatist forces. As Jews, we must reach out to the community in Montreal to counterbalance feelings of isolation and their fears of possible demographic desolation.

A member of our family is in trouble. Shall we simply turn our back? We must not.

Yoine Goldstein, incoming president of FEDERATION CJA in Montreal, wrote the following words for his acceptance of the presidency. His remarks eloquently express the feeling of Jewish community and the inter-generational, inter-millennial, inter-national responsibility one for the other that flows from that feeling.

"We recognize, you and I, that we are not strangers. We are inextricably connected. Our connection goes back as far as Sinai. That connectedness has been a continuum for thousands of years. Our recognition of that connectedness is essential to our well-being because it makes us remember our connection to each other and if we remember that we are connected to each other, then we take responsibility for one another and we accept our responsibilities to each other individually and as a people.

"I therefore invite you to continue that connectedness, to continue, each of us, to see ourselves as being responsible to ourselves and for each other."

Seeing ourselves as being "responsible to ourselves and for each other" is precisely how Jews outside Quebec should respond to the situation of Jews inside Quebec. That response must take tangible, not merely theoretical, shape. This is as true of our civic response as Canadians as it is of our communal response as Jews. As we witnessed on the weekend before the referendum, actions by individuals, when organized, focussed and sincere, can indeed make a difference.

Our civic response must be aimed at pressuring and mobilizing colleagues and friends and local decision makers such as editorial writers and media persons to influence elected officials, at all three levels of government – municipal, provincial and federal – to take all reasonable steps to find constitutional accommodation.

Our communal response must be aimed at demonstrating understanding, support and empathy for the anxiety being felt by our fellow Jews in Montreal. At every level possible – individually, and organizationally through synagogues, landsmanshaften, schools, federations and even through business – there should be as much contact as possible with Montrealers.

The Montreal Jewish community was once the diadem in Canada's jewelled world. It is smaller now. Populations have shifted in the past two decades. But it still sparkles; it still radiates with innovation, self-confidence, tradition, integrity and moral force. Fighting to keep Quebec in Canada, and thus Canada for all Canadians, will also ensure that Montreal's sparkle lasts forever. We owe that to ourselves as Canadians and as Jews.

MBD

Sabra skaters Ran Oz (left) and Assaf Evron (right) are seen here with Danny Roth, co-producer of *Skating Through the Sand*, which will air on New Year's Eve.

Skating Through the Sand

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Hockey on New Year's Eve has become something of a tradition in Canada, and this year, fans of the world's coolest game will be treated to a hockey story that comes from a land known more for deserts and heatwaves than frostshields and windchill factors.

The genesis and development of hockey in Israel is the subject of a one-hour film titled *Skating Through the Sand* that will air on the Baton Broadcasting System (BBS) at 8 p.m. on Dec. 31.

Produced by Wayne Abbott and Danny Roth, *Skating Through the Sand* brings viewers an inside look at the people who have pushed hockey in Israel from being a mere curiosity to its current status as a developing sport with loads of potential.

Shot over a five-week period in March 1995, the film visits the Israeli team's home base in Bat Yam and follows the boys in blue to an International Ice Hockey Federation (IIHF) Group C tournament in Johannesburg, South Africa.

While the movie is full of game action and pretty goals, what elevates the film are the human stories that gives *Skating Through the Sand* a universal appeal.

Who could fail to be moved by the story of Simeon Yakubovitch, the Soviet-born coach of the Israeli nationals as he recounts an earlier life in the former Soviet Union where he led a special army chemical unit into Chernobyl to repair the damage caused by the nuclear reactor.

Of the entire unit he led (about a dozen men), Yakubovitch is the only survivor. Six months is much too long to have spent in Chernobyl, he said, as he casts his gaze downward.

There's also the story of Roy Annau, a non-Jew from Wawa, Ont. who as a young man was fascinated by the story of the Jewish people and Israel. He went on a visit to Israel and stayed for life.

Annau scored Israel's first-ever goal in international competition and his dedication to the game becomes clear as he describes his journey to games in Bat Yam from his home in Kibbutz Ein Gedi, near the Dead Sea. The image of Annau at a desert bus stop, with hockey stick in hand and equipment bag at his feet, is as surrealistic as anything painted by Dali.

Others profiled in the fascinating film include Toronto-born Paul Shindman, who almost single-handedly kickstarted hockey in Israel; Oded Orgil, the Israeli-born resident of Toronto who plays for the nationals; Mike Rubin, a Toronto-born *oleh;* and Evgeny Feldman, a Russian-born *oleh* who's currently playing junior hockey in Canada.

The film also takes you to Metulla to meet with young Canadians who are teaching Israelis the rudiments of skating and hockey.

The film was a labor of love that has taken up the last year-and-a-half of his life, said Roth. "I came up with the concept in August 1994 and took it to Wayne in September. It's been my focus and goal. My friends are sick of hearing about it.

"It's absolutely not limited to a Jewish audience. I think it has wide appeal," Roth said.

The national team consists of Russians, Canadians, a Bulgarian and sabras. "Hockey became a metaphor for the country. It was a journey for respectability and acceptance, just like the state," Roth said.

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Israeli left stifling debate, Likudnik asserts

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Left-wing Israeli politicians are attempting to "create a climate of fear" and "stifle legitimate political debate" in the wake of the Rabin assassination, a prominent Likud MK asserted here last week.

Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres has not done enough "at this point of crisis to show sensitivity and heal the wounds" opened by the murder of Rabin, said Uzi Landau, chair of Likud's policy committee.

In a wide-ranging interview prior to addressing a public meeting at the Beth David-B'nai Israel Beth Am Congregation, Landau said Peres' top priority should be to create peace among the people of Israel.

"We believe that peace should start at home. We believe you can't find peace with your enemies when at home you drive a wedge that could tear your society apart."

Landau, an 11-year Knesset veteran, suggested the "political leaders of the left" have engaged in a "witch-hunt" against those who oppose the current peace process.

He painted a grisly picture of a democratically elected goverment lashing out at its opponents and of scapegoating the religious/nationalist camp in Israel.

Where was Jewish unity in New York when the Israeli consulate asked that Likud representatives be prevented from participating in a solidarity rally to mark the end of the 30 day mourning period following Rabin's death? he asked.

In Israel, police have interrogated people for casual remarks made at restaurants.

With the media alerted, rabbis have been questioned by police and photographed entering and exiting police headquarters, suggesting some sort of guilt.

On the streets of Israel, people have been "called down" just because they are wearing yarmulkes, he said.

"It's a very uncomfortable situation in a democracy ... It's completely unacceptable to blame part of a society for the deeds of one individual," Landau said.

A member of the Knesset's constitution and law committee, Landau suggested that "some political leaders of the left are keeping up that momentum until the next election" (in 1996), in the hope that it would help elect another Labor-led government.

They are also using the current climate in Israel to forge ahead with concessions in the peace process "without making it easy for public debate and criticism to be levelled against it," he suggested.

Uzi Landau

If elected, Likud would re-examine Israel's policies and push an autonomy model for the Palestinians that would not lead to an independent state. However, "we won't march into those areas given to the Palestinians."

Turning to Syria, Landau said the Israeli government is "following a path that's dangerous for our future."

Syrian leader Hafez al-Assad hasn't changed his position in four years but Israel continues to offer concessions without getting anything in return. Landau said he fears Peres is itching to make a deal with Syria that he can take to the electorate in 1996.

Acting with such haste would be too risky for Israel, he said.

Landau's address was sponsored by Herud Likud — Betar Tagar of Canada and the following synagogues: Adath Israel, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda, Beth David-B'nai Israel Beth Am, Beth Sholom and Shaar Shalom.

New Ottawa Jewish high school named after Yitzhak Rabin

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"Your husband embodied strength, courage, vision and inspiration; qualities essential for leadership in both war and peace," she read.

The school's name was proposed by Shayna Levitan, a Grade 8 student at Ottawa's Hillel Academy.

"I think naming our community high school after a hero like Yitzhak Rabin will add honor not just to the students and faculty of our school, but also to the name of a great Jewish leader," she wrote in her entry to the school-naming contest.

Langner said the "candle" in the school's Hebrew name refers to light and the mitzvah of lighting candles, as well as to the vigils held in Israel and abroad when Rabin died.

"The candle symbolizes the candles we lit at the time of Rabin's death and it symbolizes the aims of the high school to build bridges between different streams of Jewish society," she said.

The full-day co-ed high school currently has 14 Grade 9 and 10 students studying a Jewish and secular curriculum. A Grade 11 class will be added next year in the first term and the school is working extremely well, said Langner.

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Author outlines West's 'war against the Jews'

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

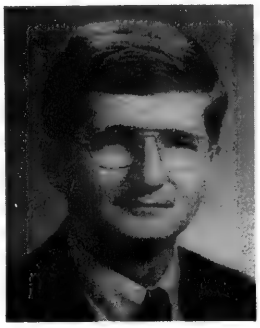
TORONTO — In a night of incredible revelations, it would be difficult to determine which was the most sensational.

Was it that Israel attacked the U.S. spy ship *Liberty* during the 1967 Six-Day war because it was passing crucial information about IDF deployments to Israel's Arab enemies?

Or that in 1948, a Jew with access to British intelligence obtained from Czechoslovakia badly needed arms for Israel in exchange for information that Britain was backing a coup by former fascists?

Perhaps it was that the United States came down hard on convicted spy for Israel Jonathan Pollard because U.S. leaders mistakenly believed the information he passed to Israel got into the hands of a Soviet mole and led to the deaths of 40 of their agents.

How about the assertion that "Zionists," knowing that Nelson Rockefeller did business with the Nazis during World War II, blackmailed the business tycoon into strong-arming Latin American countries for their UN votes for the creation of Israel?



John Loftus

True or not, the dramatic tidbits revealed by former U.S. Nazi-hunter John Loftus had his audience of 200 on the edge of their seats, gasping with amazement at times, spellbound at others. His speech was sponsored by the new leadership division of State of Israel Bonds. Howard Alter was the evening's honoree.

An orator of considerable talent, Loftus, co-author of *The Secret War Against the Jews*, presented a behind-the-scenes look at the machinations of U.S. and British intelligence, whose operations frequently made Jews and Israel the fall guys as they curried favor with oil-rich Arab states.

Jews and Israel are considered expendable by key elements of Western intelligence because oil is considered the paramount issue, he said.

Loftus, a former member of the Office of Special Investigation (OSI), the U.S. Justice Department unit established to prosecute Nazi war criminals, said he first learned of this world of subterfuge when examining U.S. archives in Maryland.

He learned that British and U.S. intelligence recruited anti-Nazi freedom fighters, many of them war criminals. for an anti-Soviet army.

When war with the Soviets did not occur, the British dumped "the dregs of the anti-communist nationalists" in the West. Canada received 15,000.

"It's my belief that next to Buenos Aires, Toronto has the highest per capita residence of Nazi war criminals of any other city in the world," he said.

"Let's face it. You ended up as a dumping ground and your government doesn't have the guts to tell you."

Loftus illustrated the links of Western intelligence to Nazis by referring to the diary of a Partisan fighter named Solomon, who survived the slaughter that wiped out his family.

When Solomon moved to the United States after the war, he described a prominent SS commander in his memoirs.

The diary was consigned to a shelf in the archives because that collaborator had been recruited by the United States and given a job broadcasting on radio behind the Iron Curtain.

During Israel's War of Independence, the Jewish state could not obtain arms from the West, but a young Czech Jew learned of the British-backed coup plot. He traded that information for arms. That young Czech would later change his name to Robert Maxwell, and later be given a state burial by a grateful Israel, Loftus said.

Loftus' theories are not without controversy. Abe Foxman, national director of the Anti-Defamation League, has circulated a three-page letter warning that Loftus' book is "exaggerated, scantily documented, overwrought and convoluted..."

For his part, Loftus claims that "Jews around the world [don't] have a clue about their own history. It's buried" in intelligence archives, he said.

Lawyer for alleged war criminal asks court for gov't documents

TORONTO — Government authorities should be ordered to disclose the documents that outline their change of strategy on war crimes prosecutions, a lawyer for an alleged war criminal urged the Federal Court last week.

Ottawa lawyer Donald Bayne made the motion to support a claim that federal authorities abused the legal process by launching denaturalization/deportation proceedings against his client, Johann Dueck, 76.

Dueck would have less legal protection under immigration procedures than if he was charged criminally, Bayne argued. The government's decision to forego criminal prosecutions in favor of stripping suspects of citizenship and deporting them was never debated in parliament. As a result, the government should be forced to disclose documents, including cabinet papers, outlining that decision, he said.

The government decision to change tacks came in the wake of a Supreme Court of Canada judgment in the Imre Finta case. Federal authorities announced that successful criminal prosecutions would be too difficult in light of the decision and it switched its strategy to the denaturalization and deportation remedy.

Three alleged war criminals, Erichs Tobiass, 84, of Toronto, Helmut Oberlander, 71, of Waterloo and Dueck were named as suspects. Federal authorities say they participated in the execution of civilians during World War II.

A fourth suspect, Josef Nemsila, never became a Canadian citizen. He faces deportation, but that case has become bogged down in legal arguments on the question of domicile.

Associate Chief Justice James Jerome, who is also hearing the Nemsila case, adjourned proceedings until February, when prosecution lawyers will reply.

Former Nazi agrees to leave United States

WASHINGTON — A former SS man, who lived in Canada from 1948-57, has permanently departed the United States after signing an agreement acknowledging he misrepresented his past in order to obtain U.S. citizenship.

Wasyl Lytwyn, 73, a retired shipping clerk from Chicago, was a member of the infamous guard units of the Trawniki SS training and base camp and its successor unit, the SS Streibel Battalion, from 1943 to April 1945, said the U.S. Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI).

The Trawniki camp was used to train guards and police to assist in the Nazi's program of murdering the Jews of Europe.

A complaint filed in court by the OSI in order to strip Lytwyn of his citizenship alleges he took part in the destruction of the Warsaw Ghetto in April and May 1943.

The complaint also states that Lytwyn served in the guard detachment of the SS and Police Leader in Lublin and later in the Streibel Battalion.

Between August 1944 and January 1945, the Streibel Battalion seized tens of thousands of Polish civilians and supervised them while they worked as slave laborers constructing fortifications in central Poland, the complaint states.

Prior to departing the United States for Ukraine, Lytwyn signed an agreement with the OSI in which he admitted he obtained U.S. citizenship fraudulently and that he wilfully misrepresented his wartime activities. The court complaint to remove his citizenship was launched pursuant to the terms of that agreement.

According to the complaint, Lytwyn immigrated to Canada in 1948 and obtained citizenship in 1955. He moved to the United States in 1957 and in 1994 became a U.S. citizen.

Since its inception in 1979, the OSI has removed 44 Nazi persecutors from the United States while more than 300 are currently under investigation.

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'Routine' UN resolutions critical of Israel

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Canada has voted with most of the world in calling on Israel to abandon its administration over all Jerusalem and to demand that Israel withdraw from the Golan Heights.

The votes, described as routine, annual resolutions, were passed earlier this month by the United Nations' General Assembly. And although it may seem that Canada is still being unduly harsh on the Jewish state, Ottawa's votes on the three resolutions are seen as nothing new.

Israel cast the only vote against a resolution calling its decision to impose its laws and administration over Jerusalem illegal, null and void.

Canada, along with 132 other countries, voted for the resolution. The United States was one of 13 countries to abstain.

Ottawa's vote "maintains [its] voting patterns and reflects a long-standing policy" that eastern Jerusalem is "occupied territory," Rodney Moore, a spokesperson for the Department of Foreign Affairs, told *The CJN*. "It does not reflect a change in our policy."

The resolution also deplored the transfer to Jerusalem by some nations of their diplomatic missions, terming such moves a violation of a 1980 Security Council resolution.

The U.S. Congress voted in October to transfer its embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem by 1999. Canada called the American decision an undue bid to influence the city's final status and said its embassy will stay in Tel Aviv.

Israel and the United States cast the only votes against another resolution demanding the Jewish state withdraw from all the Golan Heights to the line it occupied June 4, 1967, the day before the outbreak of the Six Day War.

Canada voted for the resolution because "we don't feel we should prejudice discussions between Israel and Syria," Moore explained.

Although similar to resolutions adopted in previous years, this one, for the first time, specified the June 4, 1967 line, rather than calling for a full withdrawal.

The vote on this draft was 66 to two, with 79 abstentions.

The third resolution, expressing full support for the achievements of the Middle East peace process so far and stressing the need for rapid progress in other Arab-Israeli negotiations, was approved by a vote of 148 to four, with one abstention.

The four negative votes were cast by Iran and Libya, which oppose the entire peace process, and by Lebanon and Syria, whose talks with Israel have made the least progress. Sudan abstained.

According to Shimon Fogel of the Canada-Israel Committee (CIC), Ottawa's votes on the three resolutions do not represent a significant shift in its Israel policy.

In fact, the CIC sees in the votes an improvement from the days when the UN passed "dozens" of anti-Israel resolutions, many of them in one-shot "baskets." Today, says Fogel, those resolutions are far fewer, and on an individual basis.

— With files from *Mideast Mirror*.

JF&CS to close home for troubled Jewish youths

By RON CSILLAG
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — In the wake of drastic provincial budget cuts, Jewish Family & Child Service (JF&CS) will close Ontario's only residence for troubled Jewish teenagers.

The JF&CS board of directors last week voted to shut the Jerome D. Diamond Adolescent Centre's residence, effective sometime in January.

Three of the home's five residents will be transferred to a Youthdale Treatment Centre, a Metro-wide string of eight homes which cater to troubled youth. One Diamond Centre resident is scheduled for discharge and the other is due to move to more independent living. Two of three teens who will be moved are Crown wards.

All future Jewish clients will be referred to Youthdale.

"We did all we could," said JF&CS executive director Gordon Wolfe. "It was a difficult, tough decision."

The fully kosher residence, just up the street from the centre's day programs, was built for six teens with behavioral and emotional problems and histories of abuse. It was staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round.

The staff of seven will be laid off but, Wolfe noted, four of them will be rehired by Youthdale.

Wolfe said a formal agreement has been signed by JF&CS, Youthdale and the union representing the Diamond Centre staff.

Cutbacks

But critics of the closure say Youthdale in not a Jewish environment [*CJN*, Dec. 7] and closing the 20-year-old Diamond residence robs the community of a valuable service.

Both Youthdale and JF&CS "will do everything they can to maintain the Jewish holidays, respect Jewish culture and [keep] kashrut," Wolfe said.

It was last July's round of provincial budget cuts that prompted JF&CS to consider closing the residence, Wolfe added. In total, $400,000 has been cut from the agency's budget for 1996.

The residence's deficit was to be $20,000 for 1995-96 and forecast at up to $45,000 for the following year. The cost of caring for a single child was $250 a day.

But it's not all gloom, Wolfe pointed out. JF&CS' budget for the residence was $500,000 a year, of which $300,000 will now be returned to the government to allocate to Youthdale.

The remaining $200,000 will be used for mental health programs, more classes at the Diamond Centre's day program and an in-home treatment program.

No one from the Diamond Centre was available for comment last week.

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In 1996

Looking towards 1996 we see a clouded Canadian horizon. The economy, the Constitution and national unity are unmistakably joined in a threatening formation approaching us slowly but certainly.

There is no doubt that the most important Canadian "issue" in the coming year, the one to which all others are inextricably tied, is the federalists' struggle against the separatists. Whether the upcoming year is "merely" a breather between last year's referendum and the Constitutional conference scheduled for 1997, or whether it becomes the occasion for the next referendum, strengthening the bonds within the country will be the top priority in the new year.

If Quebec separates, Canada ends. We have said this before. It must be stated over and over again, because some people are still missing the point. As former Ontario premier Bob Rae wrote last week in the *Globe and Mail*, "If Lucien Bouchard wins the next election and calls another referendum, we could well lose the country. Yet we seem incapable of sustaining that thought and appreciating its consequences for more than a few seconds ... The idea that we will try to muddle through with politics and business as usual is impossible."

Canadians had better sustain the thought soon. The future of the country is very much in doubt. We must therefore seek bold and imaginative solutions to dispel that doubt once and for all.

Unhelpful Manning

Last week in Ottawa, Preston Manning, leader of the federal Reform party, brought his party to a new low level of "leadership" in that vital aspect of governing we call parliamentary debate and public discourse. In response to the federal government's post-referendum initiatives, the leader of the Reform party resorted, yet again, to insulting *ad hominem* attacks against the prime minister.

The use of cheap studio theatrics, such as calling for the prime minister's impeachment, may make for amusing television clips, but that is not leadership. Resort to invective and aspersion may make for scathing sound bytes, but that too is not leadership.

One may legitimately disagree with the way in which the government has responded and is responding to the threat from the separatists. For the problem is complex; the separatist adversary appears unwilling to deal in good faith and the consequences of failure mean the break-up of the country. Ultimately, we expect the best approach to thwarting the separatists may prove to be a combination of approaches. Thus, in our view, the veto and distinct society bill is merely a statement of intentions and good will. It is not the conclusive remedy or the final balm. And the prime minister's purposeful ambiguity in response to the Reform's pointed, barbed questions, *at this time*, is constructive. It would be counter-productive, as demanded by Manning, for the government to spell out the full detail of its anti-separatist strategy *at this time*. But the manner of disagreement is as important as the reason for disagreement. The public's belief in the ability and credibility of the nation's institutions to solve our problems will depend to some extent on the way in which those institutions function, the way in which the leaders and the parties are willing to cooperate and jointly seek the answers which lie hidden somewhere in the undiscovered regions of good will and creativity.

"Politicians do not properly fulfil their function of educating, enlightening and setting an example for the public." These were the observations of Prof. Yehezkel Dror of Hebrew University in an exclusive interview to *The CJN* three weeks ago. Of course, he was speaking about politicians in general. But in our opinion, he could have been speaking about Preston Manning in particular.

At this historic juncture in the history of Canada, we expect – indeed we need – him to reach higher as a leader. We need him to be more helpful in the struggle against the separatists, to set an example of generosity of motive and civility of debate. A true leader would understand that.

WISDOM OF THE AGES:

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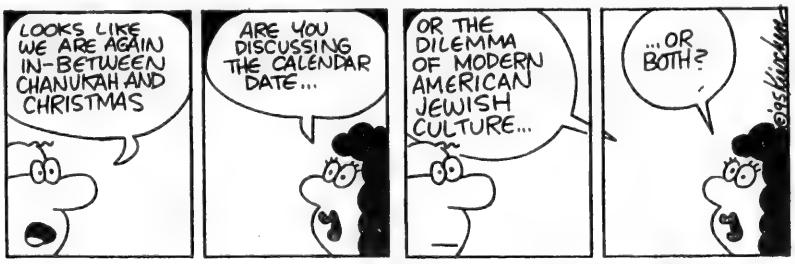
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This Week in Canadian Jewish History

On Dec. 23, 1900 the first Canadian Zionist convention was held in Montreal. (*Canadian Jewish Agenda, CJC 1995*)

Israeli scholar stopped at border

Recently I was rejected from entering Canada at Windsor as a U.S. citizen and with an invitation to attend an academic conference at the University of Windsor. The passport officials were sure that I, also an Israeli, was trying to immigrate clandestinely into Canada. It was interesting that this was five days after the *Jerusalem Post* on Oct. 6 published my book review of Wendy Eisen's *Count Us In*, dealing with how the Canadian government and people had assisted in helping Soviet Jewry emigrate.

I can only deduce that Canada does not know how to treat its friends. Later, upon arriving in Toronto on Oct. 24, the night before I was to give a lecture to the Jewish Genealogical Society of Canada, I was pulled aside again, with a group of female retired Japanese tourists, to the Immigration office to interrogate us about our aims to immigrate to Canada. Of the dozens of countries throughout the world that I have visited, Canada is the only one that treats me this way.

Yitzchak Kerem
Jerusalem

Condolences from a non-Jew

You don't have to be Jewish to mourn Yitzhak Rabin any more than you have to be black to mourn Martin Luther King or Irish Catholic to mourn a Kennedy. It seems like a simple lesson to learn, but like most simple things, it comes the hard way.

How smug and self-satisfied a Canadian I have been to ignore a people who live with blood and bullets every day. Did we not all cry together when Rabin's granddaughter spoke of his caress? Or are we content to say this was the act of a lone madman?

This was not a lone act. I, and millions like me, contributed to this deed because of our lack of knowledge, empathy and support. Because we have failed to recognize the enemy within each of us as human beings.

To the Jewish people, I offer my condolences and an apology for having been silent for so long. It took the death of a peacemaker to make those who enjoy peace be accountable for letting others carry the burden. God bless us all.

Beth Christie
Kentville, N.S.

93-year old mother in Meir photo

One of the women in the photo of Golda Meir on Mount Royal during a visit to Montreal in 1929 is my mother, Judith Oberman, now 93. The photo appeared Nov. 30 with an article by historian Gerald Tulchinsky. Oberman is in the centre behind Meir.

Dora Freed
Montreal

President of Spanish and Portuguese

Re "M. Edmond Elbaz Honoré par l'école Maimonides" (*CJN*, Nov. 30) I would like to advise that the president of the Spanish and Portuguese synagogue is Albert Bitton and not Selim Moghrabi. Mr. Moghrabi is a member of our congregation and an honorary president.

Gene Rabie
Montreal

Why one family left Montreal

As a former Montrealer born and bred, I resent N. Ravel's remarks (*CJN* Dec. 7) "When a ship starts listing, the crew makes the best effort to repair the fault rather than jump overboard."

My family and I left Quebec when our rights were being abrogated: the right to speak any language of our choice; the right to educate our children in the school of our choice; and the right to a sign of our own choosing over the door of our business — which, incidentally, supported the province through our taxes.

We would not live in a "police state" anywhere in the world. Why should we stay in Montreal?

Dorys F. Bernbaum
Toronto

Don't link Rabin's murder with Judenrat

Emil Fackenheim's shamelessness knows no bounds. He admits to past errors, but "he was not alone." Now in "After Rabin's Murder" (*CJN* Dec. 7), he has the audacity to link Rabin's murder to the suicide of the head of Warsaw Ghetto's Judenrat.

The Judenrat was a puppet leadership, carrying out Nazi orders which ultimately lead to the destruction of the Jewish communities they were leaders of. Does Fackenheim suggest that Rabin also led Israelis towards similar destruction? Is he redrawing the infamously ugly picture of Israel's prime minister in SS uniform drawn by other hatemongers?

Andrew Shlomo Salamon
Toronto

Seeking Jewish pilot's kin

I am trying to locate the family of a World War II Canadian airman, killed on a bombing raid on Salbris, France on May 8, 1944, Flying Officer Elmer Oscar Aaron. He lived in Philadelphia with his mother Mrs. Jeanne Aaron, later Herman. He had a sister who lived in Montreal, Mrs. Osias Pearlman.

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Perspectives

Prying open the Kremlin's closed gates

(In June 1970, 16 Jews from Riga and Leningrad were arrested for plotting to commandeer an airplane to take them to Israel. Six months later, eleven of the defendants were "tried" in Leningrad on charges which included attempted treason. The other five were tried at a later date. The trial lasted seven days. All were convicted. On Dec. 24 they were sentenced. Two of the defendants, Eduard Kuznetsov and Mark Dymshitz, were sentenced to death. The other defendants received sentences varying from eight to fifteen years of "strict regime" in labor camps.

For many people in the west, the Leningrad "trial" was the incident which stirred their conscience and galvanized their support for Soviet Jews striving to become free. The CJN *asked Kuznetsov to write about that terrible experience.)*

Eduard Kuznetzov in 1985

By EDUARD KUZNETSOV

Twenty-five years ago, on Christmas Eve 1970, a sentence was pronounced at the regional court of Leningrad City: For attempting high treason — death penalties to Mark Dymshits and Eduard Kuznetsov. Ten other prisoners were given from four to 15 years imprisonment.

Why exactly on Christmas Eve? The calculation was simple: a Western consumer doesn't care about politics on those days; he's busy with shopping. But for some reason, the calculation didn't work this time. It turned out that the Western consumer sometimes manages to find time for both shopping and demonstrations.

It seems that the capitals of many Western countries had not witnessed demonstrations on such a scale before. Also, for the first time, heads of 19 Western states unanimously filed protests. But the most serious harm to the then head of the U.S.S.R., Leonid Brezhnev, was done by Francisco Franco, whose court on the same day sentenced three Basque terrorists to death for killing several gendarmes.

The demonstrations took place in Western Europe, using the slogan: "No to death sentences in U.S.S.R. and Spain!"

Franco gave in and put Breznev in a very awkward position, So awkward, that on New Year's Eve, members of the Supreme Court of the U.S.S.R. were called from their festive tables in order to hold an urgent session and declare a repeal of the death sentences to Dymshits and myself.

That was the only night when I really was scared. Because suddenly, at about 11 p.m., when all the prison was asleep, four guards put manacles on me and dragged me to the office of the prison director. Why are you taken at night? Especialy New Year's night? Clearly, it's to be shot.

At that moment I was obsessed by only one thought: "Don't show that I'm scared."

The death penalties to Dymshits and myself were commuted to 15 years imprisonment.

* * *

In 1968, after serving a seven-year prison term for underground anti-Soviet activities, I tried to emigrate to Israel legally. But in those years, it was practically impossible to even get the documents necessary for submitting the application to emigrate — to say nothing of emigration itself.

This is why we — a group of Zionists from Riga, Leningrad, Kishinev and Odessa — began to discuss plans for illegal emigration — i.e., escape.

Very soon we came to the conclusion that the preparation for such an act — taking into consideration the number of participants — would not go unnoticed by the KGB. We therefore had to orient ourselves not to escaping, but to making it known that our arrests were scandalous — in order to draw Western attention to the problem of the closed Soviet state.

What could be more scandalous than a hijacking? Especially in those years, when all the world was continually being shocked by each bloody hijacking drama. But first of all we planned our hijacking to eliminate any bloodshed. (We had bought up all the tickets for the plane and had our pilot — Dymshits.) And secondly, we understood that in reality we had to be arrested before we climbed aboard the plane.

But the hijacking attempt itself had to demonstrate the full measure of our despair — despair over the impossibility of leaving the country, where they put you in prison for studying Hebrew, as well as to show our desire to say goodbye to "the large prison," which was what many of us called the former Soviet Union at that time.

I have to say that we succeeded. Succeeded so well that four years later a general of the KGB (who refused to identify himself) said to me: " 'If we had known that everything would go in such a way, we'd have been better to give you the opportunity to escape.'

"Then we'd have been no more than hijackers and they would not have been forced to give in to Western pressure and let out tens of thousands of Jews."

It was true. By means of mass arrests (in all 49 people were put in jail in connection with our case), the Soviet authorities hoped to intimidate Soviet Jewry and completely destroy the movement for emigration to Israel. But Soviet Jewry was not frightened. Not because they were such big heroes, but mainly because they were encouraged by the strong support of Western Jewry.

So, as the result of waves of protest in the West and the series of Jewish demonstrations inside the USSR itself, the Kremlin was forced to open its gates — and for the first time since the '20s, tens of thousands of people managed to leave Russia.

But there was also a more important result of the "Leningrad trial" and the demonstrations in the West: For the first time, the world saw with its own eyes that the Kremlin's notorious obstinacy was a myth. The Kremlin, like all dictatorial regimes, gave in if the pressure was prolonged and really strong. * * *

In 1979, Dymshits and I were released in exchange for two Soviet spies arrested in the United States.

This New Year's Eve, Dymshits and I will mark a quarter of a century of our second life. But it was not a gift given to us by the humanity of Moscow. It was a result of the tough position of the West, which loudly and very seriously demanded a liberal emigration policy and the repeal of the death sentences for Dymshitz and me.

One of the individuals who embodied the struggle of Soviet Jewry was Natan Sharansky. Arrested in March 1977, he was falsely accused, "tried" and convicted of being a western spy. He spent nine years in the Soviet gulag, eventually gaining his freedom in February 1986.

The CJN spoke with Sharansky at his home in Jerusalem to obtain his reflections on the significance of the Leningrad trials.

CJN: How did you feel when you heard the news?

Sharansky: I remember my feelings very well. The arrest itself was not made public. But the trial and the results were published in *Izvestia* and *Pravda*. They were very big articles which spoke about a Zionist plot against the sovereignty and independence of the Soviet Union. Enemies of the Soviet Union, western provocateurs, they said, were plotting to kill Soviet citizens.

The first reaction was fear. We thought it was a signal for a new anti-Jewish campaign. The trial was accompanied by a big propaganda campaign.

But then we felt a second response. The fearful thoughts that many of us had for our personal situations seemed less and less important, when we realized that there were such courageous people who were ready to risk their lives to reach Israel. How could we be afraid when we were risking mainly our jobs?

As it turned out, the whole scheme by the KGB proved to be a big mistake. The courage of the prisoners sent a powerful message to the Jews of the Soviet Union. More and more started to listen to the Voice of America. Therefore, the Soviet propaganda campaign had the opposite effect.

When the court sentenced them to death, we saw this as a very bad sign. But, ultimately public opinion changed the sentence. The struggle became immediately transformed. It was now not only a struggle of the Jews of the Soviet Union alone, but of the Jews from around the world. The Jews from around the world gave hope to the Jews in the Soviet Union. And as history proved, the combined struggle bore fruit.

CJN: Was the Leningrad trial one of the key events in the struggle?

Sharansky: The first event which turned our faces to Zion was the Six Day War. In a real sense, this was the beginning. But on practical grounds, in terms of bringing energy to our struggle, in terms of thinking seriously about what we faced, in terms of showing courage and in terms of showing us that we had allies all around the world, the trial, undoubtedly, was the most important event.

CJN: Twenty-five years after the trial and nearly10 years after your own freedom, what should we teach the young generation growing up not knowing about the struggle?

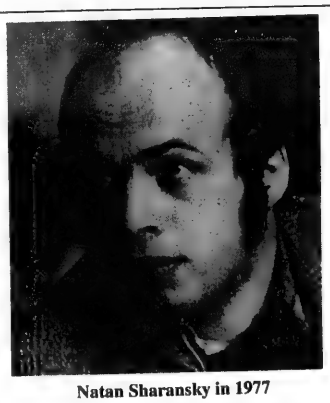
Sharansky: We should teach them that communism was very tragic and yet yielded a very positive result. It was tragic because tens of millions of people became its victims. Communism forced people to live without freedom, without religion and without property. It kept people in fear. And yet it was brought down. This was the positive result. It showed that the spark within human nature can't be changed, can't be suppressed forever.

CJN: What was the wider impact of the Soviet Jewry struggle on the Soviet Union?

Sharansky: The "virus" of freedom was kept alive by the Jews and the refuseniks, and by the dissidents too, of course. The Jews played a great role in defeating communism.

CJN: And on other Jews of the Soviet Union?

Sharansky: It made many Jews who had absolutely no desire to be Jewish and certainly no knowledge about being Jewish turn toward a new identity. They soon discovered they could be proud and respected as Jews by non-Jews. This was truly the beginning of the return of Jews back to their Jewishness.



Natan Sharansky in 1977

CJN: What are your conclusions about the relationship between the actions of individuals and the flow of history?

Sharansky: The history of people who participate in the flow of history is really the history of people of free will. The return to one's Jewish roots meant becoming a free person. When you become a free person, you become so strong that even in prison, you feel that your oppressors cannot harm you. You feel that you are influencing people and events. It is a unique feeling.

The future of the Jewish people depends on the future of the State of Israel. Israel must now be our focus. The energy and the sense of strength within the Jewish people which we felt in the struggle for Soviet Jewry must now be rechannelled worldwide among our people into making Israel a place which will be able to attract Jews for the sake of the quality of the life they can live in Israel.

There is no doubt that individuals can affect history. Kuznetsov is a good example. He behaved with such amazing dignity. He wrote a book in prison and succeeded in sending it abroad. This is a feat which takes a lot of energy, planning and brains. This was an unimaginable heroic act, almost not repeatable.

Editor's note. The following detail describes Kuznetsov's determination and courage. It is excerpted from *Count Us In, The Struggle to Free Soviet Jews, A Canadian Perspective*, by Wendy Eisen, Burgher Books 1995.

" 'To survive in a Soviet prison, one has to struggle. Writing was my struggle.' He explained how he bribed the guards with chewing gum to get the onion-skin paper required for his writing. Since prisoners were permitted to write only postcards, he tore the thin paper into 8x13-centimetre pieces. Each day, he would place a piece of the paper, which fit on a postcard, and with fine-tipped indelible pen, would record his feelings and daily activities in handwriting so small it could only be read with a magnifying glass.

"Kuznetsov frequently swallowed the single sheet of paper rather than be caught writing a daily diary. Every evening, he added the page written that day to the others buried in the earth in his cell. On the day of his release, Kuznetsov dug up his prison diary and swallowed it, page by page. The 200 pages formed a one-inch thick stack of sheets. Pointing to them, he said, 'Each one of these pages has been digested two or three times.' "

Today Eduard Kuznetsov lives in Israel. He is the editor of *Vesty*, a Russian-language newspaper.

Opinions

Chanukah *hu chag tov*

Santa's not coming this year.

Well, it's not like he's come before, but this year during the last few weeks of school I've eaten so many candy canes and so much gingerbread and Christmas goodies, that I thought he might drop in. Some of my friends have tried to persuade me that Santa's not real. I know the truth. I've already seen him in the shopping mall. They say it's their parents who buy them presents and write Santa's name on the card. I know they're wrong because in 20 years I have never received a present from my parents, signing their name as Santa.

By Viva Press

He just skips my house, that's all. Umm ... okay ... maybe not. Maybe it's because I'm Jewish that Santa doesn't visit me. I can live with that. If anything, I'd much rather have no visit than a visit by a commercialized fictitious Jewish equivalent.

It's not that I'm jealous of my friends who have lists of things they want. In fact, I think it's these lists themselves that are at the root of a very big problem. I believe it's the commercialism that makes Christmas less a religious holiday and more a secular one. And in turn, Chanukah, which would normally be a significant but low-key holiday, is blown way out of proportion by association with the Christmas festivities.

What I despise most is the parallel drawn between Chanukah and the Christmas season. They sometimes coincide. And that's where their similarities end.

Well, that's where the similarities end for me. But Chanukah has been so sucked in to the consumerism rampant at Christmas time that it now competes with its Christian counterpart. Chanukah bushes come with lights and gifts.

My cousin, whose children attend Jewish day schools, told me that parents she knows are telling their kids not to envy the Christmas bounty since Chanukah offers more: Chanukah has eight days in which to get presents, whereas Christmas has only one day. I think there is something wrong here.

If Chanukah were in July, it would not command the hype it now receives. Instead, it would be celebrated as the holiday when the outnumbered Jews, led by the Maccabees, overcame the powerful Syrians and returned the Temple to its rightful owners.

Chanukah is one of the happiest Jewish holidays and small gifts are sometimes given to children at candlelighting time. And here is where the problem arises. The term "small gift" is what is targeted by manufacturers. This is how the miracle that Chanukah celebrates is forgotten.

Ironically, Chanukah is more widely celebrated than some of the holidays inscribed in the Torah, like Shavuot for example. The time of the giving of our Torah, is much more important to the Jewish people than Chanukah, yet takes a back seat when it comes to its observance. In the Diaspora, at least.

I look forward to Chanukah, not for the small gifts I may get, but for what the holiday itself stands for. I don't need Santa; the Maccabees are way cooler. They lit the menorah in the Temple with oil that was supposed to last for just one day, but instead this oil burned an unprecedented eight days. It was a miracle that the Jews overcame their enemies and that the oil lasted so long. This calls for a celebration.

Chanukah means yummy latkes and *sufganiot*, dreidel games and gelt, and best of all, picking the colors of the candles for the Chanukiah. It's a family holiday.

This year I'm glad I finished my exams early so that I can spend Chanukah with my family in Toronto. It's not that I had a bad time last year with my friends in Halifax, but for me Chanukah is associated with my family.

We wolf down greasy latkes with homemade applesauce as quickly as possible so that my siblings and I can show our parents who rules in dreidel games. The dreidel's inscribed letters remind us that a "great miracle happened there."

When we were younger, my parents may have let us win the dreidel spinoffs or the gambling, but they have no such luck now that we are older. If I remember correctly, my parents lose every year. (And this includes the extra bag of gelt they use after they have lost all of their coins.) This is what Chanukah is about.

But isn't this what Christmas is also supposed to be about? It too is a family holiday and a celebration of an important event in Christianity. Unfortunately, the true meaning of this holiday and all holidays, such as Chanukah, that fall within this time frame, have been usurped by the two "Cs": commercialism and consumerism.

So it is up to us to keep our traditions stronger than the existing pressures to equate Chanukah with the over-spending that takes place during the Christmas season. We sing, "*sevivon sov sov sov, Chanukah hu chag tov.*" Yes, Chanukah *hu chag tov.*

Happy Chanukah.

It's about time

It's astonishing how in the tempo of latter 20th century living we rush time. In and out: one year, one decade, one century, one millennium. Quick and simple.

By Jack Chisvin

Only halfway through the 1990s, editorialists everywhere are already writing about the 21st century. It is almost made to appear that the next five years won't exist. The leap-frogging of time tends to ignore what is good in the world today and inculcates an unnecessarily dispirited image. It magnifies fleeting fads into movements of great importance and generates a false sense of excitement.

When prehistoric humans began to connect changing seasons and regularity of nature with a universal order, the concept of time was born, and they were forever enslaved to the tyranny of the clock. Through the ages, dealing with time became a major preoccupation of humanity. The great monoliths at Stonehenge, the early Egyptians' simple sun dials, the carved steles of the Maya are monuments to ancient cultures' obsession with time.

Today devices for measuring and recording time are everywhere. We place them on walls; we mount them on buildings; we erect them in public streets; we build them into all manner of utilitarian things; and mostly we wear them on our wrists as comforting magic amulets. We also sound chimes, ring bells and blow shofars to announce or celebrate the passing of time, to see events unfold and to shepherd our affairs.

In a sense, time is an adversary and all achievements of civilization are victories in the struggle with time. Modern technological society could not exist without the dimension of time. Velocity, acceleration, power, energy are all functions of time. Life itself is a measure of time: "so teach us to number our days," and we do, recording the time of birth, tracking birthdays and finally entering the time of death.

We have become compulsive about saving time. Where once upon a more leisurely time, I would allow 15 minutes to get to an appointment, I found I could save time with a 14-minute headstart, then 13, then 12, then ... Before long I was operating on Jewish time — hoarding the saved minutes in my time bank.

Saving time is not something that you adopt, it slowly creeps upon you through the years. But saving time defies logic for what can you do with saved minutes and hours accumulated over a lifetime. Most things worth saving appreciate in value, but there is no market for unspent time. When the end comes there is no timekeeper to account for time saved and add it at the finish to lengthen your span in this world.

Time is a precious gift too often not appreciated and almost always taken for granted. Paradoxically, while on one hand we save time on the other hand we "kill time," an expression that is more profound and terrifying than may appear. Uneasy in the presence of what is really worthwhile we escape, we "kill" the brief time of our lives by plunging into a whirl of vacuous activity.

From Chassidic wisdom we learn: "And if not now, when? When will the 'now' be? The now that is now, this moment, never existed before — from the time the world was created — and this moment will never exist again. Formerly there was another 'now' and later there will be another 'now' and every 'now' has its own special import and function."

Let's live the 'now.' Let's slow down a little, and postpone melancholy visitations to the future which are apt to leave us with sagging spirits. Let's laugh and celebrate beauty, elegance and what's contemporary. And let's even stop to usher in the new year with funny hats and splashing bubbly.

But when the party is over let's remember that time is irretrievable. There is no one, who at some moment or other has not felt a desperate need for more time. Often a minute or even a few seconds can be the difference between win and loss, success and failure, even life and death. We all experience the urge to recapture time before it becomes part of eternity.

The best known quote from scriptures is about time. "To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven" — Ecclesiastes. To be ready is much, to have the patience to wait is more, but to recognize the right moment is everything. With that sentiment, it's about time I turn this column over to someone else.

Early Canada included Jews

In their drive for sovereignty, Quebecers have had recourse to a basic assumption — that there were two founding peoples, the French and the English.

By Rabbi Gunther Plaut

Now comes a new book which shows that the history of the land was not that simple, that in fact there were a good many others who helped to build it. Amongst these were of course the indigenous native people, blacks, and last but not least Jews, all of whom were counted as races or peoples but were not considered either English or French.

This insight is not altogether new, but never has it been as cogently and carefully shown as in a new book entitled *Search Out The Land.* Written by Sheldon and Judith Godfrey, who have proven their historical expertise in their previous writing, it focuses on the Jews and the growth of equality in British North America between the years 1740 and 1867.

I found the book altogether engrossing, well-written, meticulously researched and filled with an enormous array of fascinating detail.

In the opening chapter, *The Search Begins*, the authors write:

"Most of those writing on the early history of Canada have assumed that there were very few Jews in Canada in the first years of British control and settlement and that consequently Jews had virtually no impact on the country's early development ... The few previous studies of Jews in this period of Canadian history have left most of us with the belief that the larger Jewish community which arrived in Canada after 1880 was somewhat grafted onto a country founded by non-Jews, a country in which the Jewish presence had hitherto made no impact. Yet this is not the case. Official British and Colonial records do not adequately reflect the role played by racial and religious minorities, women, blacks, aboriginal peoples and immigrants from the Far East and other lands. All were here in numbers, many from the earliest period of Canada's development. This fact alone should cast doubt on the more recent idea of "two founding peoples."

Among the many things I garnered from this book is also the difference between "British North America," which broadly designates today's Canada, and the "Thirteen Colonies," which after 1776 became the United States of America. I had been under the mistaken impression that before 1776, all of British owned and governed North America lived by the same rules and precedents. But that was not so.

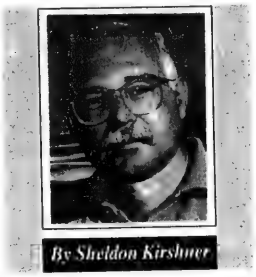
Thus, legal residence was acquired by Jews in New York from 1654 on, while in British North America that permission was not granted until 100 years later. (In fact, New York antedates the extension of this right in England itself.) Again, Jews were allowed to swear on the Chumash in Rhode Island from 1658 on, in England from 1680 on, and in British North America (Nova Scotia) only from 1752 on.

The book is filled with stories of this kind and tells the tales of many families and individuals — characters that should be much better known than has hitherto been the case.

I congratulate the Godfreys on their splendid achievement, which combines careful research with an eye for the unusual and tells its story engagingly.

The Kirshner File

Transformation of PLO driven by reality



By Sheldon Kirshner

Once the bitterest of enemies, Israel and the PLO are now partners in peacemaking. The metamorphosis, an historic watershed, was gradual and perhaps inevitable. But the question remains: why did the PLO choose the path of accommodation rather than that of armed struggle?

The answers are found in Barry Rubin's *Revolution Until Victory? The Politics and History of the PLO* (Harvard University Press, $24.95 US), an impressive analysis of that Palestinian umbrella group. A fine companion volume by F. Robert Hunter, *The Palestinian Uprising* (University of California Press, $15 US), explains why the intifadah — a factor in the peace process — erupted.

For more than a decade after its founding in the mid-1960s, the PLO hewed to an uncompromising vision of Israel as an artificial colonial entity whose collapse was preordained. Believing that Israel was not a "real" nation, PLO ideologues argued that a steady campaign of terrorism would trigger its disintegration.

Not all Palestinians, of course, subscribed to that one-dimensional view. By the later 1970s, an increasing number of PLO leaders and Palestinians in the territories had realized that Israel could not be destroyed and that revolutionary rhetoric had brought little gain, writes Rubin.

Yet as long as these realists were outnumbered by radicals, the PLO was unable to transform itself and develop a serious peace policy. In 1988, when PLO chieftain Yasser Arafat finally recognized Israel's existence, the PLO embarked on the road toward a diplomatic solution. But Israel was still not ready to deal directly with the PLO. Five years would elapse before Israel summoned up the courage to do that, and then, only clandestinely.

The transformation of the PLO into an organization capable of negotiating with Israel was driven by reality. Terrorism had not "liberated" one inch of territory, and the intifadah — while highlighting the Palestinian problem and isolating Israel — had ravaged the economies of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, observes Rubin.

Initially, as Hunter notes, the intifadah was a statement of Palestinian discontent and rejection of occupation. Later, however, Palestinian political objectives were defined.

The revolt, which broke out in 1987, represented an important shift in the balance of Palestinian politics. Before the intifadah, the focus of the PLO had been on Palestinians who lived in the Diaspora. Afterward, the concerns of the Palestinians in the territories became of paramount importance to the PLO elite based in Tunis. At around the same time, the PLO, bowing to U.S., Soviet and Egyptian pressure, began to moderate its policies toward Israel.

As part of this process, the PLO was forced to reassess its skewed picture of Israel, says Rubin. The PLO had been inclined to separate Israel from any Jewish historical, national or philosophical context. And rather than seeing Zionism as a Jewish nationalistic movement, it was defined as imperialist, racist and aggressive. In the words of one of its spokesman, Israel was "an alien entity in the region ... moving against the historical trend." As late as 1988, Arafat himself declared: "We are going with the course of history, and they are going against it."

The tide of events proved Arafat wrong. The PLO's pro-Iraqi position during the 1990-91 Kuwait crisis backfired, antagonizing not only Arab financial backers (notably Saudi Arabia) and the United States, but alienating patrons like Egypt. By supporting Saddam Hussein, Arafat repeated old Palestinian mistakes: subordinating the PLO's future to Arab leaders and betting on a military rather than a political option.

The demise of the Soviet Union was also a blow. In one stroke, the PLO lost a superpower advocate which had provided political, economic and military assistance.

By 1992, the year Israel's Labor party won re-election, the PLO had been weakened considerably, though it still remained a key player in the Arab-Israeli bilateral talks which had begun in Madrid in 1991.

Yasser Arafat

As Rubin suggests, the deadlock in those negotiations gave Israel and the PLO an incentive to conduct secret negotiations in Norway.

Both sides were looking for a breakthrough. Arafat needed progress to solve the PLO's growing financial problems, squelch the mounting criticism of his stewardship and deal with the ascendancy of his Islamic fundamentalist rivals, principally Hamas and Islamic Jihad.

In addition, Arafat wanted to seize control of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip from Palestinian leaders there whom he didn't entirely trust.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin set the stage for direct talks with the PLO by decriminalizing meetings with their representatives. Having done this, and having reached the conclusion that Palestinians in the territories could not deliver the goods, he decided he had no alternative but to negotiate with the PLO.

Since then, Arafat's conciliatory policies have precipitated opposition from PLO loyalists. No one should be surprised by this development. The PLO, as Rubin clearly points out, is a divided house, representing diverse interests by virtue of the fact that the Palestinians are a scattered people.

Those whom fate turned into refugees in 1948 are usually the most extreme with respect to their attitude toward Israel. For them to regain their former homes requires Israel's destruction.

In opposing the Oslo accords, the extremists cite the following arguments. The first is that Israel has no intrinsic right to exist, since it is a betrayal of their yearning for a Palestinian state running from Jordan to the Mediterranean Sea. The second is that the 1948 refugees receive almost nothing immediately from the agreement. The third is that Arafat has given up on creating a Palestinian state, and resigned himself to limited autonomy.

Such critics forget that, for all its shortcomings, the Oslo agreement was the best the PLO could salvage under the circumstances. They also forget that the PLO has come to grief as a result of its reliance on Arab states.

Although they have doubtless helped the Palestinians in the past, Arab countries, as Rubin notes, have always pursued their own interests, often to the detriment of the PLO.

Arab states, particularly Syria, have manipulated and interfered with the PLO. For almost two decades after 1948, the Palestinians accepted Arab domination of their agenda in the belief that Arab unity would sweep away Israel. But with the bankruptcy of that formula, the PLO came to its senses, altered its priorities and started direct negotiations with Israel.

Where it will all lead no one knows.

ISRAEL AFTER THE ASSASSINATION

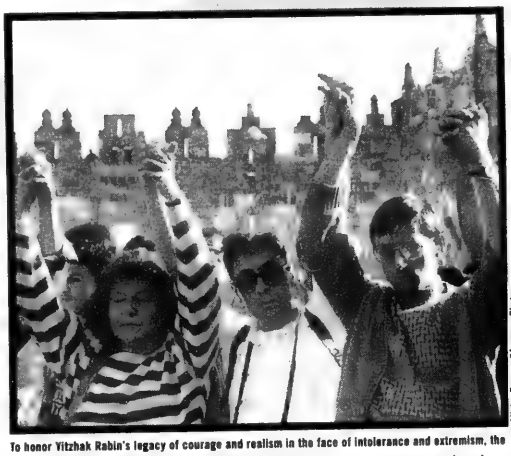
The Real Threats to Israel: Intolerance & Extremism

The murder of Israel's Prime Minister has forced Israel and the Jewish world to ask: "Where did we go wrong?" What killed Yitzhak Rabin was not merely the act of one fanatic. The assassin's evil deed was spawned in a climate of hatred and violent incitement over the peace process, while good people on both sides of the debate did almost nothing to stop it. This tragedy has exposed a long-festering wound in Israeli society. What can we do to help?

In the tradition of "*tikkun olam*", the New Israel Fund was founded in 1979 to confront the very problems the assassination has brought to the fore: intolerance, incivility, the rise of anti-democratic forces. For the past 16 years, we have been the principal supporter of a network of over 200 non-governmental organizations in Israel that promote democratic values and respect for human rights, religious pluralism and tolerance, Jewish-Arab coexistence, and women's equality.

Some have preferred to ignore these challenges. Others said they were luxuries that must await peace. Today it is clear that the future of Israeli democracy depends on these efforts.

To truly honor the memory of Yitzhak Rabin, we must intensify the struggle against the forces that killed him. The New Israel Fund is therefore launching a *Campaign for Tolerance, Dialogue and Democracy.* With our financial support and encouragement, Israeli organizations will wage the Campaign on three fronts:



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To honor Yitzhak Rabin's legacy of courage and realism in the face of intolerance and extremism, the New Israel Fund's Campaign for Tolerance, Dialogue and Democracy will promote progressive values rooted in the Jewish tradition: human rights, social justice, pluralism and tolerance.

Educating for democracy
Developing awareness at all levels of society that, beyond laws and political institutions, true democracy requires civil discourse and unwavering commitment to human rights and the rule of law.

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Ensuring Israel's rule of law
Holding the government accountable for enforcing prohibitions against incitement and political violence, while safeguarding civil liberties.

Peace and democracy are not created only by diplomats or politicians but equally by men, women, and children building, over many years, the habits and institutions of civil society. Israeli democracy must be more deeply rooted in civic life, so that young Israelis will grow up to value dialogue over diatribe, tolerance over violence. This is the new Israel we are working to build. Join us.

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Lubavitch women to meet

TORONTO — Women from across North America are expected to attend the 34th International Midwinter Women's Convention of the Lubavitch Women's League, to be held Jan. 12 to 14, 1996 at the Chimo Hotel, at Woodbine and Steeles avenues.

Speakers, seminars and symposiums will deal with the theme Today's Woman for a Better Tomorrow.

Nutrition, relationships and maintaining values in an ever-changing society will be among the topics discussed.

Speakers will include Mashi Lipskar, dean of the Women's Hebrew College of Johannesburg, South Africa, and Esther Wachsman, whose son, Nachshon was murdered by Arab terrorists.

The midwinter convention was held in Toronto in 1976 and 1987.

Lubavitch Women's League was established in 1951 by the late Lubavitcher rebbe, Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson. It now has chapters throughout the world.

For more information, call Esther Grossbaum, convention coordinator, 905-731-7000.

Music program thriving

By LEILA SPEISMAN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Music is one of the best ways to teach, maintains Adele Gertner. So strong is her belief that she has begun a Jewish music program for children of all ages.

Between 30 and 50 children have been coming every week to B'nai Brith Canada headquarters on Hove Street in Downsview to learn Jewish and Israeli music. Gertner hopes that in the next session, beginning Jan. 7, more children, especially teenagers, will come, so that she can have programs divided by age.

Most of the participants, she told *The CJN*, don't go to Hebrew school, but "after three weeks or so, they catch on. I love kids — they are incredible with the questions they ask and their interpretations."

Most of the songs are in the folk category, but "we do a bit of everything — Zionist, Israeli, Jewish, traditional."

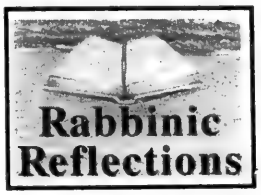
She hopes in the next term to add more about holidays.

The hour and a half sessions are not exclusively singing — Gertner includes some folkdancing and movies in the program.

Sponsors of the music program are B'nai Brith, the Canadian Zionist Federation and Jewish National Fund. Cost is $1 per session.

For more information, call 416-633-3988.

Time to find a new road



By RABBI REUVEN P. BULKA

One of the most painful features of the rhetoric following the tragic death of Yitzhak Rabin at the hands of a Jewish assassin is the intellectual credibility given to the so-called *rodef* argument, the contention that anyone involved in giving away land and thereby endangering lives is a pursuer whom one is permitted to kill. That we should even be debating the merits of this argument is sorely disquieting.

There is more than ample room to seriously question the peace strategy and the details of the proposed agreement, be it Oslo 1, Oslo 2 or Oslo whatever. But it makes no more sense to brand the architects of Oslo as pursuers than it does to label their opponents as pursuers because by not agreeing to the peace package, Israel will be forced to go to war and that will cause many casualties. No one has argued in that way, because it is absurd. The allegation that the Oslo proponents are pursuers is equally absurd.

In the end, we are all complicit in what happened. It is, in a way, collective guilt, as in collective responsibility. We may not have been directly involved in the craziness, but we may not have protested this craziness with sufficient resolve. We may have believed that it was only a fringe which would never infiltrate into the mainstream community; that they would never do anything that would be so devastating to the community.

How wrong we were. And how wrong we will continue to be, if we simply sit by and let these fulminations go without comment and without denunciation.

Is the responsibility for the present climate all one-sided? Is it only the Torah-based community that must do the soul-searching?

On the extremist front, the extreme left, as far as I know, has not recommended killing others. That is not the case with the extreme right. On the killing front, the responsibility is one-sided.

But extremes, though a part of the community structure, do not represent the mainstream. The challenge of the mainstream is to take off the kid gloves and to introduce what may be described as the passion of moderation and the general consensus that derives therefrom.

This will be achieved not by hectoring, not by finger pointing, not by name calling, but by humbly looking inward. Secularists as well as religionists must establish a new base of dialogue, via the realization that we are all part of a family, a large family, but a family nonetheless, and ever so fragile.

In reality, secularists as well as religionists are responsible for the divisions within the community. There are too many secularists who harbor a venomous hatred of the Jewish religion and of religious Jews. And there are too many religious Jews who feel similarly about the secularists. How many is "too many"? One is too many.

Rabin's assassination let the hatred genie out of the bottle. Previously it was imprudent, and not politically correct, to openly attack religious Jews just because they were religious. Now, in the post-assassination climate, it is open season on religious Jews, and political correctness now works in reverse. It is politically correct to attack religious Jews. As politically correct as it may be, it is also socially destructive.

Blame gets us nowhere and only drags us further into the deep hole we are in. Collective blame, collective guilt, must be parleyed into collective responsibility for the future of our Jewish community, in Israel and abroad. It means taking the road of pleasantness (*noam*), shirking stereotypes and searching for the souls of others. It means focusing on our commonalities and building upon them. It means stretching out the hand of harmony to all members of the family of Israel.

This is a critical time in our history. We can continue down the precipice or we can grab ourselves by our historical and spiritual roots and forge a togetherness that transcends differences. What is at stake is nothing less that Israel's viability and Judaism's future.

Rabin in his lifetime said many times that you do not make peace with your friends, you make peace with your enemies. On the other side of the equation, very often the most bitter enemies can be the ones who were previously friends, even family.

This has happened more than once in Jewish history, with devastating consequences. Woe to us if it should happen again.

Rabbi Bulka is the spiritual leader of Congregation Machzikei Hadas in Ottawa.

'Buzz of excitement' prevails at Israel Fair

TORONTO — It was Sunday shopping with an Israeli flavor.

Hundreds turned out recently for the second annual Israel Sunday sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto. Twenty-four organizations — nine more than the year before — from Israeli universities to stamp collectors, set up displays at the Leah Posluns Theatre.

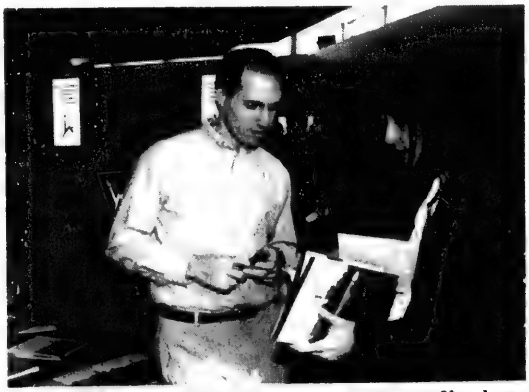
The exhibitors themselves helped to plan this year's Israel fair, creating what committee chair Lorraine Sandler called "a buzz of excitement."

The university booths were especially busy. Representatives from Tel Aviv University, Bar-Ilan and Hebrew U tried to persuade prospective students to enrol. Despite the controversy surrounding Bar-Ilan because Yitzhak Rabin's alleged assassin, Yigal Amir, was a student there, university spokesperson Ronen Goldstein said the level of interest seems to be the same as last year.

Sandler said she hopes that Israel Sunday will encourage teenagers and young adults to consider a trip to Israel a rite of passage.

"This is a major Jewish continuity initiative," she said.

Her committee is looking at bringing youth leaders from Israel to train their Canadian counterparts, creating a database with the names of everyone who participates in an Israel experience program. They hope to organize another Israel Sunday in February or March.



Hebrew University's Michael Litvack handed out dozens of brochures about the school at last week's Israel Fair. [Stephen Epstein Photo]

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Jewish Life

Outsmarting Pharaoh

By RACHAEL TURKIENICZ

We begin reading the book of Exodus this month; in it, the story of Israel's plight in Egypt unfolds. The characters of Pharaoh, Moses, Aaron and Miriam are well known, but there are many secondary people presented in the Bible who are often overlooked.

The first chapter tells of Pharaoh's intent to destroy the Jews by ordering the Jewish midwives to kill all the newborn baby boys. These midwives, Shifra and Puah, manage to outwit the great Pharaoh and save countless lives, just as Moses' mother, Yochevet, manages to save Moses, ultimately saving the entire nation.

These tremendous acts are worthy of a close reading to understand how they were accomplished.

Pharaoh orders the midwives to kill all the baby boys. They refuse to do so and tell Pharaoh that the Jewish women are not like human woman but like animals and they deliver before the midwives arrive. Pharaoh clearly accepts this response, since the midwives are not punished.

These women understand that Pharaoh's prejudiced views will allow him to believe such a statement. Only by viewing Jewish women as sub-human could he have accepted the argument that they breed like animals.

Shifra and Puah have found the one excuse that would appear plausible to the king. However, Pharaoh is extremely cunning and now orders that all baby boys be thrown into the Nile.

It is important to note that in ancient Egypt the Nile was viewed as a god. Thus Pharaoh has changed what was originally a murderous edict into a religious rite. Killing a newborn baby for no reason is difficult, but sacrificing an innocent baby to an ancient god could be considered a good thing.

Now, even if the women did breed like animals, the babies could still be cast into the Nile as a religious tribute.

Then Yochevet, Moses' mother, takes over. When Moses is born, his mother hides him for as long as she can. Once it becomes impossible to continue hiding him, she fashions a small craft, which she waterproofs with tar.

Yochevet then places the infant into the craft and sets it on the Nile. In other words, she has complied with the letter of the law. Pharaoh had stated that all baby boys must be cast into the Nile and Yochevet has cast her son into the river.

Moses is ultimately saved and grows to adulthood. It is he who returns to Egypt as God's spokesman and demands Israel's release from slavery.

The story of the Exodus is dominated by strong and powerful characters. Yet none of the events could have taken place had it not been for the often forgotten actions of a handful of women. By understanding the authority of the land, the midwives were able to appease both Pharaoh and their moral consciences. Likewise, Yochevet manages to manoeuvre within what appears to be an air-tight edict.

These women play out their roles subtly, almost silently, but they lay the foundation for one of the greatest events in Jewish history.

Rational vocabulary required to avoid a gloomy future

By MICHAEL LESHER
Special to The CJN

"Kill them all!" When you hear those words from the back of a synagogue, you don't forget them.

Guest Voices

Up front, the rabbi had just made a cautious appeal for calm in Israel.

The heckler doubled his volume: "Kill the Arabs! Baruch Goldstein is a Jewish hero!"

This was over a year ago. In Israel, a tortuous road toward an Israeli-Palestinian accord had just opened and Goldstein had gunned down Arabs in a Hebron mosque.

And recently I read that rabbis had encouraged a rebellion among soldiers who, as part of a possible peace accord, may be called upon to withdraw Jewish residents from West Bank settlements.

Again in the synagogue I hear mutterings about civil war, the glory of martyrdom and the government's betrayal.

How has this happened to us?

True, a fundamentalist uprising against the Seleucid empire 2,100 years ago is at the heart of our Chanukah festival. But rabbinic Judaism has for centuries steadily pushed the violent side of such victories well into the background.

Ironically, with the establishment of the State of Israel, a violent martyrology, which had germinated for two milennia, suddenly found itself transplanted to the fertile soil of a rearmed Zion in the unlikely figure of Baruch Goldstein.

His massacre — right down to the choice of victims, the site (one of the "holy cities" of ancient Judea), even the Israeli uniform he wore was an ugly hybrid of religious extremism and nationalist fantasy. Unfortunately, it had a certain appeal. Set against the painful compromise of the Oslo accords and viewed by some as saintly, his act seemed noble. Hadn't he sacrificed himself to stop the "peace process" that was gnawing at the vitals of the Holy Land?

Actually, no. Precedent was clearly against such a view. Orthodox rabbis offered no military advice on the eve of Israel's War of Independence. Israel's rabbinate did not press for the capture of Old Jerusalem (to say nothing of Hebron or Shechem) during the 19 years the West Bank was under Jordanian rule.

But even while rabbinic leaders in and out of Israel were condemning Goldstein's act, extremists began streaming to his grave. Soon, the spicy stew of nationalism, martyr-worship and extremism proved impossible for some rabbis to resist. In service of the Goldstein legend, and not as defender of tradition, former chief rabbi Avraham Shapira issued his notorious ruling that Orthodox soldiers might refuse to obey orders which ostensibly violate the Torah.

Such a radical posture is not typical of traditional Judaism, past or present. But the extremists' hands are strengthened by the release of long-suppressed passions which have boiled up with sudden force. Typical was a blast from Rabbi Shlomo Riskin of Efrat: "If Oslo II is signed, giving away all of Judea and Samaria except for the settlements, it will lead to a PLO state ... and that will lead to our destruction."

A statement like that amounts to tossing matches at a powder keg. The intricacies of national security are vexing enough for the government's leaders, who must reckon with the consequences of their judgments. They are not helped by obstructionists whose only responsibility is to an abstract credo. Whatever happens, it will be the maligned Israeli government and the weakened Israeli army that will have to bear the weight of the nation's policy.

Of course, the Israeli government's peace plan may not work. But what will certainly not work is precisely what the fundamentalists offer: loud demands divorced from rational politics and messianism in a moral vacuum.

Crudity breeds crudity, and a religious consensus built on a mass murder could only be an ignoble one. Yet that is where we may be heading if Jews cannot find a more rational vocabulary.

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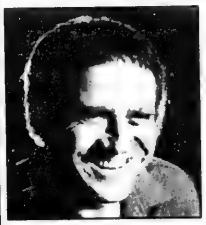
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Peace group facing its stiffest test yet

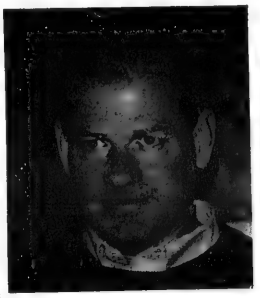
By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — For 46 years, the Givat Haviva Institute has promoted peace, tolerance and mutual respect between Israelis and Arabs, but with the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin, the organization may be facing its stiffest test yet — promoting the same values between Jews.

Givat Haviva, winner of the prestigious Knesset Speaker's Award for Quality of Life for 1994-95, is hoping to open a dialogue between the people living in Israel and those in the territories, said David Koren, the organization's executive-director.

Koren, who was in Toronto recently, said Givat Haviva personnel will try to bring the same conflict-resolution skills to the intra-Jewish dispute that they have employed in improving Jewish-Arab relations.

"I think what's important here is to meet at our place, at their place, and open a dialogue that hasn't been there for at least 10 years," he said.



David Koren

"They used to call us Arab-lovers, leftists. We used to call them all kinds of names as well. Now it's time to sit and talk because both sides realize that the future will be different.

"We don't want to stay in the territories as conquerors and I think we can show some sympathy for their fears as well."

Koren said "It's going to be very hard to bring people to a real understanding. We believe they are wrong. They believe we are wrong."

Since it was founded in 1949 by the Kibbutz Artzi movement, it has expanded to six distinct departments: the Jewish-Arab Centre for Peace; Moreshet, a Holocaust education centre; an Arts Centre; Morot Hayalot, which trains female soldiers to work in Israel's schools to help youth with language and social problems; a research and archives department; and Makor, which educates immigrants in democratic values.

Givat Haviva is located on a 50-acre campus east of Hadera in Israel's "small triangle," a densely-populated, largely Arab area.

Each year, more than 10,000 people participate in Givat Haviva educational programs, which are presented by both Arabs and Jews.

One of the more successful programs pairs schools for one to three years during which students visit each other's classes.

Even in the midst of the intifadah, Givat Haviva opened a dialogue with Palestinian NGOs and labor unions, providing them with a channel of communication into Israeli society.

Givat Haviva's contacts with the Palestinian leadership continues. Two months ago, the organization was approached by the Palestinian Authority (PA) with the request that they set up a young leadership training program modeled on Givat Haviva's program for Hashomer Hatzair youth, Koren said.

Givat Haviva's Arab counsellors, with the consent of top Israeli officials, provided the training in Tulkarm and Ramallah. The hope was "to try to take these kids from the intifadah and involve them in other things, to steer them away from violence," Koren said.

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Greater Toronto Area

Waterloo U launches chair of Jewish Studies

By CYNTHIA GASNER
Special to The CJN

WATERLOO — The University of Waterloo launched a chair in Jewish Studies recently at a reception hosted by Pamela and Donald Bierstock at the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery.

The event also opened an exhibition titled Ceramics Israel.

The Israel consul to Toronto, Jehudi Kinar, said Jewish studies at the University of Waterloo will enable students to find the connection between biblical Israel and ceramics. He noted that the Dead Sea Scrolls were found in clay jars. "To this day, in every excavation, we find samples of old ceramics.

"As Judaism and Israel cannot be separated from each other, this chair will automatically bring Israel near to the Canadian people," he said.

The initiative to start a Jewish studies program at Waterloo resulted from a suggestion by Brian Hendley, dean of arts. Several months ago, Prof. Sidney Eisen, former dean of arts at York University and the founding director of York's Centre for Jewish Studies was approached by Prof. Paul Socken of the Waterloo French department, who is also chair of the Jewish Studies cabinet, to explore the possibilities of establishing a chair at Waterloo.

With cooperation between the Jewish studies program at York and the emerging program at Waterloo, the chair will now become a reality.

Noting the fiscal distress at universities, Jim Downey, president of Waterloo University, said the university was "blessed" by the support of the Bierstocks, "whose imagination and enthusiastic promotion of the project has warmed my heart and left me and the University of Waterloo profoundly in debt."

Socken announced that Czech Holocaust survivor Alexandre Raab, former owner of White Rose Nurseries, launched the campaign with a $200,000 pledge.

Donald Bierstock, who has lived in the Kitchener-Waterloo area all his life, serves with his wife Pamela (Libman) as co-chair of the committee to establish the chair in Jewish studies.

The display of 100 works by 31 of Israel's finest ceramic artists is on exhibit through Feb. 25, 1996.

Lori Brien, chairman of the board of the Canadian Clay and Glass Gallery told the 400 people at the reception that Waterloo will be the only venue in Canada to host the Israeli exhibition.

From left, Israel's consul general Jehudi Kinar; University of Waterloo president Jim Downey; and Donald Bierstock.

Entrepreneur gives York $15M donation

TORONTO — Canadian entrepreneur and philanthropist Seymour Schulich has donated $15 million to York University's School of Business, the largest gift of its kind to any Canadian university.

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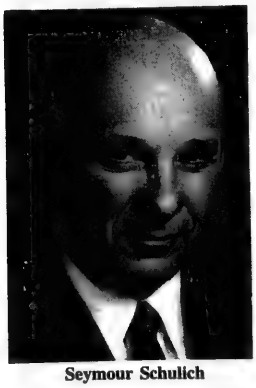

Seymour Schulich

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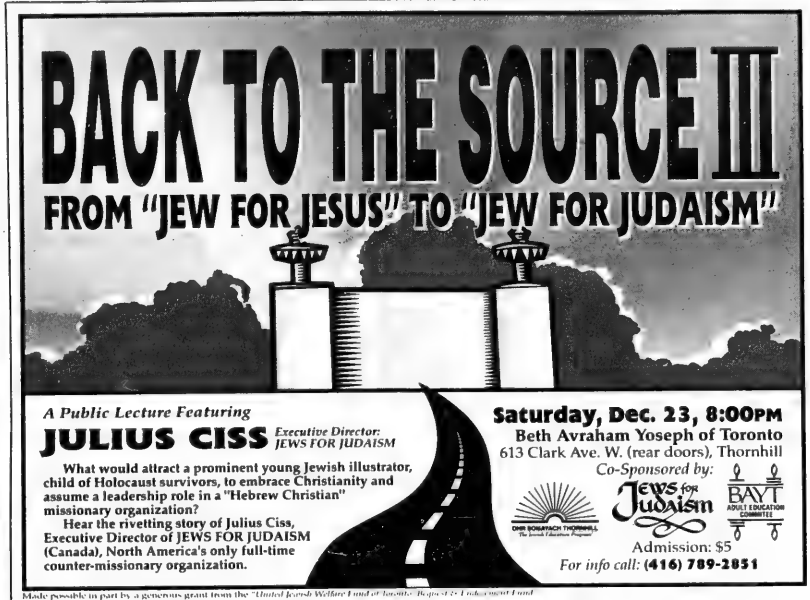
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CJC Ontario region chair Moshe Ronen (left) hands Jasan Dhanata, 14, of East York, the first Senpo Sugihara Humanitarian Award. The award was co-presented by David Fujiwara of the National Association of Japanese Canadians (right). Joining Jasan were his parents Avtar and Raj, and his sister, Navi. [Stephen Epstein photo]

Student receives humanitarian award

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Jason Dhanota, a 14-year-old high school student whose parents came to Canada from the Punjab, is the first winner of the Senpo Sugihara Humanitarian Award.

The $1,000 prize commemorates the Japanese consul in Lithuania who granted visas to 6,000 refugees escaping Hitler, despite Tokyo's rejection of the applications. The award recognizes young people in Metro for anti-rascism or humanitarian activities.

Dhanota, now a Grade 9 student at Leaside High School, won for his work as founder and president of PEACE (People for Equality and Acceptance of all Citizens of the Earth) while he was at Cosburn Middle School in East York.

The award was presented to the young student at a meeting at Temple Sinai by Moshe Ronen, Canadian Jewish Congress (CJC) Ontario region chair, and David Fujiwara, Toronto chapter president of the National Association of Japanese Canadians. The two organizations sponsor the award.

Sugihara was so committed to saving Jews that he was still handing out visas through the window of the train taking him back to Japan in disgrace, Ronen said.

Dhanota was selected from a large number of nominations, the CJC officer said, adding that his school should be proud of him.

The meeting, also sponsored by the Canadian Council of Christians and Jews and Temple Sinai social action committee, honored the memory of of Alan Coatsworth, a Christian Toronto businessman who, in 1929, sponsored a club for Jewish newsboys and others working at unskilled low-paying jobs, known as the Young Maccabees.

Although a total of 150 boys passed through the club's doors, only six, William and Max Simon, Dr. Philip Martin, Samuel Richardson, Max Milgrim and Irving Himel were present.

A debate on group rights versus individual rights was presented by Haroon Siddiqui, editorial page editor, *Toronto Star*; and Lorrie Goldstein, senior associate editor, *Toronto Sun*. Vision TV's Rita Deverell was moderator.

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I'd 'rather be 70' centenarian says

By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

Catherine Feldman

TORONTO — Catherine Feldman, a former Hamiltonian now living at Baycrest Terrace, turns 100 this week. "It's just a number," she said offhandedly, then paused and confided she'd "rather be 70."

The Hungarian-born centenarian was the oldest of two sisters and one brother. Her father, a Budapest lawyer, became a widower when Catherine was 12.

Shortly thereafter she was sent to finishing school in Dresden, Germany to study music and literature.

In 1917, she married Rabbi Arthur Aaron Feldman, a fellow Hungarian 12 years her senior. The rabbi served as a World War I army chaplain, but was dismissed from service "because he didn't encourage the soldiers to fight but just talked of peace."

The young couple lived in Hungary for several years before joining relatives in the United States. In 1926 Rabbi Feldman accepted a position at Hamilton's Temple Anshe Sholom, where he served as rabbi until his death from a heart attack in 1941.

After the Feldmans left Hungary, anti-Semitism became an increasing problem there. "My father was glad we left, for that reason," recalls Feldman.

But even in Canada she remembers seeing a sign, probably in the 1920s, for a "gentile hotel" that wouldn't accept Jewish guests.

"Things have changed for the better," she added.

Feldman's father, along with most of her other relatives, perished in the Holocaust.

A niece eventually immigrated to Canada, and pictures of her family are proudly displayed in Feldman's apartment.

Feldman and her husband had no children of their own, but she speaks with fondness of the youngsters she taught at Anshe Sholom's Sunday school, among them a "very clever little girl" who threatened that she wouldn't believe in God but only in Jesus if Feldman didn't sit beside her.

During World War II Feldman devoted her time to the war effort, knitting and packing boxes for prisoners of war.

After the war, she worked as a receptionist at Hamilton's Jewish Community Centre until age 70.

She was active in the Heart Fund Association, National Council of Jewish Women, Hadassah Bazaar and the Red Cross and used to visit hospital patients on a daily basis, bringing each person a flower.

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אין מאָמענט ווען מיר פרייען זיך, וואָס ס'איז אונדזערע אור-עלטערן געלונגען צו באַזיגן אונדזערע פיינט נאָך 27 יאָר קאַמף (איך מיין, פאַר-שטייט זיך, דעם חשמונאים זיג פון 165 יאָר פאַר דער היינטיקער צייט-רעכענונג), איז אפשר כדאַי צו דערמאָנען אויך אונדזערע אַמאָליקע נידער-לאַגעס, און זאָלן זיי דינען פאַר אונדז אַלס מוסר-השכל, אַז מיר זאָלן זיך נישט אַריינלאָזן אין עקסטרעמע אַוואַנטורעס.

1. אַשור איז געווען איינע פון די שבטים, וואָס שטאַמען פון שם, נח'ס זון. זייער שפּראַך איז געווען אַ געמיש פון עברית און אַראַמעאיש. לויט דער טראַדיציע, האָבן מיר יידן איבערגענומען אונדזער איצטיקע שריפט פון אַשור, אין צייט פון די אַנשי כנסת הגדולה. אַשור האָבן זיך אויסגעצייכנט אין אַרכיטעקטור און סקולפטור; זיי האָבן געהאַט אַ גוטן געזעלשאַפטלעכן סיסטעם, זייער אַרמיי האָט זיך אויסגעצייכנט מיט העל-דישקייט. אָבער זיי זיינען אויך געווען שטרענגע דעספּאָטן. דער נביא ישעיהו גיט אַ בילד פון אַשור'ס מיליטערישער מאַכט אין יענער צייט.

ס'איז געווען מער ווי אַ טראַגישער טעות פון ישראל'ס קעניג הושע בן אלה צו רעוואָלטירן קעגן אַזאַ שטאַרקן קעניג און אַזאַ שטאַרקער, גוט-אויסגעשולטער אַרמיי, פאַרלאָזנדיק זיך אויף הילף פון מצרים, וואָס איז אינגאַנצן נישט געקומען. סאַרגון, קעניג פון אַשור האָט באַשלאָסן צו פאַרניכטן ישראל'ס קעניגרייך. ער האָט באַלאַגערט די הויפּט-שטאָט פון ישראל, שומרון, במשך פון דריי יאָר צייט. ישראל האָט געקעמפט מיט אויסערגעוויינלעכער העלדישקייט. אָבער דער הונגער האָט געצוואונגען אויפצוגעבן דעם קאַמף. דער רעזולטאַט איז געווען ביז גאָר טראַגיש. אַשור'ס קעניג האָט פאַרשיקט פיל טויזנטער פון ישראל'ס באַפעלקערונג אין ווייטע לענדער. אַזוי איז פאַרלוירן געגאַנגען די קעניגרייך פון ישראל, וועלכע האָט עקזיסטירט 250 יאָר און אַזוי איז אויך פאַרלוירן געגאַנגען דער גרעסטער טייל פון יידישן פאָלק, די צען שבטים.

2. מיט 130 יאָר שפּעטער האָבן די נביאים ירמיהו אין לאַנד יהודה און יחזקאל אין בבל געוואָרנט די יידן פון יהודה, אַז זיי זאָלן נישט רעוואָל-טירן קעגן נבוכדנצר, קעניג פון בבל, נאָר וואַרטן אויף מער גינסטיקע אומשטענדן. געוויסע פירער פון דער יידישער אַרמיי האָבן געוואָלט אַוועקהרג'ענען דעם נביא ירמיהו. דער סוף איז געווען אַזוי ווי דער נביא האָט פאָרגעזען. די שפּיז איז אויסגעגאַנגען, און זיבעצן טעג אין חמוז האָט זיך נבוכדנצר'ס אַרמיי אַריינגעבראָכן אין ירושלים. דעם ניינטן טאָג פון חודש אָב האָט דער בבלישער גענעראַל נבוזראַדן פאַרברענט דעם בית המקדש און דעם קעניגלעכן פּאַלאַץ. ער האָט צוגעריבט דעם גאַנצן פאַרמעגן, וואָס האָט זיך געפונען אין בית המקדש און פאַרטריבן הונדערטער יידישע פאַמיליעס קיין בבל, און יהודה איז געבליבן אַ וויסטע-ניש. דאָס איז געשען אינעם יאָר 586 פאַר דער היינטיקער צייט רעכענונג.

קורץ נאָכדעם איז די בבלישע אימפּעריע פאַרכאַפּט געוואָרן דורך די פּערסיער, זיי האָבן באַזיגט די פעלקער, וואָס האָבן געוואוינט אויף די ברעגן פון די צוויי באַקאַנטע טייכן חדקל און פרת (טיגריס און אפרייטעס).

דער פּערסישער קעניג כּוֹרש איז געווען אַ ליבעראַלער מענטש און ער האָט געגעבן זיינע פעלקער פולע פרייהייט אין זייער פּריוואַטן לעבן. ער האָט אַרויסגעגעבן די באַרימטע דעקלאַראַציע, אַז אַלע יידן וואָס ווילן, מעגן צוריקגיין אַהיים קיין ארץ ישראל און אויפבויען אַ נייעם בית המקדש, וואָס זיי האָבן טאַקע געטאָן.

3. אינעם יאָר 165 פאַר דער צייט פון היינטיקן קאַלענדאַר, האָבן מיר געהאַט דאָס ביסל נחת, וואָס די חשמונאים-העלדן האָבן אַרויסגעטריבן די גריכיש-סירישע אַרמייען פון אונדזער לאַנד.

4. אינעם יאָר 70, לויטן וועלט קאַלענדאַר, האָבן די יידן רעוואָלטירט קעגן דער רוימישער אימפּעריע. עס מוז געזאָגט ווערן, אַז דאָס פאָלק איז געווען צעטיילט און פיל האָבן אַרגומענטירט, אַז מ'זאָל פאַרשלאָגן די רוימישע פירער, זיי זאָלן געבן די יידן פרייהייט אָפּצוהיטן זייערע רעליגיעזע געזעצן און ביזגערלעכע פרייהייט, וועלן זיי אויפגעבן דעם רעוואָלט. צו דעם איז עס נישט געקומען. ווייזט אויס, אַז די שלום-זוכער זיינען נישט געוועין שטאַרק גענוג דאָס דורכצופירן. צוויסטיקייטן צווישן די פאַרשיידענע גרופּעס האָבן געפירט צו דער פאַרניכטונג פון די אַנגע-זאַמלטע שפּיז און ס'האָט אָנגעהויבן צו פעלן וואַסער צו טרינקען. דער סוף איז ווידער געווען ביז גאָר טראַגיש. טויזנטער יידן זיינען געפאַלן אין די שלאַכטן, אַרום הונדערט טויזנט זיינען געפאַנגען געוואָרן.

5. 65 יאָר שפּעטער חזר'ט זיך איבער די זעלבע טראַגעדיע. בר-כוכבא פאַרגעמט זיך צו רעוואָלטירן קעגן דער רוימישער אימפּעריע, וואָס איז געווען פיל גרעסער און שטאַרקער ווי דער יידישער כח האָט געקאָנט באַווייזן. פון יענער עפּאָכע איז אונדז געבליבן די טרויעריקע עלעגיע „אלה אזכרה", וועלכע באַשרייבט אַזוי גראַפיש דעם טויט פון די עשרה הרוגי מלכות — די צען וויכטיקע פּערזענלעכקייטן, וועמען די רוימישע לעגיאָ-נערן האָבן אַכזריות'דיק אומגעברענגט.

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CHANUKAH BASH

It was a full house at the recent seventh annual Community Integration Program Chanukah party, held at Council House. Rabbi Joseph Zaltzman helped 4-year-old Shaima Goldshtein light the menorah. The program is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Toronto and the Bathurst Jewish Centre.

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Sunday, Dec. 24

CHANUKAH CAFE

Ohr Somayach invites the community to a one-of-a-kind Chanukah Cafe, with live musical entertainment, latkes, dessert table, 8:30 p.m., Beth Avraham Yoseph, 613 Clark Ave. W., Thornhill. $10 per person. 905-5730.

CHANUKAH PARTY

Anshei Minsk Synagogue annual Chanukah party with all-you-can-eat latkes, dancing to live music, 7 p.m., 10 St. Andrews St., Kensington Market. $10. 595-5723.

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MISSIONARY THREAT

Two programs sponsored by Jews for Judaism, Ohr Somayach, and Beth Avraham Yoseph of Toronto (BAYT) at BAYT, 613 Clark St. W., Thornhill:

Back to the Source III: From "Jew for Jesus" to "Jew for Judaism," lecture by **Julius Ciss**, executive director, Jews for Judaism, Toronto branch, Saturday, Dec. 23, 8 p.m. $5.

The All-Day Counter Missionary Survival Seminar with Ciss and Jews for Judaism's educational director **Rabbi Michael Skobac**. Topics include The Battle for the Jewish Soul: An Overview of the Missionary Problem and Why Jesus Is Not the Real Messiah, Monday, Dec. 25, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. $36 includes course materials, refreshments, kosher lunch. Pre-register 789-2851.

AISH HATORAH

The Unlimited Pleasure Seminar with **Rabbi Dov Heller** of Los Angeles, focusing on five steps giving people the clarity and tools they need to transform a successful life into a great life, Sunday, Dec. 24, 7:30-10 p.m., and Monday, Dec. 25, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. (lunch included), Aish HaTorah Thornhill, 949 Clark Ave. W. 905-764-1818.

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Jewish Family & Child Service groups: Parenting the Preschooler, Parenting Young Children, Living with Teens, Single Parenting, Stepparenting, all begin mid-January; Widow/Widowers daytime group begins in January; Divorce and Separation begins Jan. 28. **Pat Lieberman** 638-7800.

TEL-AIDE

Tel-Aide: The Jewish Distress Line is a telephone listening service. If you are lonely, depressed, confused or just need a friendly ear, Tel-Aide listeners are there. 636-9695.

JEWISH FOLK CHOIR

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HEBREW ULPAN

Israel Youth Centre's second term of intermediate and advanced conversational Hebrew classes with **Yael Lev** starts the week of Jan. 15. All ages welcome. 398-6931.

HEBREW CONVERSATION

Hebrew classes for parents with children in Jewish schools are offered daytime or evenings, at three levels, at Associated Hebrew School (Atkinson) and other locations, starting the week of Jan. 15. To register, call teacher **Yael Lev**, 225-6151.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Reena urgently needs volunteers to assist clients to and from work and/or various appointments one or two days a week, or to be on call for medical appointmets. You will not be required to lift a heavy wheelchair. **Arlene Margolese**, 787-9554, ext. 3036, or 787-0131.

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living volunteer opportunities — Visit lonely and/or isolated people in their own homes (male volunteers especially needed) and Dial-A-Friend telephone reassurance program to let the homebound senior know that people care. **Barbara Zigler** 225-2112.

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What's New

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children before Jan. 6. $18 adults, $15 students and children after Jan. 5., available at The Madrigal, Wendell Holmes Bookstores and Or Shalom.

HEART TO HEART

The next eight-week session of Heart to Heart program, a support program for cardiac patients and their families, starts Tuesday, Jan. 23, 7-9 p.m., Sunnybrook Medical Centre. 480-6078.

at the JCC/BJC

Winter session of the BJC Early Childhood Preschool Program starts the week of Jan.14 for 10 weeks. 636-1880, ext. 248.

BJC's Winterlude, a winter break program for ages 4-12, offers music, arts and crafts, recreation, song, dance drama, sports, swimming, social activities. Also, Winnie's Winterlude half-day program for ages 2½-4 — Paws On — adventure through arts, crafts, music, gym, games, special events. Camp Office, 636-1880, ext. 378.

BJC two-week free trial offer for Health Club and athletic facilities until Jan. 31. 636-1880, ext. 373.

Bloor JCC winter break camps: Winter Fun Days, ages 4½-10, Dec. 27-29 and Jan. 2-5; Half-Day Computer and Internet Workshop, 9-year-olds and up, Jan. 2-5; Circus Camp, ages 8-14, Jan. 2-5. 924-6211.

For Seniors

Earl Bales Seniors' Club movie *Nunsense: The Sequel*, Wednesday, Dec. 27, 2 p.m.; New Year's eve dinner/dance Sunday, Dec. 31, 7:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m., full course dinner, members $30, non-members $35; Sunday dance Jan. 14. 395-7881.

Shaarei Shomayim Friendship Club trip to Arizona, Jan. 14-31, will be finalized and kosher trip to Ottawa is being processed. **Lena** 785-5773 or **Ruth** 224-5923.

COMMEMORATION

Jack M. Grossman, president, Beth Tzedec Congregation (back row left), Rabbi W. Gunther Plaut and Marilyn Light, chair, Beth Tzedec Holocaust Memorial Committee, at the recent commemoration of Kristallnacht.

Golden Book donations go to Laniado Hospital in Israel. **Dorothy Bloomfield** 787-1526.

There are still a few places at the **Bloor JCC Good Age Club** Chanukah party Thursday, Dec. 21, 2 p.m. $1 members, $3 non-members in advance, $4 at door, includes latkes and entertainment. **Judy** 924-6211.

Aluma Canadian Israeli Club meets 7 p.m. Thursdays at 15 Hove St. (B'nai Brith Building). Dec. 28 program is a video about **Benny Goodman**. Also, a Chanukah party Saturday, Dec. 23, 7:30 p.m., live music, singer **Dalia Dahari**, light supper and wine, members $8, non-members $10. 661-4689 for reservations.

Wagman Centre Widows and Widowers Self-Help Group meets Friday, Dec. 29, 9:30-10:45 a.m., boardroom. **Paula David** 789-5131, ext. 2271.

Young at Heart Seniors package deal to Florida: $1,660 includes air fare, tax, hotel, pick-up at airport in Florida. **Helen** 635-6343.

Sunrise Group trip to Las Vegas Jan. 11-18. **Esther** 223-9165 or **Rachel** 398-2788.

BERNARD BETEL CENTRE

Bernard Betel Centre for Creative Living, 1003 Steeles Ave. W. Phone 225-2112.

Sunday movies *High Society* Dec. 24 and *The Ten Commandments* Dec. 31, 2:30 p.m.

Wednesday afternoon social Dec. 27 features a movie 1:30 p.m.

About People

YAD VASHEM EXECUTIVE

Elected to serve on the executive of the Canadian Society for Yad Vashem for 1995-96 are: **Hank Rosenbaum**, president; **Dr. Joel Dimitry**, immediate past chair; **Ellen Smoskowitz**, secretary; **Alex Eisen**, treasurer; **Ronnie Faust, Debbie Berlach, Goldie Steiner-Raab, Lou Greenbaum**, vice-presidents; **Isaac Jesin, Peter Silverman, Cantor Louis Danto, Rauhama Danto, Ruth Kravitz**, members at large; **Sydney Gangbar**, legal advisor.

HEADS BOARD OF ED

Trustee **Shelley Stillman** was acclaimed chair of North York Board of Education for a third term at the board's recent annual organizational meeting. Elected to the board in 1985, Stillman has chaired many board committees. As chair, Stillman will also serve as one of five North York Board representatives on the Metro Toronto School Board.

YOUTH DIRECTOR

Karen Levy of Thornhill has become the first Canadian Youth Education director for the International Institute for Secular Humanistic Judaism. Her first order of business is to create new learning and resource materials for more than 25 humanistic Jewish schools in Canada, United States and Australia. Locally, Levy is principal of the Secular Jewish Association's Children's School and also program director of the 75-family association.

Ferne Goldberg

NEW DIRECTOR

Ferne Goldberg joins Baycrest Centre as the new director of the Men's Service Group. She comes to Baycrest from Senior People's Resources in North Toronto (SPRINT), where she was manager of Volunteer Services/Communication. Also an active volunteer, Goldberg is president of the Toronto Association for Volunteer Administration.

Michael Soberman

YOUTH COORDINATOR

Michael B. Soberman has been appointed coordinator of the Israel Youth Program Centre at Bathurst Jewish Centre (BJC). A history teacher by profession, Soberman, 29, worked with Camp Kadimah and the Atlantic Jewish Council in Halifax for 12 years. From 1988 to 1989, he lived in Israel and taught Middle East history at the American International School in Kfar Shmaryahu.

For information on the Israel Youth Centre programs, call Soberman at 398-6931 or drop by the centre in room 220 of the BJC.

FRESHLY BAKED CHALAH

Miriah Robinson and Rebecca Bell show off the chalah they baked at the Riverdale Hebrew Heritage Program of Withrow School.

BIKUR CHOLIM MEETING HELD

At the recent meeting of Canadian Friends of Bikur Cholim Hospital in Jerusalem, held at the home of Bob and Estherelke Kaplan are (from left) Marilyn Baron, Leah Aryeh, Frances Klegerman, Gail Abraham, Estherelke Kaplan and Julie Kaplan. Advertising and media mogul Jerry Goodis addressed the gathering.

COLLABORATIVE NURSING PROGRAM

Baycrest Centre, Sunnybrook Health Science Centre, Queen Elizabeth Hospital and University of Toronto Faculty of Nursing, have joined nursing forces and formed the Collaborative Research Program-Long Term Care. Pictured at the program's kick-off reception are (from left) Pamela Dawson, program director, Baycrest; Gail Mitchell, Sunnybrook; Dorothy Pringle, dean, U of T Faculty of Nursing; Rivie Seaberg, Baycrest; Josi Walsh, Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

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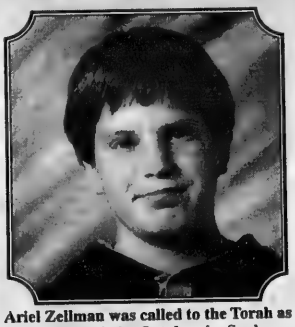
Jason, son of Hazel & Kevin Wayne, brother of twin sisters Jennefer and Danielle, was recently called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah at Beth Tikvah Synagogue. Proud Bubbie & Zayde are Faye & Alan Wayne.

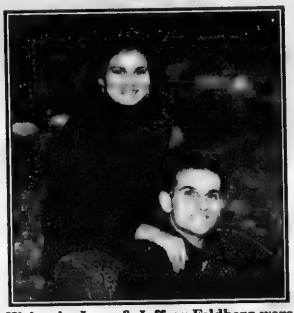


Ariel Zellman was called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah in October in Spokane, Wash. Proud grandparents are Mr. & Mrs. N. Knobel of Toronto.

Marc Luxemburg, son of Phillip & Donna and brother of Saul, was called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Oct. 21 in Hurley, N.Y. Proud grandparents are Morris & Faye Alter of Toronto.

Brandon Aaron Kovshoff, son of Selena & Mark, was called to the Torah as a bar mitzvah on Oct. 28 at Beth Radom Congregation. Proud brothers are Joel and Russell.

Marlene, daughter of Barbara Alexander (Pinchuk) and step-daughter of Neville Alexander, and Andrew, son of Marilyn & Gerry Satin of Montreal, were married on June 18 at the Lodzer Centre. Grandpareants are Ray Pinchuk of Montreal, Sally Silverstone of Montreal and Bella Diin of Calgary.



Waleuska Lazo & Jeffrey Feldberg were engaged in Jerusalem on July 25. Proud parents are Rafael & Magda Lazo and Phil & Rochelle Feldberg. Grandparents are Juan Jose & Marina Delgado, Rosa Lazo, Reuben & Dorothy Farberman and Eva Feldberg.

Mel & Beverley Wise announce the engagement of their daughter Stacey Leigh to Craig Julius, son of Myra & Harold Rudin of Fort Wayne, Ind. Proud grandmother of Craig is Gladys Rudin. A February wedding is planned.

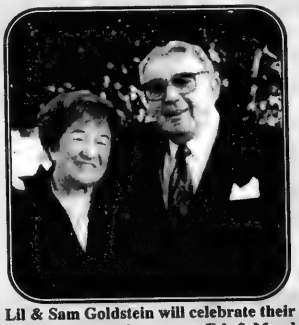
Morris & Esther Spagat celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 8. Sharing in their nachas were their children and grandchildren Lee, Bev, Elliott, Sam, Zachary, Michael, Hyla, Cayla, Bailey & Benji.

The family of Rose & George Steuerman wish them mazel tov on their 50th wedding anniversary which was on Dec. 18.

Boygo & Nick Schwartz celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on Nov. 19. Mazel tov from their children Debbie and David, and grandchildren Michael, Daniel and Shandor, and cousin Lotzie.

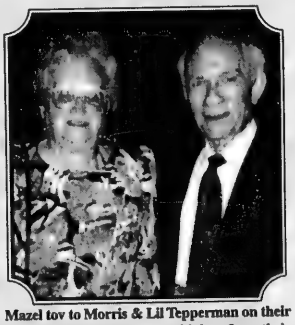
Zayde Al Tepperman turns 80. Mazel tov from Bess, Susan, Mike, Len, Karen, Sherri, Mark, Mitch and Bayley.

Paul Finewax celebrated his 85th birthday on Nov. 7. Happy birthday from Mollie, Marvin, Francine, Terry, Lisa, Mindy, Jessica, Aaron, Jason and daughter Rachelle.



Lil & Sam Goldstein will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on Feb. 9. Mazel tov from their children Donna, David, Bill & Lynn and grandchildren Lisa, Mark, Randi, Barry, Sharon, Mardi and Bram.

Reuben & Dorothy Farberman celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 25, with their family Phil, Rochelle, Jeff, Robyn and Adam Feldberg, David, Marla, Kyle and Shelby Morrison and Paul Farberman.



Mazel tov to Morris & Lil Tepperman on their 60th wedding anniversary, with love from their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Lou & Rose Freedman celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 1 . On the same day, Lou celebrates his 75th birthday. Mazel tov from their children, Heather, Stephen & Karen, Alan & Janice, and grandchildren, Shira, Jeremy, Joshua, Seth, Hillary, Jason and Jordan.

From coast to coast

CJC-Q satisfied with Quebec judge's apology

By DAVID LAZARUS
CJN Staff Reporter

MONTREAL — Canadian Jewish Congress, Quebec region (CJC-Q) said last week it was satisfied by Judge Jean Bienvenue's apology for saying Jews who perished in the gas Nazi gas chambers did not suffer.

The Trois-Rivieres Superior Court justice's ultimate fate, however, may not be known for months to come.

CJC-Q, as well as women's groups and the provincial and federal governments, have formally asked the Canadian Judicial Council to conduct an inquiry over his remarks. The future for the 67-year-old judge, a one-time Liberal cabinet member, may rest in the hands of Parliament, which has the power to fire him, depending on what the Council recommends.

Bienvenue's four-sentence apology, coming after a two-hour closed-door meeting with CJC leaders, made no mention of his other statement that triggered an outcry: that women can sink "to a depth that the vilest of men would be unable to attain."

CJC-Q officials said they did not broach the women's issue with Bienvenue — even though it "bothers us equally," CJC-Q director Jack Jedwab told reporters — because that was more clearly the domain of women's groups.

But last week Jedwab told *The CJN* that CJC-Q would be in contact with the Quebec Federation of Women to follow up on the issue.

In the statement Bienvenue read to reporters, he said:

"I sincerely regret the pain my comments caused last week, especially to Holocaust survivors.

"As everyone recognizes, the horrors of the Holocaust are unparalleled in human history.

"That is why I recognize that using the Holocaust analogy to illustrate a situation I considered extreme, was not called for.

"In addition, I would like to apologize to all those who felt offended by this analogy."

After reading the statement, Bienvenue, trailed by a horde of media, left the Congress building without uttering another word.

CJC spokespersons and Stephen Bleyer, an Auschwitz survivor and president of the Montreal Holocaust Memorial Centre, said that Bienvenue, during their meeting, seemed genuinely contrite over his remarks.

Bleyer read him an eye-witness account of death in the gas chambers from historian Martin Gilbert's book, *The Holocaust*.

"After I read the passages, we came to the conclusion that he was going to make a statement," Bleyer said.

Rabbi Reuben Poupko said Bienvenue's apology was "unqualified, sensitive and intelligent," and addressed the three elements disturbing to the Jewish community: use of the Holocaust as an analogy to a single act of murder, the implication that Jews killed in gas chambers did not suffer, and the fact that survivors heard their "history diminished" by his comments.

CJC-Q chair Reisa Teitelbaum said CJC-Q hoped the council would take into account Bienvenue's apology in its assessement of him.

Robert Libman, director for B'nai Brith in Quebec, said that even with the apology, Bienvenue should be dismissed.

"We still feel that any judge capable of making such insensitive, ignorant remarks, is not worthy of the bench," Libman said.

Libman also felt it was a mistake for CJC-Q not to have Bienvenue deal with the women's issue in his apology, since in his view it feeds perceptions of the Jewish community as insular.

Art exhibit builds bridges

By MOURA WOLPERT
CJN Correspondent

HAMILTON — Building Bridges, the Israeli-Palestinian art exhibit currently touring North America, had its gala opening recently at Temple Anshe Sholom here.

It is hoped the show will lead to dialogue between local Na'amat and Palestinian women, said Hamilton Na'amat president Wendy Schneider.

Over 200 guests, including about 50 Palestinians, attended the reception.

In his official greetings on behalf of Israel's consulate, the show's co-sponsor, consul Chaim Waxman said, "This coming together tonight of Jews, Israelis, Palestinians and Canadians is a small but meaningful step in the fulfilment of the peace process."

For Schneider, the biggest innovation to come out of the show was the connection she made with Elham Farah, a representative of the local Palestinian community.

Not only did the two women discover they were neighbors, but, said Schneider, they also found that "we have an equal passion and commitment to the peace process."

Farah, an art teacher with the Hamilton-Wentworth separate school board, is active on local human resource and multicultural committees.

Speaking on behalf of the federation, executive director Patricia Tolkin Eppel, said the evening was one "the likes of which many of us did not believe we would see in our lifetimes."

Hamilton West MP Stan Keyes, brought greetings from Ottawa and a congratulatory letter from Prime Minister Jean Chrétien; West Hamilton MPP Lillian Ross spoke for the provincial government; and Ward 1 alderman Marvin Caplan represented Mayor Bob Morrow.

The Hamilton show was sponsored by Na'amat and is the tour's only Canadian stop besides Toronto.

Israel violinist Ezra Atsmon, and Lebanese pianist Linda Shumas entertained. Curator Ian Ross and the Burlington Art Centre lent assistance.

Other sponsors included the Zukerman Charitable Foundation; Canadian Friends of Peace Now; Columbus Centre and the Meridian International Centre, Washington, D.C.

Anniversary celebrated

By MAURICE LUCOW
CJN Western Correspondent

VANCOUVER — The Vancouver Peretz Institute and school are celebrating their 50th anniversary.

The Peretz School was founded by secular humanists, socialists and Labor Zionists, all of whom wanted to be Jewish but in a secular fashion.

There were 39 students at first, housed in the basement of the old Jewish Community Centre at Oak and 11th. Now, the Peretz Institute has its own school and centre on Ash Street. It has over 100 students and provides activities for more than 100 member families.

Saul Wayne, 85, the first president, says the Peretz School was organized on the principle of "secular humanism," adopting the policies of Peretz schools that were opening in major Canadian centres.

A new Peretz School class has opened this year on the North Shore for members living in North Vancouver. In Vancouver, in addition to the school, the institute has a young people's theatre, secular Shabbat services and numerous community events. A 50th anniversary dinner was held recently.

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From coast to coast

Chrétien's Quebec challenge

Scene in Ottawa

By RICHARD CLEROUX

OTTAWA — It was often embarrassing to watch Prime Minister Jean Chrétien in the House of Commons during the question period this fall.

At times he seemed unsure of himself, lacking in strategy, approach or answers. Could he be losing the political skills that had served him well through three decades of political life?

He would stand at his desk, wavering, reaching for answers, mispronouncing words, forgetting names, losing a turn of phrase, turning around to pick up hints and forgotten words from helpful Liberal benchmates.

Preston Manning, who wants to be Opposition leader (or maybe even prime minister of the rest of Canada) so badly he can taste it, kept making references to Chrétien's mental health, suggesting Chrétien was acting irrationally and should be removed from office.

It was not a pleasant fall session for Chrétien. He realized how close he had come on Oct. 30 to losing it all. He also had to admit to himself how he almost blew it, how he mistakenly all but ignored the separatist referendum campaign until the final week, until it was almost too late.

Chrétien knows he won't be so lucky the next time.

And a next time there will be. If not in six months, then in a year. The separatists came out of the Oct. 30 referendum the moral, if not the numerical, winners. They know it and are getting ready for another try very soon.

Only a bad case of *referendum fatigue* among ordinary Quebecers is preventing the Parti Québécois (PQ) from having another run at it right away.

The next time, it will take more than a last minute pilgrimage of 100,000 concerned Canadians to Montreal three days before the vote to keep Quebec in Canada.

As the PQ was already saying that day: "We love you this week, we forget you next week."

Alas, a great many Canadians seem to have already forgotten the referendum and appear in no rush to try to solve the problems that led to the referendum in the first place Chrétien had to make good in the Commons this fall on the triple promise that he made to Quebec during the last week of the referendum campaign.

He had to get the Commons to pass a motion recognizing Quebec as a distinct society, give Quebec a veto power over future federal constitutional proposals affecting that province, and turn over federal training programs to the provinces, including Quebec.

For an old centralist like Chrétien, this was a triple helping of crow to eat in one gulp. He had to do it, if the federalists are to have any credibility in the next referendum.

Adversary setting the agenda

Chrétien certainly wasn't helped by his federalist friends like Saskatchewan Premier Roy Romanow, who was saying Ottawa should make one more try at a constitutional deal with the Quebec government. As if the PQ, so close to winning the next referendum, would trade it all away for a deal with Roy in the back kitchen in Ottawa.

B.C. Premier Mike Harcourt hardly distinguished himself either, jealously demanding a veto for British Columbia one day, getting it from Justice Minister Allan Rock the next, and then saying he didn't really want it after all, adding that it didn't make up for 20 years of neglect by Ottawa.

Most Canadians weren't much better; they went back to sleep, preferring to wait until the PQ calls the next referendum. Talk about letting your adversary set the agenda.

In Quebec, the whole question is still very much up in the air. If the rest of Canada is to act, now is the time, not in the last week of the next referendum campaign.

Chrétien has never understood Quebec, even though he comes from there. He understands English Canada.

It was English Canada that elected him prime minister. French-speaking Quebec voted for somebody else, a smooth-talking elegant, dark-haired man who ended up as leader of the Opposition.

Chrétien's problem is whether he can finally understand Quebec, figure out what to do and convince the rest of Canada that Quebec is distinct, that it needs a special status to protect that distinctiveness, and that the rest of Canada should be happy that Quebec is distinct, view it as an asset and strive to protect it.

All this must be done before it's too late. It is some challenge.

CONFERENCE HONORS HU PROF.

More than 135 experts in game theory, mathematics and economics were in Toronto recently for a conference on New Directions in the Theory of Markets and Games, in honor and recognition of Hebrew University Prof. Robert Aumann (centre). Joining him were Prof. Arthur Kruger (left), Canadian chair of the academic advisory committee for the Halbert Centre for Canadian Studies at HU and Ralph Halbert (right), chairman of HU's Board of Governors.

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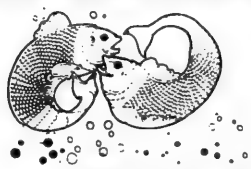

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Syria shot down U.S. trial balloon on settlers

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — U.S. officials earlier this year explored the idea of allowing Jews to remain on the Golan Heights under Syrian sovereignty, but President Hafez al-Assad rejected the suggestion, it has been learned here.

It remains unclear whether Washington asked that all or only a portion of the estimated 11,000 Golan settlers be allowed to remain.

Assad dismissed the idea, telling American negotiators, "Just a few years ago, you wanted me to let the [Syrian] Jews go; now you want me to let Jews stay in Syria."

The U.S. conveyed his response to then prime minister Yitzhak Rabin.

Prime Minister Shimon Peres has yet to make his own views on the subject known, but he has expressed support in principle for the possibility that some West Bank and Gaza settlers would live under Palestinian sovereignty as part of a permanent status arrangement.

Some Palestinian Authority officials, such as Maj.-Gen. Nasser Yussef, have accepted the idea.

U.S. diplomatic sources refused to discuss the substance of negotiations.

President Ezer Weizman expressed cautious optimism over the future of peace talks with Syria, after meeting last Sunday morning with the Vatican's secretary of state for foreign affairs.

"There is hope," Weizman said, "but we have to be very cautious, to be on our guard, and not have too many expectations."

There are also indications that Israel may reconsider Rabin's position that withdrawal from the Golan take place in phases over a four-year period, and may accept a shorter period.

Sources say that could lead to faster normalization between Israel and Syria.

Furthermore, it could reduce the prospects of domestic political complications. In Peres's words, it is easier to take one step over a chasm than two steps.

Rabin preferred a longer withdrawal period because he felt it gave him more time to test Syrian intentions.

Health ministry okays *soufganiot*

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Israeli consumers can eat commercially-made jelly doughnuts (*soufganiot*) without being concerned about contamination of the oil — that is, if about 400 calories apiece is of no concern.

The Health Ministry's food service division announced last Thursday that in a survey of doughnuts sold around the country, inspectors found the oil in which they had been fried had been changed periodically, as required, and that the dough had been fried at proper temperatures.

They also found that that the filling did not contain an excess of food coloring.

Inspectors took 83 samples and did not find any health risks, except that the doughnuts were fattening. The ministry said it would continue to conduct lab tests until the end of Chanukah.

As for that other holiday delicacy, Israel Weight Watchers director-general Lilit Romam said that the average potato pancake, at about 180 calories, was preferable to a doughnut, but that it was best to use only a bit of oil to fry latkes.

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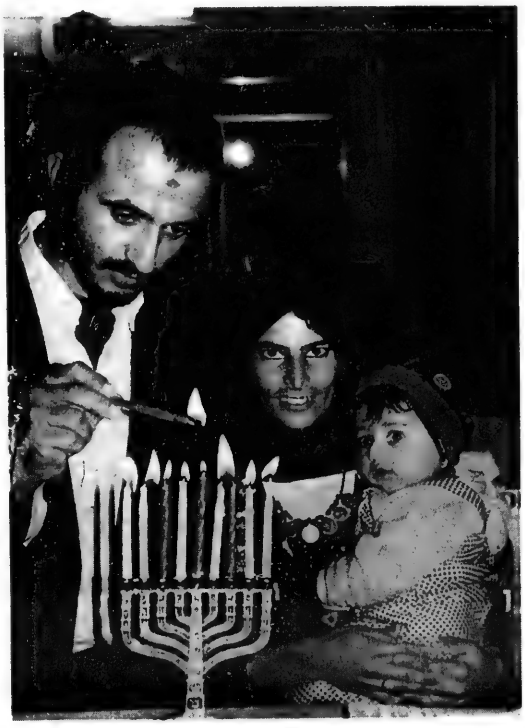

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Yaakov Tzabari, his wife Sada and their infant daughter, recent immigrants to Israel from Yemen, light the Chanukah candles for the first time in their new home in Rehovot. [UJA Press Service Photo]

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Arafat's peace policy subjected to criticism by various opponents

By SHELDON KIRSHNER

Yasser Arafat was visibly traumatized by Yitzhak Rabin's murder. He dreaded that the Oslo peace process might die with Rabin and he feared that he could be next in line for an assassin's bullet.

Less than two weeks after Rabin's assassination, the Palestine National Authority announced that a plot against Arafat's life had been uncovered in the Gaza Strip. The five apparent killers were members of the Abu Nidal organization, which categorically rejects peace with Israel.

Clearly, Arafat is a marked man, even though most of his critics do not wish to see him dead. Nevertheless, they are bitterly unreconciled to his policies with regard to Israel.

In the Palestinian diaspora, Arafat is a formidable figure, the chair of the PLO, the leader of the PLO's Fatah faction and the head of the Palestine National Authority. No other Palestinian wields as much power and influence or is held in such reverence.

MIDEAST ANALYSIS

Hardliners reject Oslo process

Be that as it may, Arafat has come under a crescendo of criticism since the signing of the Declaration of Principles (DoP) in September 1993. Critics have lambasted not only the DoP, but the Oslo 1 (May 1994) and Oslo 2 (September 1995) agreements.

The Palestinian rejectionist camp is composed of three elements: those who reject an accommodation with Israel altogether, those who consider the Oslo process fatally flawed and basically unjust, and those who take issue with certain aspects of the PLO's historic rapprochement with Israel.

Opposition to Arafat ranges from the secular nationalism of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine: General Command to the Islamic fundamentalism of Hamas. These diehard Palestinians firmly believe that Israel should be replaced by either a "democratic, secular state in Palestine" or an Islamic state.

They have been at odds with Arafat for some years now, particularly since his 1988 declaration accepting Israel's existence.

These hardliners are supported in various degrees by such Middle Eastern countries as Iran, Libya, Iraq, Syria and Sudan.

Arafat's second set of detractors are made up of Palestinians who theoretically desire peace but who are loathe to come to terms with Israel's expanded post-1949 boundaries.

They want to push back Israel's borders so that the country is no bigger than that envisaged by the 1947 United Nations Palestine partition plan (which the Arab world unanimously spurned).

For various reasons, they are deeply skeptical of the DoP. To their amazement, the most substantial issues — the fixing of final borders, Jerusalem, the status of Jewish settlements and the Palestinian refugees' right of return — have been left for last. And they feel a sense of betrayal that an independent Palestinian state may not emerge from the PLO's protracted talks with Israel.

The chief exponents of this view are Edward Said — a professor of English literature at Columbia University and the PLO's intellectual-in-residence — and Farouk Kaddoumi, the PLO's foreign minister.

Not surprisingly, Kaddoumi has urged Palestinians to boycott elections in the territories that are scheduled for Jan. 20, 1996. He claims the elections should not be held under Israeli occupation and under Israeli terms.

Disapproval of Arafat's policies also emanates from a loose coalition of Palestinians who originally embraced the DoP but who now condemn it.

They are disillusioned with the delays that have accompanied the implementation of the DoP. They are angered that much of the West Bank and 40 per cent of the Gaza Strip are still in Israel's hands. They are bitter that the Jewish population in the territories has expanded rather than contracted. They fear that the Jewish settlements will not be dismantled, and that Israel will try to retain a good portion of the West Bank.

The leading proponents of this school are Abu Mazen, who negotiated the DoP, and Haidar Abdel Shafi, who led the Palestinian delegation at the 1991 Madrid conference.

Despite these scathing critiques, the majority of Palestinians in the territories are unequivocably behind the peace process and consider Arafat their supreme leader, according to surveys conducted by Palestinian think-tanks.

In the latest poll, carried out by the Centre for Palestinian Research and Study, respondents were asked about their attitude to the Oslo 2 accord. Seventy two per cent were in favor, 18 per cent were opposed and 10 per cent had no opinion.

Such statistics are hard to wish away or ignore, even by Arafat's foes. In a remarkable admission recently, Hamas' representative in Lebanon conceded that the Middle East peace process is irreversible.

Hamas, he said, could only obstruct the process, not destroy it. "In sum total," he concluded, "Arafat has triumphed over the opposition."

If this is true, the peace process may be in better shape than some think.

The Week in Israel

Dec. 11

• *Ma'ariv* reported that the amount of foreign investment in Israel had grown by 140 per cent over the previous year. As of the end of September, approximately $275 million (US) has been invested in Israel, compared to $114 million (US) for all of 1994.

• *Ma'ariv* also reported that an Israeli astronaut will soon begin training to take part in a NASA space shuttle mission. *(Dr. Eran Schenker, director of the Israeli Aerospace Medical Institute was named later in the week to be that astronaut.)*

Dec. 12

• *Yediot Aharonot* reported that Avigdor Kahalani will become chair of The Third Way, a recently formed political party. The paper said that the appointment will last for five months to enable the party to organize its internal elections. Former IDF chief of staff Dan Shomron had earlier announced that he was leaving the party.

Dec. 13

• Following a meeting with King Hassan II in Morocco, Prime Minister Shimon Peres announced that Morocco may establish full diplomatic ties with Israel even before the conclusion of an Israel-Syrian peace agreement.

Dec. 14

• *Yediot Aharonot* reported that Msgr. John Louis Turan, the foreign minister of the Vatican, will make an official visit to Israel from Dec.17 to Dec. 20.

• Uri Elitzur, editor of *Nekuda*, the Yesha settlers' bulletin, suggested in a column that the Yesha Council should begin a rapprochement with the Palestinian Authority. "I recommend speaking with the Authority directly. We have thousands of issues to settle with them and I suggest we start doing it immediately."

Dec. 15

• *Ma'ariv* reported a "further defection" from the Likud to David Levy's party. Rivka Bar-Lev, a member of Likud for 15 years and its representative in Na'amat, advised that she would be joining Levy's party.

JERUSALEM 3000 EVENTS

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Israel, U.S.A. & the World

Canada commended for role facilitating refugee talks

CJN News Services

GENEVA — Canada won praise last Thursday as an "effective gavel holder" at an international meeting to bring the fruits of Middle East peace to nearly three million Palestinian refugees.

The three-day meeting of the Refugee Working Group, chaired by Canada and attended by more than 40 delegations, concluded last week with millions of dollars pledged for projects aimed at helping Palestinians reap "tangible benefits of peace."

"We've been very fortunate to have a very effective gavel holder from Canada, demonstrating once again the important role Canada plays in the Middle East process," said Thomas Fieffer, U.S. assistant to the Special Middle East Coordinator.

Fieffer praised the group for bringing practical results to refugees in the West Bank, Gaza, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria.

Canada has been playing an active role in the working group since 1992.

"We're a country without a colonial past and one which has had a long tradition of being helpful in the Middle East," said meeting chair Andrew Robinson.

Robinson, director-general for the Middle East process at the foreign affairs department, thinks Canada was chosen because of its "known sense of balance with respect to the Middle East."

The Refugee Working Group was established in 1992 as part of the multilateral track of the peace process, co-sponsored by Russia and the United States. It is intended to complement bilateral peace efforts involving Israel and the Palestinians.

The United Nations estimates 2.8 million Palestinian refugees are registered in the Middle East. Formal bilateral talks on their status are to begin in May. In the mean time, the multilateral working group is the only forum where refugee questions are addressed.

"This is a very intimate problem that lies at the very heart of the Arab-Israeli dispute of the Israeli-Palestinian question," Robinson said.

"Solving it is going to be one of the most difficult problems."

For the first time, Saudi Arabia contributed $20 million to the UN Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees.

And Kuwait contributed $1 million to Canada Camp, set up by the Canadians in Israeli-occupied Sinai following the 1956 Suez crisis and now used as a refugee camp. The Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) is funding repatriation of Palestinian families from Canada Camp to Gaza.

Canada announced a further contribution of $200,000 to help refurbish a hospital for Palestinian refugees in Beirut.

In all, Canada is helping to fund 44 refugee projects in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, the West Bank and Gaza. It has contributed $11 million to UNRWA for 1995-96.

Minister backtracks; rejects suggestion of murder conspiracy

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Israel's Internal Security Minister Moshe Shahal last week rejected accusations of a conspiracy surrounding the assassination of Yitzhak Rabin.

Answering a motion by MK Yosef Ba-Gad, Shahal said the rumors are "the work of a fertile imagination," and suggested Ba-Gad consider a career in writing spy stories.

Shahal said none of Ba-Gad's contentions were based on fact. "They are fed by, and feed, the media," Shahal said.

Asked whether there was a conspiracy, Shahal answered flatly, "There was no such thing."

Earlier however, he had claimed there was such a conspiracy. On Nov. 9, he said, "We also believe that a group of people carefully prepared the ground to conspire to murder carefully chosen targets."

Two days later, he said confessed assassin Yigal Amir had tried to kill Rabin twice before, "but there were apparently additional attempts in which he and others, or others alone, tried to assassinate the prime minister."

On Nov. 22, Shahal said he had changed his mind and did not think there had been a conspiracy to kill Rabin.

Ba-Gad also raised a series of questions, all previously asked in the media, including:

- Why had Avishai Raviv not told the General Security Service of Yigal Amir's intentions?
- Why didn't the GSS act on information received?
- Why didn't wounded security man Yoram Rubin recognize Amir, who was a fellow Bar-Ilan University student?
- Why didn't the security guards respond with gunfire?
- Who shouted that the gun had "only dummy bullets"?
- Who was behind the announcement to the media the night of the shooting that the assassination had been unsuccessful "this time"?
- Why was Leah Rabin told her husband had been shot by dummy bullets?
- What was behind the widespread story that a security guard had committed suicide or been killed and secretly buried?

Likud MK Ovadia Eli said these questions should be answered by a commission of inquiry and not in the Knesset. Not one MK supported Ba-Gad's call for an in-depth discussion of the rumors.

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Bnei Akiva founder remembered

Jerusalem Post Foreign Service

JERUSALEM — Thousands attended last Tuesday's funeral of Rabbi Moshe Zvi Neriya, who founded the first yeshivah high school in Israel.

Rabbi Neriya died Dec. 12 at his home in Kfar Haroeh. He was 83.

MK Yigal Bibi (National Religious Party), also one of Rabbi Neriya's students, said, "He founded the Bnei Akiva yeshivot. Up until his time, you either went to yeshivah or went to a high school. He created the synthesis."

As such, Bibi said, Rabbi Neriya was the father of the integration of yeshivah students "into all aspects of society — the army, the professions, academia."

Rabbi Neriya was born in Lodz in 1913, and arrived in Palestine in 1930. He went to the Mercaz Harav Yeshivah in Jerusalem and became a disciple of Rabbi Avraham Hacohen Kook, later to become Israel's first Chief Rabbi.

In 1940, he moved to Kfar Haroeh and started a yeshivah with 13 students. It served as a model for a vast network of Bnei Akiva yeshivot, high schools for girls, and other educational institutions that today enrol thousands of students.

In the last three years, Rabbi Neriya was a strong opponent of the peace process. He was among the rabbis who signed a halachic decision earlier this year saying that soldiers are forbidden to evacuate IDF bases in the territories. Last year, at a prayer service at the Western Wall, Neriya amended the prayer for the welfare of the state, adding a phrase asking God to save the country "from its leaders, officers and counsellors."

Rabbi Neriya served as a National Religious Party MK from 1969 to 1973, and in 1978 received the Israel Prize for his "special contribution to the state of Israel and its society."

Refugee ruling called 'scary'

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But the board also said that as a Jew, Grygorian could have availed herself of Israel's Law of Return and immigrated there.

The woman, who claimed to have suffered anti-Semitic persecution in her last place of residence, Azerbaijan, "can, as a right, obtain Israeli citizenship by a mere formality of application," the IRB stated.

The Law of Return guarantees citizenship to anyone who can prove one Jewish grandparent and who states an intention to settle in Israel.

Because Grygorian is Jewish, she has no well-founded fear of persecution in Israel, which would take her in right away, and does not require Canadian protection, the IRB found.

Jewish communal officials and immigration lawyers said the IRB panel misread the Law of Return, which requires an intention to settle in Israel. Grygorian came to Canada in 1994 to join her daughter in Toronto.

At the time, officials were confident the court would quash the ruling and order a new hearing for Grygorian.

But the court agreed that Grygorian should not get asylum.

"Canada's refugee claims system is not just another quick fix to obtain landed status here," said Justice Marcel Joyal in a ruling obtained by *The CJN*.

"The basic principle of refugee law is to grant such status only to those requiring surrogate protection," Joyal's ruling said, "and not to those who have ready and automatic right to another country's nationality."

Joyal said he saw no reason to criticize the IRB's decision.

"In essence, the issue was whether or not the applicant, on claiming refuge or asylum in Canada, had failed to seek national protection elsewhere," he wrote.

Harvey Savage, a Toronto immigration lawyer who handles refugee claims from Jews, called the ruling "scary and repulsive."

The ruling "applies to no other nationality" than Jews, Savage said. "They may have found a way to close the door on asylum [in Canada] for Jews around the world. It's frightening. It's crazy."

Savage said he's heard from sources at the IRB that panels will be emboldened by the court's judgment at future hearings.

The decision "will cause a lot of agonizing."

TAKING A BREAK

Riding along a 300-kilometre route from Jerusalem to Eilat, 48 cyclists from Toronto recently raised about $150,000 for student programs and the faculty of dentistry at Hebrew University. Here, the group takes a break outside Eilat. The "Mission With a Difference '95" was the second bike mission in support of HU.

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Maccabi Canada announces triple-barrel coup

By PAUL LUNGEN
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — No one will mistake them for the Montreal Canadiens, but there should be some pretty good talent to send over the boards when Jacques Demers handles Canada's entry in an upcoming international hockey event.

Demers, who guided the Habs to a Stanley Cup win in 1993, has agreed to coach Canada's entry to the 1997 Maccabiah Games in Israel.

The announcement was the third part of a triple-barrel coup heralded recently by Maccabi Canada. The first, that hockey had been added as an official Maccabiah sport, would warm the hearts of any red-blooded Canuck.

The second was that hockey legend Jean Beliveau had agreed to served as honorary *chef de mission* for the Canadian team. Beliveau, a Hall of Fame centre who has enough Stanley Cup rings for the fingers of both hands, held the same position in 1985, when he visited Israel for the first time as part of the Maccabi Canada delegation.

Getting hockey recognized as an official Maccabiah sport was a long time coming, said Allen Gerskup, a member of Maccabi Canada's six-man national athletic committee.

Canada was at the forefront of lobbying efforts with the Maccabi World Union (MWU), where Torontonian Bernie Offstein is a member, to include hockey as a sport. But it wasn't until an Olympic-sized rink was under construction in Metulla and four countries agreed to participate, that hockey could become an official event, Gerskup said.

With the recent completion of a new rink at Canada Centre in Metulla and the agreement by the United States to ice a team, Canada's goals were met and the MWU sanctioned hockey at its annual meeting.

Joining Canada and the United States will be teams from Israel and the former Soviet Union.

Canadian Maccabi organizers have long wished to ice a team, but the absence of a rink made that impossible.

"We pushed [for it because] in the past, Israelis came to us saying we don't get the recognition we used to. 'Bring your best athletes,' they said. We said our best are our hockey players."

Gerskup said good ties between former Maccabi Canada president Gary Ulrich and the Montreal Canadiens organization helped pave the way for the involvement of high-profile Habs hockey figures. In April, Maccabi Canada will honor Beliveau at a dinner that will also help raise funds for the organization.

Gideon Lee has been named as Ontario chair of Maccabi hockey.

Jacques Demers

Lee is the former coach of the Israeli national team and a longtime coach in the Toronto minor hockey system. His Quebec counterpart is David Lisbona.

They have already begun beating the bushes for talent, while putting together a team of volunteers to help in scouting and fundraising, Lee said.

"We're looking for the best players available" and that could include professionals, he added.

While there are several Jews playing in the National Hockey League and in minor pro leagues, Lee said he expects to hear mostly from junior, juvenile and college-calibre prospects, although no one will be turned away.

Pros and players in Canada's major junior leagues may not want to risk injury in a summer tournament, he suggested.

"I estimate we'll have 500 players trying out across Canada," the biggest response to a Maccabi sport yet, Gerskup said.

Regional tryout camps will be set up and anyone can participate, though players must first become affiliated with the Maccabi organization.

Those who show well in the tryout will be brought to either Toronto or Montreal for final selections, Gerskup said. "I think we'll have a very good team."

"We're all very, very excited," said Bob Luxenberg, chair of Maccabi Canada's national athletic committee.

"First of all, it will bring into the competition a segment of the population who could never take part previously because there were no winter sports.

"Second, this is also exciting for Israel because it will bring the northern area into the games," Luxenberg told *The CJN*'s David Lazarus in Montreal.

Cost to send an athlete to Israel is about $5,500, making fundraising a key part of the Maccabi endeavor. Hockey, being a prestige sport, might raise Maccabi Canada's profile and make it easier to raise funds, Maccabi official Gord Garshowitz said.

For more information about the hockey program, Lee can be reached by fax at: 416-223-4041.

Israel hosts figure-skating competition

TORONTO — Completion of an Olympic-sized rink in Metulla has not only boosted the development of hockey in Israel, it's also given figure skating a shot in the arm.

For the first time ever, Israel has hosted an international figure skating competition at Canada Centre, the recreation complex built with the help of the Canadian Jewish community.

About 70 skaters from more than 20 countries participated in the inaugural *Skate Israel* event last week.

In the men's competition, Israel was represented by Misha Shmerkin, ranked 11th in the world. Shmerkin, a native of Odessa, finished second at the *Skate Canada* competition in November.

Also skating for Israel in the men's event was national team member Dennis Gorbazov.

Galia Chait and Sergei Sachnovsky represented the Jewish state in the dance competition. The pair earned a third place finish at the 1995 Ukrainian Cup.

While Canada was not represented at the event, skating powerhouses like Russia, Ukraine, Germany, England and France participated. Dmitry Dmitrenko of Ukraine, the 1992 world champion, was among the skaters expected to attend.

Games to feature additional events

VANCOUVER — Canada's chances for an additional medal at the next Maccabiah Games in Israel improved with the announcement that "flat water kayak sprint racing" will be included at the 1997 competition.

Dari Fisher, a member of Canada's national champion four-man team is already looking forward to the Israeli games.

"We are now trying to locate potential Canadian team members, 'paddlers,' who have had club, provincial or national competitive experience and who are interested in participating," Fisher said.

At least six nations have already expressed interest in sending teams for the K-1 (one-man boat) and K-2 (two-man boat) events, which will include 200-, 500- and 1,000-metre races. All races will be held at the Sea of Galilee in Israel's north.

Other sports making their debut at the '97 games include hockey, figure skating, beach volleyball, and tae kwan do.

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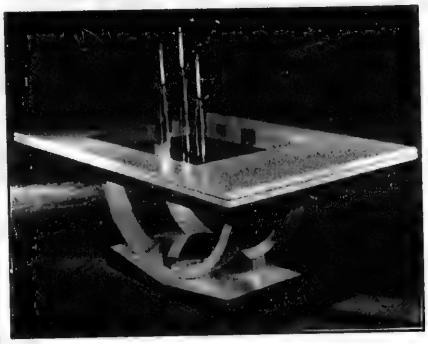

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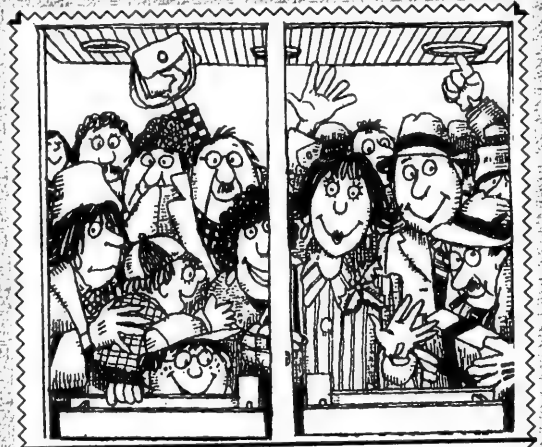

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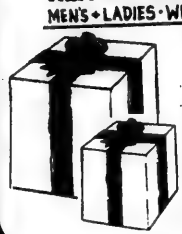

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By FRANCES KRAFT
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — Eight-year-old actor Zale Mednick knows what it means to be a trouper.

A sore throat and low-grade fever (controlled by medication) couldn't stop the young star of *Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang* from appearing recently before a full house at the 468-seat Young Peoples Theatre.

Mednick is on stage for most of the 105-minute show, which closes Dec. 31. His character, a 6-year-old who says everything twice in order to be heard, sings, dances and outwits his gleefully nasty tormentors at the murky children's prison on Slimer's Isle, where he is serving a sentence of two years, two months, two weeks, two days, two hours and two minutes for unintentional "insulting behavior to a big person."

After the morning performance for an audience of schoolchildren, Mednick participated with fellow cast members in an on-stage question-and-answer session before settling down for a newspaper interview.

Dark-haired, polite and serious, with big brown eyes behind wire-rimmed glasses, Mednick said he would consider cancelling a performance "only if I have a horrible fever, about 120 [degrees]. I just think you should always try your best."

Despite his young age, Mednick has a solid base of experience. After requesting that his mother, Robin, get him an agent while he was still in kindergarten, he started doing voiceovers and television commercials before joining the children's musical theatre troupe Charactors.

Personality and self-possession

He appeared in the ensemble of *Bye Bye Birdie* while he was still 5, then played Kurt in *The Sound of Music* at the Factory Theatre and Doodie in *Grease*, all Charactors productions. He will appear in the Charactors production of *Pyjama Game* at the Fairview Library Theatre in May.

Earlier this year he appeared with Choirworks as part of the children's chorus in *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat* at the O'Keefe Centre.

His personality and self-possession caught the attention of *Joseph* star Donny Osmond as well as radio station CFRB's entertainment reporter Jeremy Brown, who made a point of finding out Mednick's name to include in an on-air review.

While still performing in *Joseph*, Mednick learned that he'd been chosen to play the part of Jacob Two-Two, child hero of Mordecai Richler's well-loved children's book.

Like Jacob Two-Two, Mednick is the youngest in his family. "Once I had to say one thing *10 times* because nobody heard me," said Mednick, who has two brothers and a sister.

A student at United Synagogue Day School, Mednick received intensive tutoring in August to prepare for Grade 3. His favorite subject is gym, but with a schedule of six or seven shows a week, he hasn't made it to any gym classes yet.

A competitive downhill skier, Mednick also likes hockey, tennis and baseball. He hasn't yet decided what he wants to do when he grows up, because of his many interests.

An acting career is one possibility. "I like performing in front of an audience. I've always been really happy when I act."

Zale Mednick stars as Mordecai Richler's Jacob Two-Two.

Ocean Wine a hit

TORONTO– A recent graduate of the Vancouver Film School has won awards at two U.S. film festivals recently.

Jules Pitch, 21, of Richmond Hill, Ont. was the associate producer and assistant director of *Ocean Wine*, a 30-minute dramatic film based on Greek drama.

The film, which was shot on the island of Nantucket received the Finalist Award at this year's World-Fest (the Houston International Film Festival) and the Gold Award at this year's Charleston International Film Festival. Houston has the largest amount of entries in the short film category in the world.

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William Gibson's Golda lives up to its hard-luck reputation

By BEN ROSE
CJN Staff Reporter

TORONTO — It bombed on Broadway, survived a fire in the theatre at its tryout in Boston and had to end its run when star Anne Bancroft collapsed on stage from exhaustion.

Golda, the play by William Gibson about Golda Meir, lived up to its hard-luck reputation when staged recently by the Holy Blossom Stagecraft Company. At the last minute, a power failure wiped out 73 lighting cues, bedevilling its three performances.

Instead, the audience had to cope with a row of bright lights as the Yom Kippur War of 1973 unfolded amidst flashbacks in the tumultous life of the Israeli prime minister to Milwaukee, New York, Chicago and the island of Cyprus.

Golda is a difficult play about a difficult woman and it does not hold firm at its centre. A few years after it failed, Gibson wrote a piece saying he had rewritten it several times, that Golda Meir, who attended its premiere, did not like it and told Bancroft in her dressing room that she did not agree with her portrayal. Also, Simcha Dinitz, then Israeli ambassador to Washington, one of the characters portrayed, objected, and scenes involving him had to be rewritten.

So it is little wonder that the new Holy Bloossom company overextended itself in attempting *Golda*, despite the efforts of director Bill Tepper, producer Roberta Presser and a hard-working earnest cast of 21. Several had to play four or five different roles and that didn't help in keeping track of the time frames, disappearing actors and unintelligible sound cues from the battlefronts.

As Golda, Susanne Egier, wearing a business suit, failed to bring Mother Israel to life, and Heather Finestone, strident as Young Golda, lacked humanity in depicting a young socialist choosing both marriage and a career. But they were victims of a play which lost its main character in a maze of political and personal events. A cameo performance of a wide-eyed TV interviewer by Judy Malkin was one of the acting highlights.

The company, which dedicated its performances, attended by 500 people, to the memory of Yitzhak Rabin, deserves congratulations for attempting such a difficult play

By LISA GALET
Special to The CJN

Job Search is a monthly column by job search consultant Lisa Galet. Readers should forward any questions to The CJN.

Many self-help books are available for job hunters. Most are designed as reference books and include practical tips on how to look for a job. Some newer books like *Job Hunting for Dummies* also offer a crash course in hunting for work on the Internet. *Through the Brick Wall* offers excellent advice based on real-life experience, to help job hunters feel better about themselves; and a book called *Job Shift* teaches how to find work when traditional jobs are disappearing. All three are available at bookstores.

One new book, *Canada's Best Employers for Women*, is not yet widely available, but it is highly recommended. It not only tells which employers in Canada are the best ones to work for, it also details why these employers are so terrific. Mostly, the employers stand out because of the alternative working arrangements they are able to provide for their employees. Over 125 employers who together employ over half a million Canadians were interviewed for the book, and their responses and suggestions are recorded. In a time of cutbacks and downsizing, this book offers ideas on how individuals can still find work in almost any field.

The book examines each organization in detail and looks at the nature of the work in all of them.

Canada's Best Employers for Women is not intended to sit on the shelf for reference purposes alone. It should be read cover to cover, because it teaches the reader to have confidence in his or her working skills. The book emphasizes the need to express this self-confidence in the job hunt and in negotiation of working duties.

Examples are given of workers who are coping in their jobs because they stood up for themselves and their needs. Employers who are, in general, responsive to the needs of their employees experience increased productivity and reduced conflicts among staff.

Though the book is directed to women, it is also useful for men because employers who are good for women are responsive to the needs of men as well. In fact, with women moving into non-traditional positions, spaces that were previously reserved for women are opening up for men. In today's marketplace, few jobs are designed specifically for a man or a woman.

The book should also be read by human resource professionals and company executives to help them see how much their organizations can gain when they make their workplaces responsive to the needs of their employees. Alternative working arrangements such as job sharing, reduced work weeks, telecommunicating and flextime can maintain high organization results while keeping workers happy.

Before writing this article, I contacted several of the organizations written about in this book. Each one stated that since the book was published, the organization has further improved because of the programs they were involved in, the ones reported on in the book. Most organizations also said they would welcome calls for employment.

When you choose a book, make sure the information in it is recent. The marketplace changes rapidly and therefore a book on resume making from 10 years ago won't necessarily be useful today. A book on attitude changing, on the other hand, might.

Canada's Best Employers for Women is available at selected bookstores or by sending a cheque for $22.95 to Frank Communications, 253 College Street, Suite 200, Toronto, Ont., M5T 1R5.

TAB news

Eye on Arts

by Bill Gladstone

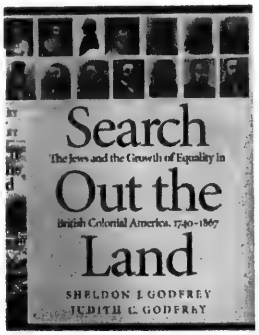
Search Out The Land: British authorities in the 1700s and 1800s encouraged Jews to come to the New World and help develop the colonies, according to a new ground-breaking academic work that is "the first extensively documented study of the early history of the Jews in Canada," according to Sheldon Godfrey, one of its two co-authors.

Released earlier this month, *Search Out The Land: The Jews and the Growth of Equality in British Colonial America, 1740-1867* (McGill-Queen's University Press, $34.95) is the product of 10 years of research by Godfrey, a Toronto lawyer with a postgraduate degree in Canadian history, and his wife, Judith Godfrey, a conservationist and occupational therapist.

"We found that Jews in Canada had a much more positive role in developing the country than anyone had expected," he said during a book-launch party held in an elegant office next door to the historic 1833 post office on Adelaide St. E. that he and his wife restored 15 years ago.

"The British thought the Jews were essential in the struggle for colonial empires. They saw the Jews as having enormous capital, speaking several languages, taking risks and having international contacts as merchants."

During the French period of colonization that ended in 1759, numerous non-Catholics, including Jews, were deported from what would become Canada, according to Godfrey. By contrast, the British bestowed a de facto equality to the Jews long before other ethnic and religious minorities would receive the same rights.



The cover of the Godfreys' book

In its 432 pages, *Search Out The Land* brings to light many astonishing details of Canadian Jewish history, such as the observation that the first person to acquire legal title to land in pre-Confederate Canada was John Franks, a Jew who received an allotment in Halifax in 1749. As well, it documents the dominance of the Great Lakes fur trade by Jews at the beginning of British rule.

On another level, the book evidently seems to lay out a historical and legal framework for a positive definition of Canadian nationality, based on an acknowledgement of the rights of individuals of diverse origins. Godfrey, who is also chair of the Heritage Canada Foundation, asserts that the book thus provides important background on the central issues currently affecting the country.

In 1991, the Godfreys published *Burn This Gossip*, a biography of George Benjamin, a Jewish member of Parliament in pre-Confederate Canada. *Search Out The Land* should be available soon in bookstores, or directly through The Duke & George Press, Box 1, 260 Adelaide St. E., Toronto M5A 1N0.

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Eric Nagler to Perform: Eric Nagler, known for his role on the musical situation comedy *Eric's World*, which is seen on YTV, TVO and other television stations, is set to perform at the Shaarei Tefillah Synagogue, 3600 Bathurst St., Toronto, on Dec. 24 at 11 a.m.

A veteran family entertainer with more than 25 years of experience, Nagler is in the recording studio often — he released two new albums last September — but he says he likes doing live concerts best.

"At my concerts, families are encouraged to participate in the joy of making music," he says. "Children should not simply sit and let the music wash over them. I want them to bring their homemade instruments, their spoons, paper-tube maracas or waxpaper combs and become a star of the performance, too!"

Tickets, available at the Negev and Israel's bookstores, are $10 per person.

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Documentary Film Competition: The Canadian Independent Film Caucus is gearing up to host the third annual Hot Docs! National Documentary Film Awards in Toronto, March 21 to 24, 1996. Entries must be submitted by Dec. 29. For eligibility requirements, phone 975-3977.

All-women's concert spreads its message that the Mashiach is on the way

By CAROLYN BLACKMAN
Special to The CJN

TORONTO — Over 400 women from all denominations and all walks of life turned out at the Leah Posluns Theatre recently for a women's only concert billed as The Ultimate Simchah.

Bina Cole, a representative of the concert's organizer, The International Campaign To Bring Mashiach — Toronto, says the organization sponsored the first-ever concert because "the Lubavitcher Rebbe told us that it is our job to spread the message and prepare the people for the coming of Mashiach. Announcements must be made about the importance of increasing simchah with the intent of bringing Mashiach."

She added she was thrilled with the tremendous response they received from the concert and she paid tribute to the talent and strength of Jewish women.

The all-women cast of singers, musicians and actors dedicated their acts throughout the three-hour program to the beauty of Judaism and to the ultimate coming of the Mashiach. While Alyssa Hershkop and Ella Drylov played a haunting violin-piano duet, children, dressed as a mother and father, pantomimed the blessings of candles and wine.

In a song composed by Ariella Goldberg, a chorus sang about breaking down all barriers and stretching out our arms to everyone. "Let us greet Mashiach with joyful songs and a joyful heart."

Cole said the concert was dedicated to the recovery of a woman in the community who is ill. "When Mashiach comes, there will be no more sickness. Through our gathering we will affect her and every other person."

Dinner in Damascus?

JERUSALEM – Call them optimists but Israeli tour operators have already begun examining prospects of sending tourists to Syria.

Israelis may be able to vacation in Syria two weeks after the opening of the border between the two countries, which would occur after a peace agreement is signed, Israel Radio reported last week.

The report indicated that representatives from an Israeli travel firm, the Ne'ot Hakikar Geographic Society, met with Syrian tour operators during a recent conference in Jordan.

"No arrangements have been made yet. We are just in the process of preparing the infrastructure and all the details," Moshe Savir of Ne'ot Hakikar said. "It will come only after a breakthrough in the political process."

Savir said once such visits were made possible as a result of a treaty, Israeli visitors would find the Syrian people welcoming.

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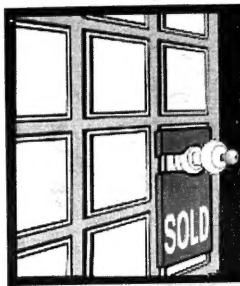

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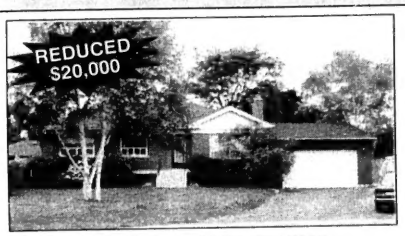

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Rose Daniels on December 5, 1995, late of 35 Cedarcroft Rd. #911
Wolf Pytka on December 6, 1995, late of 34 Carscadden Dr. #101
Rhoda Weinstein on December 6, 1995, late of 33 Sandale Gardens

BENJAMIN'S PARK MEMORIAL CHAPEL

330 OBITUARIES

STREN, Sarah - Peacefully at St. Joseph's Hospital on Tuesday, December 5, 1995 in her 91st year. Survived by her sister and brother-in-law Lena and Murray Rothberg; sisters-in-law Sadie Stren and Miriam Stren and nieces and nephews. Predeceased by her brothers Jack and Maurie Stren. A graveside service was held at Beth David Cemetery, Brantford on Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. Shiva at 11 Sussex Avenue, Brantford. Donations to Hadassah-WIZO would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to BECKETT-GLAVES FAMILY FUNERAL CENTRE, (519) 752-4331.

Boulman, Aron on December 7, 1995, late of 25 Fisherville Rd. #1105
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Lipener, Dora on December 4, 1995, late of 57 Jenstar Way
Goldberg, Annie on December 5, 1995
Levine, Harry on December 5, 1995
Rosenbaum, Rachel on December 6, 1995
Vaskerbakh, Michael on December 6, 1995, late of 57 Bradbeer Cres.
Kogan, Sima on December 7, 1995, late of 5 Tangreen Crt. #704
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A. S.

Dear A. S.,

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Readers are invited to send any questions they have for Jesse to The CJN. *Jesse is the executive director of Jewish Support Services for the Elderly (JSSE) in Montreal.*

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